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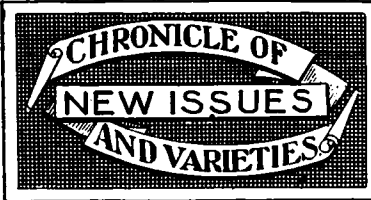
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BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA may be gladly sent whenever desired.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Albert E. Towle sends us a clipping from the Melbourne (Victoria) *Leader*, of June, 1903, showing the correct stamps as actually issued. The values in the upper corners are in blue on a white ground, while that at the bottom is in white with blue background. The name of the state is also printed in blue.

Smith's Monthly Circular reports that 10sh and 20sh stamps have been added to the current Commonwealth Postage Due set.

Adhesives (Postage Due):

10-sh emerald green.
20-sh emerald green.

ALBANIA.—Mr. Charles de Grave Sells writes to the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* regarding the new stamps chronicled in No. 536 of the ERA. On these the word "Albania" has been omitted, and only the value appears. "It appears that His Imperial Majesty the Sultan did not approve of territory being thus appropriated (even though it was only philatelically) and must have made known his disapproval, for the stamps were quickly withdrawn, and others substituted with a surcharge of value only."

BERMUDA.—*Mekeel's Weekly* chronicles the 3d in the dry-dock type, just issued.

Adhesive (Regular):
3d olive and yellow.

ANJOUAN.—*L'Annonce Timbrologie* reports having seen a strip of four 50c brown on azure, three of them lettered "Sultanat D'Anjouan", and the fourth, "St. Pierre

et Miquelon." The story goes that this error existed only upon the first sheets printed which were sent to Berne; that one pair showing the two varieties are sent thence to the Post Office at Brussels, where it was so little appreciated that it was returned to Berne, with a request that it might be replaced by a pair of stamps both bearing the same name. The authorities at Berne sent the curiosity back to Paris, where it is said to have been burnt and the error in the printing form was at once corrected. The strip of four described above fell into more appreciative hands. No sheets were ever issued for use.

BOLIVIA.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles a new 10c stamp with well engraved portrait in a new design.

Adhesive (Regular):
10c blue.

BRAZIL.—The *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* is informed by a correspondent that the Director General of Posts has in view the issue of a set of stamps exclusively for official use.

COLOMBIA, Bolivar.—Mr. J. M. Bartels shows us some new things from this philatelically distracted (or is distracting the better word?) country. The 50c long upright stamp for Bolivar is printed blue on white, blue black on pink and blue on pink. The body of the sheets is printed with the stamps upright, but the bottom row has the stamps printed the other way, with the word "Valiente" after each stamp.

The 5 pesos stamp is printed in red on bluish and also on yellow, lavender and brown.

The 10 pesos stamp is printed in deep blue on green and in lilac on pale blue, imperfect, and in dark blue on bluish, pin perforated. Strangely enough the die reads "Dies" instead of "Diez."

The 1 peso appears in orange on salmon, and bronze green on lavender.

The 20c Registration stamp is printed in red on salmon, and on rose and in orange on rose. The bottom row of stamps is turned as noted above for the 50c postage but without the word "Valiente."

The A. R. stamp is printed in dark blue on yellow, orange on yellow and dark blue on lavender.

The 20c Retardo stamp appears in violet on white and carmine rose on white, and also in purple on bluish and carmine on

bluish. Here again the bottom row is turned sideways, the word "Valiente" appearing, but different from the 50c in arrangement.

Tumaco.—The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles and illustrates a provisional type set stamp for Tumaco. The stamp is very crude, the border consisting of plain dotted rule, with a letter "o" in each corner. The center is plain type, reads in five lines, "No hay es—tampillas—Pago \$0.20—El Admor.—E. O. Ortiz." The value "0.20" is written in. The stamp is imperforate.

Adhesive (Provisional):

2-c black on rose.

Mr. Harry-W. Legg shows us the 4c red on green, Scott's No. 271, regular issue with sewing machine perforation.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES.—*Ewen's Weekly* illustrates the new 2a stamp chronicled last week. The design is pleasing, the oval containing the portrait having wreaths at each side, the crown above and the value "2a" in each upper corner. The name of the colony appears at the bottom in small type in two lines thus, "East Africa and Uganda—Protectorates" in white on colored ground.

FRENCH CONGO.—According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, two new provisionals have been issued on stamps of the large type. The old value is barred, in the case of the 30c by two short bars placed on the figure, and in that of the 2 fr by one long bar extending the whole width of the stamp. The number printed was 4000 of each.

Adhesives (Provisional):

5c on 30c red and yellow.
10c on 2 fr carmine and brown.

GERMANY.—In the last number of the ERA Mr. Howes courteously questions our recent statement in the ERA as to the issue of Official stamps other than No. 21, for the Kingdom of Prussia. Our attention was first called to the matter by Mr. W. C. Stone as stated in No. 535. Investigation was made and in No. 536 we reprinted from the *Philatelic Record* (London) a list of 26 governments, institutions and offices entitled to issue these Official stamps, with the statement that the actual number was 30. Now for Mr. Howes' statement that Prussia is the only government that has made use of these Official stamps. The *Philatelic Record*, our original source of information, says: "We have now seen,

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such stamps containing other figures than 21." This would seem to be conclusive, as it is an editorial statement. (See *Philatelic Record* for July, 1903.)

IVORY COAST.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports a further issue of Postal Packet stamps, made by overprinting Postage Due stamps, with the words "Cote d'Ivoire—50c—Colis Postaux," in black, with a thin line above and below.

Adhesives (Postal Packet):

50c on 15c pale green.
50c on 60c violet on cream.
1fr on 5c blue.
1fr on 15c brown.

JHIND.—The *Monthly Journal* chronicles the 1a carmine surcharged for official use in this state.

Adhesive (Official):

1a carmine and black.

LIBERIA.—*Der Philatelist* reports several more Official stamps surcharged "Ordinary" for use as regular postage stamps.

Adhesives (Provisional):

On Issue of 1892.
24c olive green on yellow.
\$1 blue and black.
\$2 brown on yellow.
On Issue of 1894.
5c violet and green.
24c olive green on yellow.
32c greenish blue.
On Issue of 1898.
5c dark carmine and black.

NICARAGUA.—The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles a new provisional, which is also reported by other journals.

Adhesive (Provisional):

5 pesos on 10c violet, black surcharge.

SALVADOR.—The *American Journal of Philately* illustrates a new set of Postage Due stamps, the central figure being the same as the current postage and official sets, though a different frame has been engraved. The lettering at the top is the same as the postage set, but at the bottom the words "Franqueo Deficiente" appear below the figures and words of value. The stamps are all perforated "S". The same authority chronicles a 15c yellow brown stamp in the Official set in addition to those chronicled in No. 530 of the ERA.

Adhesives (Postage Due):

12 yellow green.
2c carmine.
3c orange.
5c dark blue.
10c violet.
12c slate.
13c red brown.
24c scarlet.
26c yellow brown.
50c bistre.
100c bright blue.

New York Notes.

BY METROPOLIS.

The local firms who hold regular auction sales are preparing for an active season and many fine sales have been booked for the coming months. What promises to be the feature of the season is the nine day sale booked by the J. W. Scott Co., which consists of the magnificent collection of the late William Alexander Smith, Jr. The collection is said to catalogue at \$75,000.00, and contains nearly every stamp catalogued at less than \$100.00. It will require nine days to dispose of the entire collection which is to be put up in sections. The first section will be put on sale October 26-29. The others follow on November 30th and December 1st to 4th.

The building occupied by the Nassau Stamp Co. was partly destroyed by fire last week. Mr. John Klemann of the Nassau Stamp Co. informs the writer that fortunately he suffered only a slight loss.

Some of the local S. of P. members were surprised to learn that a new election of officers has been called for and the election at Clayton is considered illegal. E. L. Shove who is now in this city was the only candidate on the ticket for the office of President. He considers it strange that a new election has been called because President Miller did not approve the ballot, which Secretary Dodge says was the same as issued last year and approved by Mr. Miller.

I am informed that a new organization composed of stamp dealers only is being formed. It is to be known as the "Dealers Protective Association." It is said that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. of this city and the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co. of St. Louis are two of the firms supporting the movement. Mr. C. W. Abbott, formerly editor of the *Perforator's* "Fraud Reporter" has been retained as counsel and collecting agent.

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*1897, 13 on 24c yellow..... .25 .12
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* " 13 on 100c carmine..... .25 .12
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1900, " 253 to 259, 7 var..... .81 .32
1900, " 270 to 276, 7 var..... .25 .12
1903, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12 and 13c, 7 var..... .15 .05

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U. S. Rev. 1898, 1c small I. R..... .15 .03
" " \$3.00 brown, uncut..... .15 .06
" " \$5.00 red, uncut..... .25 .10
*Confederate States 1861, 2c red..... .25 .10
" 1864, 1c orange..... 1.00 .40
Argentina 1899, 1p black and blue..... .40 .15
" 1901, 12c green..... .10 .05
" 15c blue..... .08 .02
" 30c vermilion..... .06 .03
" Official 1901, 6 var., complete..... .84 .60
Bolivia 1894, 1 to 10 c, 7 var..... .31 .15
Br. Honduras 1899-00, 5c ultramarine..... .25 .10
" 1902, 5c blue..... .12 .03
Bulgaria Unpaid 1887, 5c and 10c..... .15 .07
" 1901, 5c blue..... .40 .16
" 1896, 5, 10 and 30s..... .18 .07
Chili 1900, 50c brown..... .15 .07
" 5 on 30c carmine..... .08 .04
" 1901, 30c orange..... .15 .07
China 1878, 1c green..... .75 .40
" 3c vermilion..... .50 .25
" 5c yellow..... .50 .20
" 1898, 1/2c to 10c, 6 var..... .24 .10
" 20c violet brown..... .10 .04
" 3c rose..... .15 .06
" 50c green..... .25 .10
" \$1.00 red..... .60 .25
*Colombia 1901-2, Scott Nos. 173 to 182, 8 var..... .28 .12
" 1902, Scott Nos. 300 to 304, 5 var..... .29 .10
Panama 1892, 1 to 10c, 4 var..... .13 .06
" 1902, 20c violet..... .18 .07
*Corea 1885, 5 mons., carmine..... .50 .20
" 10 mons., blue..... .10 .04
" 1903-1, 21c to 20c, 10 var..... .74 .50
*German 1900, 2 to 50 pf., 10 var..... .16 .05
" 8 pf. and 1M..... .13 .04
" 2M gray blue..... .13 .05
" 3M violet..... .70 .30
Hong Kong 1900-2, 7, 4, 5, 10, 12, 30c..... .18 .05
" 1903, 2c brown and black..... .03 .01
" 30c black and green..... .05 .02
" 50c violet and green..... .07 .03
" \$1.00 green and lilac..... .17 .08
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"NOTES ON THE STAMPS OF INDIA AND NATIVE STATES" by Casper Fourniers.

"THE EDUCATIONAL SIDE OF PHILATELY" by Willis R. Terry.

"OBSERVATIONS BY A LITERATURIST".

"A LITTLE PLEA FOR SHADE STUDY" furnished by the Philatelic Press Association.

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1494	1883, 4c green on white	.15	.06 .05 .
1494	" " 4c used	.15	.05 .04 .02
1495	" " 4c green	.15	.07 .
1495	" " 4c used	.15	.06 .05 .02
1496	" " 4c green on amber	.15	.06 .05 .
1498	May '84, ac br'n on white	.10	.04 .
1498	" " ac used	.05	.03 .02 .01
1499	" " ac on amber	.30	.15 .10 .
1499	" " ac used	.20	.10 .07 .03
1500	" " ac on fawn	.25	.15 .12 .
1501	" " ac on blue	.40	.20 .15 .
1503	June '84, ac red on white	.20	.10 .
1503	" " ac on amber	.20	.15 .10 .
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Springfield, Mass., Notes.

Articles from time to time have appeared in philatelic papers commenting on the inroads that pseudo-stamp dealers make on the legitimate business of established dealers, and seem to lay the blame on collectors for the existence of those dealers whose places of business exist in a woodshed or an attic room. Springfield has its quota of such and wholesale dealers are responsible for their existence. So long as jobbers of stamps continue to send their goods at wholesale prices to anyone who sends them cash or references enough to satisfy them for the lots desired, so long will boy and collector-dealers exist and do business, for collectors are bound to buy where they can buy the cheapest, everything being considered. To my mind, the only way to stop the nuisance is a concerted boycott by legitimate dealers against wholesalers who supply the pseudos with stamps at wholesale rates.

Pretzels and amber-colored liquid refreshments served at one of the recent club meetings caused one or two of the members to be very absent minded, for they labored under the delusion that Mr. Stone was present and addressed the meeting when at the same time the latter was rustivating on the St. Lawrence river. At the last meeting it was noticed that they drank nothing but birch beer.

Every member of the Stamp Club received a blankety-blank card a short time ago instead of the usual card giving date and place of meeting. No explanation was given in regard to failure in filling out the cards, so we don't know whether the error was caused by the Secretary's hunting trip or attendance to a lodge meeting. The cigars were on the Secretary but he didn't "cough up."

The reading of a paper on a stamp-issuing country and its stamps has been renewed by the Stamp Club, and is a grand good thing, too. The method requires each individual member to study up the country that he is to talk about, and the information he imparts interests and instructs the other members even though the subject heretofore was uninteresting to most of them.

At the last meeting of the Club, held at the home of Mr. E. G. Ward, a nice lot of new things from the British colonies were shown, including five and ten shillings. A block of four of the high values of French Crete unsurcharged were also displayed by the owner. When it comes to new things Mr. Ward can usually show something that the rest of us haven't seen. He is an enthusiastic collector of new issues.

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NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at the American House, Hanover St., Boston, on Tuesday evening, October 6th at 8 o'clock.

The entertainment for the evening will consist of competitive exhibits of the Adhesive Stamps of United States and the best exhibit, in the opinion of the judges, will be awarded a silver medal.

It is hoped that members will co-operate heartily with the committee in charge of these exhibitions, either by sending in exhibits or by their presence at the meetings.
FRANK A. WILSON, Sec'y.

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Notes and Comment.

It is fitting to remark at this time that with this issue the ERA commences a new volume. This is not an unusual or new thing for it to do but we cannot help reminding our many readers that only fourteen short years ago the ERA first saw the light of day, and we still continue to publish it "for amusement etc." We are not given much to making rash promises for the future and will merely state that our prospects appear as bright as ever and wish once again to thank our many friends and patrons for favors received, which have aided in prolonging the life and usefulness of our little paper.

Don't neglect to send in an ad for the "Season-Opener Special." Just think, only Sixty Cents per inch for space, and over Four Thousand circulation!

We are once again under obligations to Mr. A. W. Dunning, for contributions to our collection. This time we have to thank him for a set of six Ceylon King's heads, three specimens Guadeloupe and several blocks of Colombia stamps.

We have just received a copy of the "Canadian Philatelic Manual—1903." It contains a list of several hundred stamp dealers and collectors of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland, together with lists of officers and members of the Canadian philatelic societies. It comprises some 56 pages and cover and is the most complete directory of these collectors we recollect having received. Price 25 cents per copy, of the publishers, Capital Stamp Co., 63 McKay St., Ottawa, Canada.

If you don't happen to possess a copy of the 1903 (62nd edition) of Scott's Catalogue we offer you an excellent chance to obtain one. It will be useful for reference and comparison after the new Catalogue is out.

Send One Dollar for a two years' subscription (either new or renewal) to the ERA and eight cents for postage on the Catalogue and a copy will be promptly sent you.

The date of the first "Special" of this "season" will be October 10, and it will have an extra sample copy distribution of *Two Thousand Copies* which in addition to its regular list will make it a very desirable advertising medium, and it will appear at an exceptionally opportune time—just when collectors are turning to their collections and are determining *what* and *where* to buy.

Advertisers and correspondents will please have their copy in promptly on the first of the week to ensure appearance in issue of same week.

If you collect singles, I have them. If you collect blocks of four I have them. If you collect stamps in fine condition I have them. If you want to join the American Philatelic Association I have the application blanks. In any event write me.

GOLD COAST.

No.	6p orange, o. g.	Single.	Blocks of 4
19	1sh purple, " "	.40	1.60
20	ash brown, " "	1.25	5.00

GRENADA.

24	6p red lilac, o. g.	.35	1.50
40	2½p lilac and blue, o. g.	.08	.32
41	3p lilac and orange, " "	.10	.40
42	6p lilac and green, " "	.20	.80
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In Lagos, the advance sheets of the new Catalogue show general advances, the 2d of 1874 being priced at \$3, the 3d and 4d at \$5, and the 6d at \$6.50, all unused. The 1sh is raised to \$4 used. There are also slight advances in the 1875 series. The 10sh of 1887-91 is 25c higher for both used and unused. The Leeward Islands stamps of 1890 are slightly higher. The Jubilee issue of 1897 are unchanged for the lower values. The 6d is advanced to \$1.50, the 7d to \$2, the 1sh to \$3 and the 5sh to \$7.50. Liberia stamps are little changed in price, the most marked difference being an advance in the Registration stamps of 1893, of 2c on unused and 3c on used copies. The 1895 Lourenzo Marques have been raised a little and are all priced used. No. 48 is now priced unused at \$1.50, the used price being unchanged. No. 1 under Luxemburg is doubled in price for used copies, being now quoted at 30c, while No. 6 is raised 50c unused and dropped 50c used, to \$2.50 and \$1.50 respectively. No. 24, the 37 1/2c bistre of 1865-72 is advanced from \$3.50 to \$5 used. The Officials show many advances. No. 102 is priced 25c and No. 103 75c both being the same used as unused. The unused price of No. 104 is raised to \$3.50. No. 108, 109 and 110 are priced \$1.25 and \$1.25, \$2.50 and \$2, and \$4 and \$3 respectively. No. 116a is priced \$5 used, doubled from the old book. There are other slight advances in the used prices of this series. In 1878, No. 122 is priced the same used as unused; the prices of No. 124 are reversed, being now \$5 and \$4; No. 125 is advanced to \$2.50 in either state, and No. 126, unused is raised 50c. Nos. 141 to 144 show a general advance, the same being true of the low values of 1882. The remainder are unchanged outside of the used stamps of 1891-93 being all priced, those filled in being the same as the unused. Macao shows no sweeping changes. There are many small advances, a few declines and a complete filling in of used prices as far as 1894. British Madagascar is unchanged, but French Madagascar shows a

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number of changes, all upwards including an advance of \$1 on both used and unused copies of No. 13. The centime values of 1895 are all higher and the whole set is priced used, generally the same as unused. No. 23 is advanced to \$12 and No. 27 to \$8 used. Early Madeira are unchanged, but the stamps of 1871-74 are advanced in many cases, especially in the higher values. No. 27 is priced at \$8 unused, a raise of \$3. Malta is practically unchanged, the 1902 error being catalogued but not priced. The German Colonies of Marianna Islands and Marshal Islands are the same as last year. No. 2 Martinique hitherto unpriced is now placed at \$10 for unused copies, and No. 5 is raised to \$1 used or unused. No. 10 is priced used \$25, the same as unused, and No. 20 is \$1.50 in either state. There are many small advances throughout this colony and the Postage Due stamps hitherto unpriced from 30c upwards are now priced 85c, 60c, \$2.50, \$5, \$5 and \$5.50 in consecutive order. Few changes are made in early Mauritius and those slight. No. 59 is priced 75c used and No. 62 \$4.50 used the same as the unused. No. 64 is advanced to \$6 and \$1.25, and No. 67 is priced \$1.25 used or unused. No. 75 is \$1.25 and \$1. No. 101 is priced 50c unused and No. 107 \$2.50 in the same state. Mayotte, Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Mecklenburg-Strelitz are unchanged. Mexico is practically unchanged, the only change either in prices or arrangement occurs in 1899, where the 50c is priced used at 15c and the 1p used at 40c, and in 1903 in the addition of the new stamps due to change of color. Very little attention has evidently been paid to Mexico, as errors and bad type are all reproduced. The Porte de Mar stamps now precede the Official but without change in prices. Modena, Monaco, Montenegro and Montserrat show few changes. The new Montserrat stamps are not catalogued, an omission that seems strange when compared to the up-to-dateness of other countries.

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Mozambique No. 11 is priced used \$15, the unused price being unchanged. The surcharges of 1897 are illustrated and No. 47 is priced at \$2 and \$1.25 and No. 48 at \$2 in either state. No. 24 Mozambique Co. is priced at \$3 and \$3, No. 25 at \$1 and 75c, No. 34 at \$1.25 and \$1.25, No. 40 at \$1 and \$1 and No. 41 at \$1 and 85c. Early Natal show here and there an advance but not startling. No. 65 is priced \$1.65 used and there are minor changes in later issues. The milky blue of Netherlands No. 12 is now greenish blue and priced at \$25 unused and the dark blue of the same stamp is priced unused at \$4. Nearly all the 1864 and 1867 Netherlands are advanced, especially in unused. Very little change is seen even in Newfoundland, until we come to New South Wales. No. 87 is dropped to \$3.50 used while No. 88 is priced \$8 unused. The new Commonwealth 9d stamp is included and priced 30c unused. The New Zealand prices are also practically the same, only a few changes being made. Nicaragua closes the sheets under review, few changes being made, even the odd price of \$1.01 for No. 50a being retained. No. 131 is priced \$1, No. 132 \$2, and No. 133 \$4.50, all unused. The surcharges of 1901 on Postage Due stamps are priced at high figures. Thus far there are 23½ less pages occupied by the catalogue notwithstanding the multitudes of new issues. The saving is due to the leaving out of all foreign envelopes and wrappers.

The J. M. Bartels Co. has two important works underway. The first is a new edition of the Bartels' United States Envelope Catalogue. This has been entirely revised and re-written and will be illustrated by new cuts showing dies hitherto uncatalogued. The work is well advanced, and its early issue is promised. Mr. Bartels has also in hand an exhaustive handbook upon the stamps of the Philippine Islands. All known types of surcharges will be illustrated. Among the many important features of the book will be full descriptions of nearly sixty varieties of counterfeits, many of them hitherto unknown, and a few long accepted as genuine. The book will also include envelope and postal card issues of the Islands.

Among other good things recently shown us by Mr. Bartels was a block of six unused 10c red brown, 1878, Porto Rico, Scott's No. 19; also a used block of four 5c dull lake, 1869, of Trinidad.

Mrs. Stoddard formerly with Mr. E. A. Holton and the Holton Stamp Co. is now with the J. M. Bartels Co., where she will be glad to see old friends.

B. L. Drew & Co. will open the auction season by a sale (115th) Sept. 24th, comprising a general collection and a few

miscellaneous lots. The 116th sale will be held October 7th and 8th, and the 117th in New York, October 15th. The collection of Mr. S. R. Sircom will be sold October 21st and 22nd, and an open sale will be held in Boston November 11th. The second sale in New York will be held at the Collectors Club, November 19th and 20th, and will include only rare stamps. The Boston banner sale will be held November 25th and 26th, and will include the collection of an Ohio collector, rich in unusual pairs, strips and blocks. Mr. Drew announces that he will have no sales in December this year. One of the lots in the 116th sale is perhaps not of great value yet is exceedingly interesting. It is a brass cotton revenue tag of the Civil War time, bearing the number D—No. 89,150. It is about the size of an ordinary card, but with the end carried out in a long strip terminating in a hook for convenience in attaching to the cotton bale. It may perhaps not be considered as a stamp but it none the less denotes the payment of a revenue tax.

Among the visitors at the office of the New England Stamp Co. this week was Mr. Isaac Cook, Jr., of St. Louis.

The *London Philatelist* says that the new Canadian issue with the King's Head was due to the initiative of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales who considers that "continuity of design" is advisable, and therefore suggested the minimum of change from the series previously in use. The

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U. S. Pre-Cancelled postage stamps. I will pay a good price in cash or exchange for any not in my collection. F. L. SMITH, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. [47]

Is your collection for sale? I will buy it or any odd lots of good stamps. No cheap stuff wanted. Send on approval with lowest cash offer. Immediate returns guaranteed. HOWARD C. BECK, City Controller's Office, Detroit, Mich. [52*]

Pre-cancels not in my collection wanted. Best cash or trade price. E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn. [41]

Try an Ad in this Column. It Pays.

chief novelty is the substitution of a photographic portrait of King Edward, in lieu of the conventional idealized representation by an artist.

We have made some investigation of the matter of the envelope prices *in re* the interview with the Holton Stamp Co. in last week's ERA. We find that the New England Stamp Co. has substantially all the envelopes cut in price in the new sheets, on sale.

It must be said that about the finest illustrations of stamps now extant are those contained in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, both in regard to engraving and printing.

Local dealers and collectors are wondering what has become of the new set of stamps authorized for Dominica, the sets for St. Kitts-Nevis, Antigua and Montserrat having appeared some time since, though all were authorized by the same "order in council." Of the Antigua issue the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* says: "Another of the Leewards is now 'on its own,' but it seems to be the rule nowadays that the smaller the island, the more pretentious or assertive the stamp design, as in the case of St. Helena, with its 47 square miles, and this one of 108 miles, with a population, (including its dependancy, Barbuda) that could easily move about in our Crystal Palace. If there were large business warehouses with heavy correspondence, the very office boys would rise in rebellion or demand extra pay for having to lick such plasters as this series."

Mr. William B. Hale, who was in Boston last week, has recently been engaged in a still hunt for Brattleboros among the farmhouses of Southern Vermont. He found much correspondence, but sad to relate all letters from Brattleboro were stamped with the amount of the postage "Prepaid" or "Collect."

J. M. Bartels Co. will hold their first auction sale of the season on October 16th and 17th. It will be a two nights' sale and will be rich in British Colonials and British North American stamps.

Bahamas for the Beginner.

The score or so of islands known as Bahamas—or more correctly, The Bahamas—stretch in a long, irregular chain to the north east of Cuba and to the east of Uncle Sam's estate of Florida. Some of them are mere unimportant specks on the surface of the sea, but the group, as a whole, has long been looked upon with covetous eyes by America. Perhaps there are more unlikely things than that we might one day see the head of King Edward VII. replaced on the stamps of the Bahamas by that of George Washington. We only say perhaps. Such an event would bring to a close a series of

British Colonial stamps that are rich in philatelic interest.

When penny postage stamps were first issued to the unprogressive settlers in Bahamas Islands in 1859, it was only as a means of inter-communication between the islands of the group. There was no issue available for over-sea postage until the middle months of 1861, when 4d and 6d values were created.

Up to that year it had been the custom to use British stamps for letters directed to the mother country and to foreign parts, stamps so used being identified by philatelists by means of the post mark, bearing the "office number" A05. It is worth noting that Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen, in his last-issued "Priced Catalogue of the Stamps of the United Kingdom"—of which, by the way, we should welcome a new and revised edition—warns collectors against forgeries of the A05 postmark, and also against specimens of British stamps bearing an indistinct 405 obliteration, these being frequently offered as examples of the A05. The warning is of less virtue now than formerly, for the habit of collecting British stamps with over-sea postmarks is now confined to thorough-going specialists of the issues of the United Kingdom.

The old penny "Interinsular" stamp, issued in the Bahamas in June, 1859, stands out as one of the most notable exceptions to a fairly general rule of Philately—viz., that old issues of British Colonial stamps, are, in the majority of cases, rarer in the unused state than in the used. The Bahamas "Interinsular" stamp is a noteworthy example to the contrary, and the reason of its comparative cheapness in the unused condition is the same as that which has made many of the "pence" stamps of Newfoundland far more readily procurable as unused than as used specimens. That is to say, an official remainder was placed on the market, and it is possible, down to the present day, to buy unused specimens of the penny "Interinsular" at about a sixth of the price of used copies. The evil (to philatelists) that followed in the train of the outletting of large number of unused "pence" Newfoundlands also marked the appearance in the market of this Bahamas remainder. In a word, unused copies were taken by the faking fraternity and fitted with spurious cancellations. Many of these lurk in the by-ways of Philately to this day, and philatelists have to be keenly on their guard against them.

The one stamp we have described stands out alone as the only variety of Bahamas which was ever "remaindered," if we may use the word. In all other instances the unused stamps stand higher than the used in the catalogues, the ratio being sometimes as high as fifteen to one!

Apart from varying perforations, and the slight difference in printing observable on the contract being handed over to De La Rue, there are no varieties of importance in the "full-face Queen's head" issue of 1861 to 1863. In the latter year the "C.C." watermark was introduced coincidentally with the issue of new stamps showing the head of Queen Victoria to left. Here there was a perforation of 12½, afterwards altered to 14. The watermark, in 1882, was changed from "C.C." to "C.A.," the stamps otherwise remaining unaltered. The "C.A." watermarked stamps were at first perforated 12 and afterwards 14.

Twelve varieties, counting perforations, are thus provided by the issues of 1863 to 1882, and shades of colour further expand the list to one of eighteen varieties in the catalogues for advanced collectors.—*Hobbies*.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The September Meeting.

The 128th regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, Sept. 15, at 8 o'clock. President Lombard in the chair and 22 members present, an excellent showing for the first fall meeting.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

A letter from M. Paul Mirabaud was read thanking the Society for the Honorary Membership conferred upon him at the May meeting.

The following application for membership was posted:

Mr. H. S. HERNAN, Malden, Mass.; proposed by J. H. Lyons.

The following new members were elected:

No. 378. Mr. Edward D. Osgood, Boston.

No. 379. Mr. Victor M. Berthold, Boston.

No. 380. Mr. W. L. Aldrich, Boston.

No. 381. Mr. Chas. P. Mellen, Boston.

The seventh exhibition of the present series was for Victoria, and two collections were entered. Neither aimed at completeness but both were remarkable for the fine condition of the specimens exhibited, for it is well known that Victoria is a hard country to satisfy this requisite. The collection belonging to Mr. J. N. Luff was awarded 89% and that belonging to Mr. F. S. Cook 70%.

Mr. Lombard also brought in his specialized collection of Gambia which he exhibited at the London Philatelic Society some time ago. This was a fine showing of these attractive stamps and a good addition to the evening's exhibits.

There being but little business the meeting adjourned at 8.45 though it lasted informally much later.

C. A. HOWES, Secretary.

Notice.

By an unfortunate oversight the second exhibition for the October meeting was omitted from the list of coming exhibitions. The correct list follows.

Oct. 20.—A. United States, Adhesives only. (For members who have never taken a prize. Block, strips and *pairs* to count as single stamps only.)

B. United States, cut square envelopes. Nov. 17.—Commemorative stamps of the world.

Dec. 15.—Original essays. Uncatalogued varieties. (Must not be catalogued in Gibbons, Senf or Scott.) Open to ALL PHILATELISTS.

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Chicago Notes.

M. B. Haver, a former Chicago collector, and at one time a member of the Chicago Philatelic Society, is now making his home in Detroit.

There was rather a slim attendance at the last meeting of the C. P. S. despite the cool weather. President Wolsieffer was absent, owing to sickness in his family. In his absence Mr. Severn officiated. The first informal auction of the season was held after the meeting, the few lots put up bringing good prices.

Mr. J. W. Benn of Medford, Wis., who has a fondness for the stamps of Germany and Colonies, was in the city for a few days last week.

A local dealer is arranging his unused stamps in approval books in a novel and tasteful manner, which is somewhat pleasing. The stamps are mounted by color, a page being devoted to each. The effect is pretty and popular with collectors, judging by the way the books are being called for.

In Wolsieffer's next auction, which takes place some time in October, collectors will have an opportunity to bid upon some of the finest U. S. postage and revenues, which have been offered at public sale for some time past. Among the many other attractions listed are 25 or more varieties of Hawaiian numerals, nearly all in fine condition.

In a letter recently received from S. E. Moisant, the Secretary of the newly formed society, the Stamp Collectors Association, he says the organization is growing but slowly as yet, but looks for more members as the season advances.

CLIFFORD.

The Collectors Club,

351 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK.

The 97th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday evening, September 14, 1903.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Dewing, Luff, Rich, Scott and Perrin.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8.10 P. M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of Mr. Wm. Knudson was read, and was accepted with regrets.

The report of the committee to devise rules for the governing of future competitive exhibitions was submitted to the Board of Governors, as follows:

"(1) All exhibitors must be members of the club, and in good standing.

"(2) All stamps entered must be the absolute property of the exhibitors.

"(3) In any exhibition, in which arrangement is to count, the stamps must be arranged by the owner.

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"(4) A collection which has previously won a prize in this country shall not be eligible in competition for a prize of the same grade, but it may compete for a prize of higher or lower grade.

"(5) When a competition is limited to a certain number of stamps, only that number of stamps may be shown.

"(6) Pairs and blocks may be shown, but only one stamp will be considered and counted.

"(7) In judging a collection, condition is to count 25 per cent., rarity 25 per cent., and completeness 50 per cent.

"(8) Unless at least two competitive entries are entered, no first prize can be awarded; likewise three competitive entries must be entered for a second prize to be awarded, and four competitive entries for an award of a third prize.

"(9) The name of the exhibitor should not appear on the package, but a private mark may be affixed, indicating such exhibitor's ownership.

"(10) All exhibits must be in the hands of the judges at least two days before the date of exhibition.

"We recommend that special rules be made for special exhibitions whenever it shall seem desirable to the Governors.

"Signed for the committee by
"ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary."

The above report was accepted, and the committee discharged with thanks.

The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in the bank of \$173.37, was approved as read.

The report of the House Committee was read and received.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. P. Kohl for a copy of his latest catalogue.

The death of Mr. J. V. Painter was announced and referred to the Committee on Biography.

The application of Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, having been posted the required length of time, was balloted upon, and he was declared to have been unanimously elected a subscribing member of the club. The following application for membership was received and posted on the bulletin board:

W. H. MANNING, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; proposed by John N. Luff; seconded by Jos. S. Rich.

Adjourned at 10 P. M.

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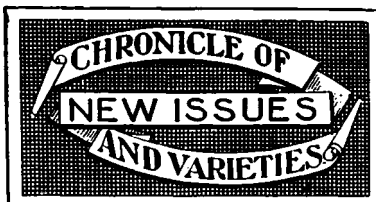
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WHOLE No. 542.



BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

ARGENTINE.—Mr. Lohmeyer says the 6 centavos Postal Union card of the new type was issued in Buenos Aires August 5, and not in 1902, as chronicled in European journals, which are too anxious "to be first", thereby becoming unreliable as to actual dates of issue. It is inscribed, in two lines, "UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE"—CARTE POSTALE-TARJETA POSTAL, and bears the surface printed circular stamp.

Post Card (Regular):
6c gray-blue on buff, 82x130mm.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—Several correspondents of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* confirm the report that a complete stock of Indian stamps of the King's head issue, surcharged "British Somaliland" are ready to be issued as soon as the Queen's head stamps are exhausted. Information as to the quantities printed is still a secret.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Mr. A. W. Dunning reports that he has heard more definite news of the impending Jubilee stamps. His correspondent in St. Thomas writes: "We have not yet heard from Copenhagen regarding the Jubilee stamps, but hope that we shall gain the sanction and approval of the Home Governments. The issue will be as follows: 600 sheets each of the 1c, 2c and 4c; 300 sheets each of the 5c and 8c; and 50 sheets each of the 12c and 50c; each sheet of 100 stamps." The stamps now on sale at the St. Thomas post office are: 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 12c and 50c.

The *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* contains substantially the same information regarding quantities to be issued, except the number of 4c stamps is placed at 300 sheets. The design is still unknown but probably it will take the form of the King's portrait as now figuring on the Icelandic stamps. The correspondent of the *Fortnightly* in Copenhagen says that "the same design is promised for a new series of Danish stamps due on the same occasion." The date of the accession of King Christian IX to the throne of Denmark was Nov. 15, 1863.

CEYLON.—Mr. Lyons shows us the 12c olive green and carmine and 25c bistre brown of the current series, listed in No. 531.

CURACAO.—Mr. H. O'Neill has shown us the new 12½c blue for this colony in type of current Dutch Indies, with name changed. We have previously chronicled this stamp.

DOMINICA.—The new set of stamps for the colony is reported by *Ewen's News* to have been issued early in September.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES.—*Ewen's News* chronicles three new stamps of the new series. The ½a is of the same design as the 2a chronicled in No. 540 and described in No. 541. The design of the higher values is not known.

Adhesives (Regular):

½a green.
1 rupee green.
2 rupees violet.

GWALIOR.—According to the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* the 1a carmine, Queen's head has been surcharged for use in this state. A new reply post card has also been issued, surcharged on the King's head card. The card has not yet appeared.

Adhesive (Regular):

1a carmine.

Post Card (Regular):
½a ½a red brown.

HONG KONG.—A new series of envelopes has been issued, according to *Ewen's News* with stamp of design of the current adhesive.

Envelopes (Regular):

1c brown on white, 140x98mm.
2c green on white, 120x94mm.
4c carmine on white, 145x113mm.
5c pale lilac on white, 145x113mm.
10c ultramarine on white, 120x94mm.

LABUAN.—Two new values of the current set have been issued.

Adhesives (Regular):

2c violet and black.
3c brown and black.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. shows the new Express stamp for this colony. It is made by overprinting "Express—Delivery—15c," in large type, in red, upon the 15c blue Labourdonnais stamp of 1899.

Adhesive (Express):

15c red on 15c blue.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received a new one penny card, bearing the same stamp (King type) as the new letter card, already described. It is inscribed on a tablet, in the upper center, "NEW ZEALAND POST CARD" surmounted by the Royal Arms, 45mm. long, to the left of which is "CARTE" and to the right "POSTALE", the whole being surrounded by a fancy frame.

Post Card (Regular):

1d dark blue on buff, 86x138mm.

NYASSA.—*Mekel's Weekly* says there are two printings of the new surcharges (chronicled in No. 525 of the ERA) upon the pictorial stamps.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—*Die Post* reports the issue of the following stationery.

Envelopes (Regular):

1d red on white, 120x94mm.
½d blue on white, 120x94mm.

Envelope (Registration):

2d blue, 151x205mm.

Wrappers (Regular):

½d green on buff, 126mm. wide.
1d carmine on buff, 126mm. wide.

SALVADOR.—The *Philatelic Record* is officially informed that the Government of Salvador proposes to sell the stamps of the obsolete series in one lot. The quantity something approaching 750,000 and the value about \$60,000.

SWEDEN.—The new 5 krona stamp promised some time since has now been issued. It is a large upright rectangle, with view of the General Post Office, Stockholm.

Adhesive (Regular):

5kr grey and lilac.

TRANSVAAL.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the reply cards of the King's head type, issued last June.

Postal Cards (Regular):

½x½d green on white, T. 3, 90x140mm.
12rd carmine on cream, T. 3, 90x140mm.

Advertisers and correspondents will please have their copy in promptly on the first of the week to ensure appearance in issue of same week.

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Cat. No.	Cat. Square.	Cat. Price.	Margins Large.	Average
1504	June '84, 2c red on fawn..	\$0.75	\$0.30	\$0.10
1505	" " 2c " blue..	.75	.37	.35
1506	" " 2c used " "	.75	.30	.25
1507	" " 2c br'n on white..	.10	.05	.04
1508	" " 2c used.....	.05	.02	.01
1509	" " 2c br'n on amber..	.30	.15	.13
1510	" " 2c " " fawn..	.75	.37	.35
1511	" " 2c " " blue..	1.00	.30	.20
1512	July '84, 2c br'n on white..	.05	.03	.02
1513	" " 2c used " "	10.00	.03	4.00
1514	" " 2c br'n on amber..	.05	.03	.02
1515	" " 2c " " fawn..	.50	.20	.15
1516	" " 2c " " blue..	1.00	.04	.03
1517	" " 2c " " on fawn..	.10	.04	.03
1518	" " 2c " " " " " "	1.00	.30	.25
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Springfield, Mass., Notes.

The *Springfield Republican* of Sept. 20, commenting editorially on View card collecting fad, says: "As for collecting, this is a nice amusement for children; adults might be better occupied in getting together some pictures that are worth while." The daily press has said, and some few even now say worse things about philately, but the "world does move" just the same, regardless of these prejudiced expressions.

Four men burglarized the postoffice of South Hadley Falls (10 miles north of us) last week, and obtained about \$1000 worth of stamps. They will have quite a lot of duplicates to offer. They made the post-office look like a junk shop. This was the third time in five years that this office has been burglarized.

One of our boy dealers, rummaging in an attic for rarities a few days ago, unearthed an old second-hand lever printing press. He now contemplates doing his own printing and thereby save advertising and the cost of a rubber stamp. Verily, nothing exceeds the ambition of a youthful amateur.

A few of our Club members seem to be carried off their feet over the banquet fad. They dislike to have a cent expended for anything during the entire year, but want every penny saved until the annual meeting and then use the bulk of the savings in a swell blow-out. This plan may advertise the Club, but the question is: Does such a course benefit the Club or its members?

Although only one or two of our collectors make any specialty of pre-cancelled stamps, yet almost every advanced collector of your correspondent's acquaintance here has a collection varying from 100 to 300 varieties.

Mr. E. G. Ward is off on another hunt. This is not a boy or stamp hunt, but his annual vacation. The squirrels will take to their holes for a few days, for he is loaded.

Several of the collectors in town are disposing of stamps of a great many countries and are specializing in certain mother countries and colonies. They find a general collection too difficult to keep up. A few of us here found that out quite a little while ago. One collector here draws the line on surcharges. He won't collect a surcharge of any kind.

OCCASIONAL.

New York Notes.

BY METROPOLIS.

Mr. C. W. Abbott, who is Secretary, Collecting Agent and Counsel for the dealers' organization recently formed, informs the writer that the society is to be known as the "National Stamp Dealers Protective Association." Some of the dealers who have already become members are: The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., J. C. Morgenthau & Co., New England Stamp Co., D. T. Eaton, J. M. Bartels Co., C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., E. T. Parker, D. W. Osgood, Geo. S. McKearin and Theodore Mainhart. The Association will issue a bulletin every two weeks which will contain the reports of the members.

The sole object of this newly formed dealers' organization is to battle against the approval sheet frauds. The bulletins to be issued every fortnight will be placed in the hands of the Association members only and will probably give the names of persons who are considered "suspicious." With this society and the "Fraud Reporter" both in the field the frauds will have a hard time of it during the coming season.

The *Post Standard* of Syracuse in its issue for Sunday, Sept. 20th, contained an illustration of Mr. Seybold's Brattleboro cover, which was pictured in the *Perforator* several months ago. Accompanying the cut was a well written story giving the history of the Brattleboro stamp and telling how Mr. Seybold became the possessor of this extreme rarity. The publication of such matter by the daily press does much to advertise stamp collecting, bringing the hobby before the notice of the general public in such a way that many persons are sure to become interested in philately. As the paper stated that the Brattleboro cover is valued at \$600.00 we presume that a great many who read the article will look up their old correspondence in the hopes that they may find something equally as valuable.

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Canada Jub., \$4.00 purple.....	3.00	1.20
" " \$5.00 olive.....	4.00	1.40
" " \$2.00 purple.....	1.50	.60
Gold Coast 1900, 2sh.....	—	.60
" " 5-h.....	—	1.10
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the Exchange Superintendent, who it seems has his department in a most deplorable state. The fact that he does not reply to any of the members' letters inquiring about their books in the Department is making matters worse and it is reported that several of the victims will begin action to recover their property. In view of all this Mr. J. C. Miller has decided that the election at Clayton is illegal and has ordered a new vote to be taken. This certainly places the society in an uncertain light and will complicate matters to a greater degree, but the end is not yet. Mr. E. L. Shove who was elected President at Clayton is going to oppose Mr. Miller's call for a new election. The writer is personally acquainted with Mr. Shove and believes that he would prove an efficient officer. I am also of the opinion that had Mr. Miller refrained from issuing the call for a new vote Mr. Shove would have done his utmost to straighten out the affairs of the Exchange Department. Last year's Board of Trustees reside in this city; the same Board was elected at Clayton. It is reported that two of the gentlemen comprising the Board have filed their resignations with the Secretary.

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Mr. R. A. Tarr, the Philadelphia dealer, writes that Mr. J. A. Craig of Yarmouth, N. S., recently visited his city and favored him with a call. Mr. Craig had his superb collection of West India Islands stamps with him. It is mounted in three volumes and contains many varieties, shades and rarities seldom seen. On his homeward trip he intends to visit Boston's leading dealers.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

Chicago.—Wolsieffer's Sale No. 38 by the United Stamp Co., Saturday evening, October 10, at 7-45, at 151 Washington St., room 6. Over 620 lots.

New York City.—Sale No. 117 of B. L. Drew & Co. of Boston, Thursday evening, October 15, at 7-45, at the Collectors Club. 728 lots.

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33	2c " "	.04	.15
35	8c purple, " "	.12	..
42	2c rose, " "	.04	..
43	6c yellow green, new	.50	..
45	10c brown, " "	.25	..
46	10c ultramarine, " "	.50	..
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Last week's analysis of the advance sheets of the new Catalogue left us half-way through Nicaragua. Nos. 155, 157 and 158 are priced used, 12c, 50c and 75c respectively. The 1896 (wrongly printed 1890) Official surcharges on Postage Due stamps are inserted and priced used at 5c to 10c. Nos. 1 to 5 Niger Coast are all advanced both used and unused and the 1893 issue is also given the same treatment. No. 14 priced last year at \$10 unused is now unpriced in that state, but is quoted at \$12 used. Niue is unchanged except that No. 3 is priced 25c unused. No. 15 North Borneo, 10c blue, is now priced (for the first time) unused at \$20 the used price being unchanged. Nos. 32, 33 and 34 are priced used the same as last year, but are now priced in unused state, the figures being \$12.50, \$15 and \$15 respectively. Under Northern Nigeria Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are priced used. Norway is practically unchanged, but No. 1 Nossli Be is advanced \$2 in either state; No. 9 is given the same boost, Nos. 14 and 15 \$1 each and No. 22 also lifted \$1, all for both used or unused. Unused Nova Scotia stamps of the Queen's head type on white paper are higher, except the 5c. The 8½c is doubled in price, the 12½c raised to \$2 and smaller advances made in the other values. Nyassa and Oldenburg show very little change. In Oboek, 1894, 1c to 30c are priced used same as the unused prices which are not changed. No. 121, hitherto unpriced is now quoted at 35c unused. The same is true of Nos. 122 and 123, which are considered worth in unused state \$1.25 and \$1 respectively. No. 201 Postage Due, hitherto unpriced, is quoted unused at \$80. Happy possessor of an unused sheet or a block of four! Nos. 205 to 213 are priced used same as unused. No. 2 Orange River Colony is turned about, the 6d rose being now made the regular stamp and the 6d carmine rose the variety. The 6d rose is quoted at \$2 unused and 12c used while the other is advanced from \$1.40 to \$2.50 unused and is now priced used at 25c. The 1sh orange

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the catalogue carefully of Wolsieffer's 38th sale to be held October 10th, you will find that it contains more stamps than you need for your collection than you at first glance thought it did. Don't overlook the fine U. S., Hawaii, splendid lot of Revenues, interesting lots by Countries and the

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No. 3 is advanced 50c unused to \$3. There are slight advances here and there throughout the country in both used and unused. No. 10 is raised to \$5 and \$3 and No. 58 with thick "V" is priced \$1 unused. Early Paraguay shows an advance in early unused and later in both states, though not particularly marked. The 1901 Official are priced somewhat higher used and are given prices in unused state, except for the 1c and 20c, at what seems to be high figures. Parma and Porta Delgada are practically unchanged. There is little change in Persia until 1902 and its multitude of surcharges is reached, when the issue surcharged on stamps of 1899 are priced used. The Kran values are quoted at 6c, 12c, 50c, 50c, 60c, \$1.25 and \$3.50. Some of the illustrations of surcharges are dropped, which does not make the chronicle any easier understood. Type A25 is given in two types, with value in capitals and in lowercase letters. The set surcharged "Provisoire 1319" in dotted frame is priced used in type I, while surcharged "Lion", in scalloped frame, the used prices are entirely in type II. No. 208, old book, is now No. 232 and is priced \$1 unused. Peru is very little changed, though No. 160 formerly priced at \$3 unused is now quoted at 50c used or unused. No. 369 is priced at 25c and 10c. Philippine Islands No. 16 formerly priced only unused at \$35 is now quoted at \$40 and \$35, and No. 17

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unchanged unused at \$25 is also priced used and at \$20. No. 19 emerald green is made the variety at unchanged prices, the regular stamp being given as green at \$7.50 and \$6.05 (?) and numbered 20. Old No. 20 is omitted altogether. Nos. 36 and 37 are higher used or unused. No. 53 unused is advanced \$3 to \$18. No. 77 is chronicled as "rose" and is quoted at \$7.50 unused, while a 20c salmon is introduced as No. 79a and priced 30c unused. Strange to say there is no No. 80. No. 153 is priced unused at \$5. No. 160a is advanced to \$18 and \$9. No. 162 unused to \$20 and No. 163 unused to \$12. No. 177 is advanced unused from \$7.50 to \$10 and quoted used at \$3.50. No. 184 is raised unused to \$10 and No. 199a is now quoted unused at \$6. The high values of 1901 are slightly higher unused. No. 268 is higher at \$2.50 unused, and No. 275 the same state is advanced to \$12, in and No. 277 to \$6.50. No. 302, hitherto unpriced is now quoted at \$40 used. No. 367 unused is dropped from \$1.75 to \$1. No. 3 Porto Rico is advanced in unused state to \$15, and Nos. 6 and 7 in same state to \$3 and \$6 respectively. No. 19 is now quoted at \$18 unused, a raise of "one plunk." There are slight advances here and there. No. 25 is quoted used at \$2.50 the same as unused. Various used prices are filled in in the 1880 list, the new prices being the same as the unused. Many imperforated and other varieties are added. No. 181 is advanced unused to 50c. Nos. 3 and 4 Portugal, hitherto unpriced, are now quoted at \$125.00 and \$250.00 unused and the used price of No. 4 is now \$13. Is this a hoodoo? No. 5 also heretofore unpriced unused is now quoted at \$125.00. No. 6 unused is raised to \$6 and the variety is dropped to the same price. The 1862 set shows many changes both in used and unused, the tendency being steadily upward. The same is true of the 1866-67 and 1867-70 issues. The advance is particularly marked in unused, Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31 and 32 all being \$1 higher. Later issues also show the same advancing tendency though possibly in a less degree. No. 43 unused is quoted higher at 25c. No. 45 at \$2, No. 48 at \$2, and No. 49 at \$1.50. In the issues from 1882 to 1895 there is a general advance in unused, and the provisionals of 1893 are now quoted used as well as unused, and at the same prices. The Red Cross stamp is now priced used or unused at 15c but the Rifle Club, chronicled by Stanley Gibbons, is still omitted. The new catalogue is still 23 pages ahead of the old.

One of the Boston dealers received a letter the other day which very aptly illustrates the amenities of the approval sheet business. Upon this letter returned from a customer, was the laconic but emphatic endorsement: "Go to H—," well to a place where coal bills cease from troubling and icemen have a rest. This reminds us

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The new catalogue is now down to Portuguese Congo, and the date of issue is now said to be about Nov. 1.

The various Persian surcharges added to the catalogue in the past two years and a half, takes up 105 straight numbers to say nothing of many letters and varieties besides.

Among the new things shown us this week have been the 8a violet India, King's head, and used copies of the ½d and 1d Admiralty Officials of Great Britain, by Mr. L. G. Barrett; the 1p and 5p Boyaca, chronicled in the ERA No. 534, by Mr. J. M. Bartels, and the new Australian Commonwealth 9d stamp, both for Queensland and New South Wales by Mr. Frank P. Brown.

We notice that the Washington correspondent of *Meeker's Weekly* reports that a large requisition of the 1c, 2c and 5c stamps are being overprinted for use in the Philippines, upon the series of 1902.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Sept. 25th, 1903.

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Catalogue Values.

This subject is well handled by the editor in the latest *Metropolitan Philatelist* received, and we reproduce it that it may receive additional circulation.

An interesting fight is now being waged by two well-known dealers. The one publishes a catalogue, and the other has the entry of a weekly paper. The whole trouble probably consists in calling a dealer's price list a "Standard Catalogue." However desirable it might be to have a standard catalogue, the thing is an impossibility, unless the publisher quotes a buying price as well as a selling one. This is proved by the prices of unused current issues. Prices of these are not cut, because they are sold at a small percentage over face, and they can be used, practically redeemed, by the issuing government at par. When we come to used stamps, they have no actual value, and it is immaterial how honestly a cataloguer may try to quote prices, it is absolutely impossible to prevent other dealers selling at a discount that will give them the trade. We know of a case where a certain dealer strenuously affirmed that under no circumstances would he cut prices. A collector, well known for his efforts to buy cheap, offered the dealer in question an order amounting to several thousand dollars if he would sell at fifty per cent. This was firmly refused, but the dealer in question supplied the desired stamps to another dealer at much less than fifty per cent., who turned them over to the aforesaid collector at desired price. Supposing that, in the judgment of competent amateurs and dealers, a stamp should be catalogued at ten dollars; a small dealer, having a copy, will offer it at five dollars to make a sale. "Ah," says our wise cataloguer, "we have quoted that stamp too high." Therefore, in the next edition, it is marked down to five dollars. Shortly after, an outsider discovers a copy on a letter, and takes it to some dealer and asks for an offer. The dealer is perfectly honest, and tells the owner: "Catalogue price of your stamp is five dollars; dealers sell at fifty per centum discount, which is two fifty; we do business on a small margin of profit, and therefore will pay you two twenty-five for your stamp." Now, admitting our hypothetical stamp is a good seller. If catalogue price had been twenty dollars, the owner would have got nine dollars; at ten, four fifty; at five, two twenty-five; and at two fifty, a dollar ten. You cannot put up the price of stamps by marking them down, or prevent people selling their goods at a profit, or can you have a standard price for goods when there is no standard cost of production or office of redemption. A good catalogue is undoubtedly of great value to collectors, and all the catalogues now published are good, but there are only two ways to make a standard—one for the publisher to agree to purchase all stamps offered at a stipulated price, or for a catalogue to be published by

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Albums and Catalogues.

This is the time of the year when albums and catalogues are being prepared in anticipation of the coming busy season. The knowledge that this is the case usually brings forth a crop of letters, some of them addressed to the publishers of these works and others directed at them through the columns of the philatelic press. All of these letters contain suggestions of alterations and improvements in the existing publications; though many of them are impractical, others lead to improvements and help to correct errors.

Many of these writers take the stand that the publishers do the things that are objected to and do not do the things that are demanded because of simple contrariness. The absurdity of such assertions should be so apparent as to make contradiction unnecessary. The people who print albums and catalogues are business men. They are not working for their health or to gratify their whims. They are in business to make money. One way to do this is to make articles which their patrons wish and which, therefore, will sell. Two things determine what should be included in albums and catalogues, these are common sense and a knowledge of popular demand. The latter term does not mean that which is called for by the man who has worked himself into a specialist's frenzy and backs up his ideas with dire threats of what will be done if his wishes are not heeded, but the quiet insistence of the many which makes itself felt.

In an open letter recently published by one of our contemporaries complaint is made because the International Album, published by the proprietors of this journal, contains only some blank pages for the stamps of Afghanistan and the Native Indian States. The average collector who gets a few stamps from these countries is not much interested in them and is perfectly content to place them on the blank pages. The man who seriously collects the stamps of any of these countries would never be satisfied with a printed album, only a blank one would afford scope for his desires. The reason for reducing the space allotted to these particular countries was that hundreds of collectors had complained because so many pages in their albums were devoted to stamps which were so uninteresting and unintelligible that they had decided not to collect them. Can it be supposed for a moment that the publishers (who also have stamps for sale) would be so blind to their own interests as to cut down any countries in which collectors generally are interested. As business men their object is to help the collector, to provide the things he wants and to eliminate the things which annoy him.

The letter also calls for the publication of an album for Match and Medicine stamps. Did the demand for such a work warrant its publication there can be little doubt that

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Some years ago there was much complaint about the number of minor varieties included in the catalogues and of the many sets of stamps which differed one from another only in the gauge of the perforation. In compliance with this demand the publishers of the Standard Catalogue relegated the minor varieties to a secondary place and small type and reduced the number of perforation varieties by combining in groups all but the more prominent. As most collectors in this country pay very little attention to perforations and small varieties this has given general satisfaction. Of course it does not please the specialists, some of whom have not hesitated to express their dissatisfaction. But the true specialist usually does not follow any catalogue but uses advanced works and arranges his collection according to his own ideas.

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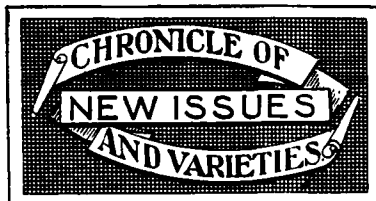
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BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The *Australian Philatelist* says that the 3d Postage Due with completed design has just been issued. Three values have still to be altered, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 6d and 8d. It is reported that a design for a new Postage Due set will shortly be submitted to the postal authorities.

BRITISH GUIANA.—It is reported that a new 60c stamp has been issued for postage, revenue and judicial purposes. The color is said to be green on white with red overprint.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the forthcoming issue surcharged on King's head Indian stamps.

Adhesives (Regular):

$\frac{1}{2}$ a yellow green.
1a carmine.
2a violet.
3a orange brown.
4a olive green.
8a red violet.

Adhesives (Official):

$\frac{1}{2}$ a yellow green.
1a carmine.
2a violet.
8a red violet.

Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the $\frac{1}{2}$ a of the new issue. The overprint is substantially the same as in the earlier issue but placed lower on the stamp. Mr. Lyons calls attention to a broken letter variety, the "O" being broken at the top so that it appears to be a "U".

COSTA RICA.—Mr. A. W. Dunning submits for inspection three new values of the

current pictorial set, and also a sample of the 10c of the new Postage Due set. The latter is printed in red brown, with the value in black in the central circle. We take it for granted that the other values are printed in the same colors, though Mr. Dunning does not say so. The central circle is formed by a colored band with "Correos de Costa Rica—Centimos" in white letters. The word "Malta" is printed at the bottom in white on a colored tablet. The 4c postage stamp has a portrait of Jose M. Canas, the 6c a portrait of Julian Volio, and the 25c a portrait of Eusebio Figuerroa. Mr. Dunning also says that new 2c and 4c single and 4c double post cards have been issued, but particulars are lacking. All were placed on sale in Costa Rica, Sept. 10.

Adhesives (Regular):

4c violet and black.
6c olive green and black.
25c lilac and brown.

Adhesives (Postage Due):

5c brown and black.

10c " " "
15c " " "
20c " " "
25c " " "
30c " " "
40c " " "
50c " " "

DOMINICA.—The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles the new issue for the Island, authorized some time since. The values from $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2sh 6d show a view of the Island from the sea. The 5sh stamp is of the same design as the corresponding value for Antigua and Montserrat.

Adhesive (Regular):

$\frac{1}{2}$ d gray green.
1d carmine and black.
2d brown and gray green.
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d ultramarine and black.
3d black and violet.
6d orange brown and black.
1sh gray green and red violet.
2sh red violet and black.
2sh 6d ochre and gray green.
5sh brown and black.

GOLD COAST.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us a minor variety of the 1901 surcharges, "One Penny" on 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 6d. In the next to the last stamp in the 7th row, the first "N" in Penny is smaller than the rest. We have only seen the right hand half sheets surcharged.

GUADLOUPE.—In No. 540 we chronicled five new surcharges for this colony. Their character was clearly proven by the combinations used, for while it was necessary to create a new supply of 40c stamps, there were still plenty of the originals to furnish material for new 10c surcharges. The same was true of the 1 fr stamps. They were used freely as a basis for the

new 40c surcharges, while to replace them it was necessary to change a lot of the 75c value into 1 fr stamps.

Of this precious transaction *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* says:

"A new French periodical *Le Franc Parleur Philatelique*, No. 1 of which has reached us recently, gives a full account of the projected publication (we can hardly call it an issue) of some 80,000 francs' worth of overprinted stamps in this Colony, which quite reminds us of the good (?) old times.

"There is a decree, of course, signed by the Governor, and assigning the usual reason, namely, the *exhaustion of supplies* of stamps in the Colony; but it is perhaps unnecessary to add that at the same time, an official letter was addressed by the Colonial Postmaster to various stamp dealers in Paris (and elsewhere, probably), offering them the whole stock of these precious stamps at a long price, and stating at the same time that there would be some competition for this bargain, and that the highest bidder would be the most likely person to get it.

"We are very glad to hear that the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie took prompt action, upon hearing of this little affair, by making an urgent appeal to the Minister for the Colonies, but we gather that they were too late to prevent the performance of the farce, for we have received some sheets of this rubbish."

Upon the same subject *La Cote Reelle* says (we translate freely):

"Guadeloupe having need of money, a zealous functionary—what is the hidden energy which has aroused the government from its mysterious lethargy?—has had the admirable idea of creating 80,000 francs' worth of surcharges, but as the need was urgent—not of stamps, but of money—and as the sale in detail would be slow, the government of the Colony has written or caused to be written to stamp dealers, an official letter, upon official paper, proposing the sale to them of the surcharges—not less official—at wholesale, and adding without a smile, that in case of competition, the stock would be awarded to the highest bidder.

"This act was denounced to the Minister of Colonies, who, much occupied by many duties, has not had the leisure to examine this complaint and has allowed this avalanche of surcharges to be issued, which have now got into the hands of certain speculators who knowing the way to move governmental employes secured them before they reached the stamp window."

HAYTI.—There is a rumor, said to originate in official sources, according to the *American Journal of Philately*, that an issue of stamps to commemorate the centenary of independence of this Republic, will be put on sale about the first of the coming year.

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INDIA.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* says the new 6a stamp, with King's head, was issued Aug. 6.

Adhesive (Regular):
6a bistre yellow.

ITALY.—*Ewen's Weekly* illustrates the new Express stamp, chronicled in No. 540 of the ERA. The shape is oblong resembling the United States Special Delivery in size also. The portrait of the King appears in a large oval at the left. The word "Espresso" is printed in color on white ground in the centre, reaching from the portrait oval to the extreme right. Above is a shield with white cross, and the words "Poste Italiane" in a white tablet. "Cent" in monogram and "25" both in white on shaded background appear below the central tablet. The appearance is neat, but stiff like all the current Italian stamps.

MARTINIQUE.—Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us a new 5 fr stamp for the Island, in the familiar colonial type.

Adhesive (Regular):
5fr violet and blue.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 1/2d, 1d, 2 1/2d and 6d of the current set have been seen with laid paper.

A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* says a new issue of the 1d (?) is on the boards; designs are being submitted. The current 1d has been issued perforated 14x11, but in exceedingly limited quantities.

TAHITI.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the 10c on 25c chronicled in No. 525, also a new surcharge which we have not before mentioned.

Adhesive (Provisional):
10c on 25c blue and red, black surcharge.

Springfield, Mass., Notes.

Mr. Warren Colson of the New England Stamp Co. was in town for a few hours lately. As usual he had a lot of fine stuff with him, comprising a Brattleboro, St. Louis and Hawaiian numerals galore.

I understand that during his last trip Mr. Colson disposed of 60 sets of unused Canada Jubilee issue to one party. That shows that somebody is certainly interested in Canadian stamps.

Mr. E. G. Ward has returned from his hunting trip and I understand that he came back loaded—with squirrels.

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1529	" 4c green on blue,	10.00	4.00	3.00
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51,	"	.06	103,	"	.25
52,	"	.06	104,	used,	.20
53,	"	.02	105,	"	.04
54,	"	.07	113,	"	.03
57,	"	.17	119,	"	1.30
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Chicago Notes.

Norman Weiss has returned from his recent trip abroad, where he obtained many additions to his large general collection.

To wear or not to wear; that is the question which is being agitated more or less in philatelic circles in the larger cities of this country. Quite a number of local collectors are desirous of wearing some emblem which denotes their hobby, but no one seems brave enough to take the lead.

A majority of the C. P. S. members wear the Society pin, which they deem sufficient, but there are hundreds of collectors here, who no doubt would adorn their coat lapel with button or pin, if some philatelic Berry Wall would set the style.

R. H. L. Bacon is spending a few weeks in New York City and vicinity.

At the last meeting of the local organization, Mr. Eben S. Martin of Minneapolis, who is in the city on business, was present. In a brief address Mr. Martin related the rapid growth of philately in Minneapolis and St. Paul, there being several hundred collectors in the two cities.

CLIFFORD.

New York Notes.

BY METROPOLIS.

Mr. John F. Seybold of Syracuse, owner of the famous "Seybold Collection of Original Covers" will leave in a few days for a trip to Detroit. He will visit some of the leading collectors while in that city. As he will carry some of his best covers with him it will be quite a treat to receive a call from Mr. Seybold.

Mr. George L. Toppa, ex-President of the American Philatelic Association, is now one of the editors of the *American Journal of Philately*.

The next meeting of the Brooklyn Stamp Club will be held October 19. This is the most active organization of all the stamp clubs located in Greater New York. Its meetings are usually well attended and the members are all enthusiastic collectors.

In the ERA for Sept. 26, the Springfield (Mass.) correspondent said:

"Pretzels and amber-colored liquid refreshments served at one of the recent club meetings caused one or two of the members to be very absent minded. * * *"

In the last issue of the ERA the same correspondent says:

"Mr. E. G. Ward is off on another hunt. This is not a boy or stamp hunt, but his annual vacation. The squirrels will take to their holes for a few days, for he is loaded."

My, but that's a "wet" crowd in Springfield and it's "dry" there, too, after 11 p. m.

The local philatelists who are politicians will have no time for stamps until after the election.

The advance sheets of the new catalogue are being rapidly distributed. The prompt issuance of each section assures an early appearance of the Catalogue.

The stamp business here continues to run "fairly good" to "medium" according to the statements of our dealers. Of course it is understood that at this time of the year many collectors await the appearance of the new Catalogue before making any large purchases, consequently the dealers are not so very busy just now. It is the case every year that just as soon as the Catalogue appears the stamp business suddenly becomes very brisk and the dealers work over time and forget all about their meals. Dealers report that at the present time the mail business is better than the counter trade. Those who cater to the former trade only predict that the coming season will be one of the best they have experienced for many years.

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Mr. A. M. Trujillo, President of the Empire State Philatelic Society, thinks that the philatelic organizations are not increasing in membership as they should. There are many others who also believe that the societies are not adding new members in great numbers. Some people claim that the cause of this is due to the fact that there are too many philatelic societies and that most of them are of little or no benefit to either the members or to philately itself. The writer believes that any society from which the members may derive some benefit is really worthy of support. Certainly if a member cannot make use of an Exchange Department, Counterfeit Detector etc. the Society is of little or no value to the members. Good organizations with a first class Exchange Department are not over plentiful. Societies that are properly conducted should have no difficulty in securing members, the main point is to let the philatelic public know that such Associations really exist and Mr. Trujillo is lying awake nights devising schemes to enlarge the membership of the Empire State Philatelic Society.

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New Design for Two-Cent Postage Stamp Approved.

The following dispatch is a special one from Washington to the *Boston Herald*, under date of Oct. 5. It was received from Mr. Kidder too late for insertion in the chronicle.

Postmaster-General Payne has approved a new design for a 2-cent postage stamp, which will succeed the "flag" stamp, which has been in use for about six months, and which has been greatly criticised. The bureau of engraving and printing is now making the plate from which the 4,000,000,000 2-cent stamps needed during the next twelve months will be printed. The distinguishing features of difference in the present stamp and the new design lie in the improved picture of Washington, and the abandonment of the flag and substitution of a great shield therefor.

The new design contains the portrait of Washington, of the Stuart type. The frame or background of the design is a shield. The upper third of the design comprises the blue field, with stars in white. Instead of 13 stars, there are only four fully visible, although three points of as many stars may be seen peeping out from behind the letters, "United States of America." The blue field is cut off by means of the horizontal line about the top of Washington's head, and the vertical bars, three on either side, shaded so as to depict red and white, comprise the remainder of the design.

Federal Prospects.

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

Mr. Kingston's resignation as Minister for Customs in the Federal Government afforded the Prime Minister an opportunity of re-arranging his staff, with the result that Mr. J. G. Drake has relinquished the portfolio of Postmaster-General and therefore passes beyond our scope. He has made his position so intolerable that his retirement comes as a happy relief to philatelists, who may be pardoned if they have conceit enough to think that their actions in condemning his procedure have helped to bring about a desirable change. When Mr. Drake assumed office he intimated his intention of treating philatelists as an "ex-crescence," meaning thereby that they were outside his realm and would not be considered in any way whatever. He has not kept his word in this respect as events have since proved (*vide* Postage dues, post-marked to order). The manner in which he handled the matter of new issues was lamentable, and out of all keeping with the fitness of things. The "ex-crescence" has, however, proved a very lively one. Those to whom the term was applied were a thorn in his side during his tenure of office, and he has probably been able to acquaint his successor that stamp collectors have to be considered.

Sir Phillip Fysh, the new Postmaster-General, is a different kind of man altogether. One from whom we may expect due courtesy, if nothing more. Sir Phillip's name is held in high estimation in Tasmania, and rightly too. He has done much for that State, is a broad-minded and liberally disposed gentleman, and has already seen service as a Tasmanian P. M. G. We are satisfied to leave ourselves in his hands, fully believing he will do what he considers best for the community in general, with due regard to the stamp collecting fraternity.

Some members of his family are, we are given to understand, philatelists, and Sir Phillip has interested himself at various times and in various ways in promoting the welfare of Stamp Collectors. Mr. Basset Hull (also a Tasmanian) speaks very highly of the new Postmaster-General of whom he has many pleasant recollections. When Mr. Hull was writing his book on the Stamps of Tasmania (now unfortunately out of print and difficult to procure) Sir Phillip Fysh gave him every facility in examining the records and securing material for his work.

In an interview recently Sir Phillip Fysh said, regarding the postoffice: "We do not want the department to be made as it is in the Imperial service, a revenue-making one, but we certainly desire to have the annual loss reduced as much as possible. If we are to look forward to an interstate 1d postal rate and an oversea postal rate of 1d following upon the Imperial regula-

tions, we shall have to accomplish a very great deal more in the revenue-producing power of the department before so happy a climax can be reached. While ministers are bearing these things in mind they ask the public to do its share and forbear to put extreme pressure upon their members, under which those members may by their claims perpetuate the annual loss, and thus delay very considerably the more important purpose which Commonwealth Ministers have in view—although it may be some distance off—the introduction of a universal penny postage rate." The new Postmaster-General's position is an onerous one. It is difficult to please all parties. So many things require attention that some must give way to others. Our intention is to treat him as gently as possible, and to refrain from expressing any opinions which might be considered captious until such time as he has been able to grasp the situation. We trust his method of procedure will merit the approval of our readers.

No other values of the proposed Commonwealth Stamp have appeared so far, and we should not be surprised if they never saw the light of day. Mr. Drake made such hash of his new issue schemes that it would seem almost better to let the stamps now in use remain so, until the bookkeeping period has expired, care being taken that in the meantime proper designs be provided and suitable arrangements made for the issue of a really creditable Commonwealth set. The five years period has half elapsed, and the issue proposed by Mr. Drake could only have been a stop-gap one. According to his scheme the new stamps were only to be issued as the old stock became exhausted. As there are very large stocks of some values on hand in the various States the "Queensland Medals" would be a very straggling lot indeed.

PRINTERS AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

At the monthly meeting of the New South Wales Master Printers and Connected Trades' Association the question of Commonwealth printing came up for discussion. It was reported that the bulk of the Commonwealth printing was being carried out in Melbourne by the Victorian Government Printing Office and private Melbourne printers, and the following resolution was adopted and ordered to be conveyed to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth:—"That this association learns with surprise and regret that the printing of matter required by the Commonwealth offices, and of postage stamps for use in this and other States, is confined to the Government and private printing offices in Melbourne, thus resulting in loss of employment and idleness of valuable plants at the Government Printing Offices of the States other than Victoria."

Having seen it announced in several journals that the South Australia 1s, brown, long rectangular, had been issued overprinted O. S., we wrote to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Adelaide, and append his reply.

Memo.

Adelaide, 13th Aug. 1903.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., and in reply beg to say that none of the postage stamps of this State are now overprinted with the letters O. S. The system was abolished some months ago.

(Signed) C. Todd,

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Early Pre-Cancelleds.

When the first pre-cancelled U. S. Postage stamp was issued would be an interesting discovery. So far we know but little in regard to it, and it's an open field for investigation. The early manner of cancelling them seems to have been by printing or drawing one or more lines across the stamp while in the sheet. We have this in a similar design to the present Buffalo, on the 1c embossed stamp of 1870. This simple method of cancellation was gradually improved upon by the substitution of some design, such as an oval with cross bars and probably many others; until we have the present issues which are now required by the Department to have on them the name of the town and state, printed in Government ink, with a line above and below.



The cut above illustrates one of the early attempts to give the name of the town and state where mailed from. The stamp is the 1882 1c re-engraved. I have been unable to get their history from the parties using them. I also have the 1c 1898 from the same place, in a modified design. In September, 1887, Burlington, Vt., appeared impressed entirely upon the stamp. At first the 1c 1882 re-engraved was used, two copies of which are the only ones known of at present. This is the first case so far discovered where the town and state name appear on the stamp, and we may hail Burlington as the pioneer.

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1874-81 18c, unused.....	.50	1893 2c, (56) unused.....	.20
1875 2c.....	.05	1893 5c, (59) unused.....	.12
1882 1c, unused.....	.05	1893 10c, (61) unused.....	.25
1883-86, 10c red brown.....	.10	1893 2c, (66) unused.....	.07
1883-86 12c, unused.....	1.25	1893 18c, (71) unused.....	.35
1889-91, 5c, unused.....	.85	1886 2c, unused.....	.20
1893 1c, (53) unused.....	.12	1894 25c, unused.....	.45

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1882 50c, unused.....	.10	1895-96, 20c, unused.....	.10
1886 1s, unused.....	.15	Dues, 1883, 5c.....	.05
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1894 50c green, unused.....	.20		

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Cuba on U. S., 1-10c, unused, (no 2½c).....	.50	Mexico, 1899, 1c-20c.....	.15
Colombia, 10, catalogued 50c.....	.20	Netherlands, 1900, 9.....	.07
Egypt, 10.....	.15	Soudan, 1897, 5.....	.25
Greece 1901, 11.....	.20	Venezuela, 1895, 5, unused.....	.25
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Financial Report.

Fees and dues, 1902-3,	\$13.70
" " " 1903-4,	6.70
Total receipts to Sept. 28, '03,	\$20.40
Disbursements:	
Order	
No. 1, C. W. Brown,	\$0.50
2, " "	.50
3, Secretary's expenses,	.37
4, C. W. Brown,	.50
5, C. Hale, printing,	1.50
6, President's expenses,	.26
7, Secretary's	1.42
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It does us good to see in print the very thing that first discouraged the writer in his efforts a few years ago at building up the membership of the American Philatelic Association. We refer to an excerpt from a letter, recently received by the editor of our esteemed Minneapolis weekly contemporary, the *Philatelic World*, and which he publishes in the latest number received. We reproduce the item in full, giving Mr. Aldrich's deserved and concise comment.

The editor has persistently refrained from using the columns of the *World* in his directorship contest in the American, but he cannot refrain from quoting from a recent letter: "I should like to see you elected but will you promise not to injure the dignity of the association? A prominent member writes me that you should be opposed because you would very likely try to boom the association in the stamp papers as one secretary did several years ago and make it appear that the association was an undignified affair and on a level with some of the smaller societies which continually use printer's ink to seek members." Comment is useless, but need we wonder why our membership so persistently hovers around the five hundred mark and does not increase? Suffice to say the writer was referred to the columns of the *World* for his ideas on the matter.

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BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Mr. M. H. Lombard, President of the Boston Philatelic Society, has shown us a beautiful unsevered pair of the 15c "Sower" from the corner of an imperforate sheet.

Mr. George L. Toppan, now connected with the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., was in Boston this week on business for the Company. His name now appears with that of Mr. Luff as associate-editor of the *American Journal of Philately*.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. left Boston for an extended business trip West as far as San Francisco. He will be gone four or five weeks.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 116th sale was held Oct. 7 and 8, but at too late a date to allow any mention in this number. There has been some changes in the dates of the sales yet to come. The 117th will be held at the Collectors Club, New York, Oct. 15; the 118th, at Elks' Hall, Boston, Oct. 21; the 119th at the rooms of the Chicago Philatelic Society, Nov. 7; the 120th at Boston, Nov. 11; the 121st at Cincinnati, Nov. 11; the 122nd at the Collectors Club, New York, Nov. 19 and 20, and the 123rd at Boston, Dec. 2 and 3. Mr. Drew has changed his original plan and holds a sale in early December, owing to Thanksgiving breaking up the previous week awkwardly. The 122nd sale will contain a very fine collection of unused United States adhesives, proofs, re-issues, specimens, revenues and inverts. The condition is very fine.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the complete set of Somali Coast with the centres in new colors. The frames are unchanged in color, though they seem to be printed in deeper shade than the original set. All the centres are now in black. The 1 fr and 5 fr stamps are in almost identically

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singly, pairs, strip and on cover to the number of 60 or more will be one of the attractive features of Wolfieffer's Sale No. 39, to be held Nov. 28th. The entire sale will consist of British Colonials in the finest condition, the property of

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the same colors, which gives an opportunity for further changes.

Mr. Colson of the New England Stamp Co. has just returned from a business trip in the West.

Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 4sh of the current Natal series, previously chronicled.

Seen and Heard.

BY DAVID HEAREM.

I notice that in Kohl's new catalogue, the Fernando Po, 1897-99, 50c on 10c is listed as surcharged on the 10c lake, instead of on the 10c brown violet. This must have been a slip on the cataloguer's part as the brown violet stamp is the one that is surcharged.

Speaking of catalogues, it is remarkable how many collectors will worry along with an old edition two or three years out of date or even with no catalogue at all. I remember that in my own very first "beginning days" the only approach that we youngsters had to a catalogue was a certain dealer's price-list of sets. That set list was a standard guide to values in our neighborhood for weeks, prices being regulated on a strictly arithmetical basis. Thus, if a set of three China stamps was worth 15 cents, one China stamp was worth 5 cents. If twenty Spanish stamps sold for 30 cents, one Spanish stamp was

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A pretty broad statement, it seems to me, is made by the editor of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* in his remarks about catalogue values, reproduced in the ERA last week, when he says that "at present, auction prices are the only criterions of value." A few years ago, many people held that same idea and up-to-date philatelic journals considered it necessary to present regularly quite complete reports of the prices realized at various auctions. Then came the realization that the sale figures in themselves mean very little. Different cataloguers have different ideas as to description and unless one has seen the specimen for himself, the price which it brings is not much of a guide to value, with "condition" counting for as much as it does today. During the last few months there have been interesting revelations as to auction methods as they prevail in England, methods which do not, we hope, extend to this country. Yet how can the most honest auctioneer prevent, for instance, the owner of a stamp from bidding in if the would-be buyer's offer is not high enough? An auction price obtained in this way is certainly not a "criterion" of anything. I will admit that the prices of stamps actually sold at auction under ideal conditions would probably be some guide as to values, but I do not believe that "auction prices" are any such guide "at present."

In a "black list" published in a European journal, I notice the name of a Chinaman. If our Celestial friends are getting interested, the next thing will be a stamp paper in Chinese. Will our American reviewers be dismayed at this, or will they take the hen-tracked sheets down to the laundryman on the corner for translation?

If Germany gets Fernando Po, there will certainly be an increased demand for the stamps of this place among German collectors if not elsewhere. Up to within half a dozen years this was a compact, clean little country and in spite of its recent sins of commission in the way of surcharges and annual issues, the stamps are still interesting and make an attractive album page. It might be added, however, that in the average album, this page is very far from full.

Detroit Paragraphs.

A. Lerner of this city, a native of Roumania, can do a lot of writing on a post card. On a card brought to the *News* office recently he wrote several chapters of the old testament, 3,527 words in all, somewhat more than two columns of printed matter of a newspaper. Lerner says he can write over 6,000 words on a post card when in practice, and intends making a trial soon.

Every postmaster in the country has received a communication from Washington, commanding the enforcement of the postmaster general's order of last May to the effect that on and after Oct. 1, all U. S. postage stamps overprinted "Philippines" will not be accepted for postage on matter mailed within the United States and U. S. postage stamps without the Philippine overprint will not be accepted for postage in the Philippine islands. Postmasters are at a loss to know why the passage and enforcement of such an order was necessary, but it is thought it may be desired to secure an estimate of the amount of Philippine postage each year.

Mr. Homer Sanderson has returned home from his trip through Canada.

The *Detroit Free Press* of last Sunday contained a lengthy article on the preparation of postage stamps. Here's a part which probably will interest the ERA readers:

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Argentina Republic 1877, 8c. 1884, 5c. 1890,
ac. 1892, ¼c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 12c. 1899, ½c, 1c,
2c, 5c. 1901, 3c. 1899, ac Envelope. **Austria** 1880,
3k, 6k, 9k. 1868, 5k, 75k. 1861, 5c. 1864, 5c. 1867,
75k. 1883, 20k. 1890, 1c. 1891, 20k, 24k, 30k, 50k.
1895, 1g. 1900, 2h, 2oh, 6oh, 1kr. 1902, 35h. 1900,
sh News. Unpaid 1893, 1kr, 3k, 5k, 10k. 1900, 2h,
6h. 1900, 10k Perf. **Austria Levant** 1890, 2h.
1886, 1 o to 10. 1890, 1 o to 3. 1 o to 10k. 1900, 1 o to sh.
Lombardy Venice 1850, 15c, 30c, 45c. 1858, 5c.
1900, 1861, 3c. 1869, 3c. Baden 1853, 3c. 1864,
1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873,
1881, 1mk. 1890, 1mk. **Bavaria** 1882, ½d. 1890,
1892, 1d, 2½d. **Bernuda** 1884, ½d, 1d. Belgium
1861, 10c, 20c. 1863, 10c, 20c. 1866, 10c, 20c. 1870,
20c. 1875, 25c. 1883, 10c. 1886, 35c. 1893, 25c.
1894, 5c, 10c, 25c. 1896, 5c, 10c. 1893, News, ac.
1895, Unpaid, 5c, 10c. 1889, Unpaid, 5c. **Bolivia**
1899, 10c. **Bosnia** 1872, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15. 1900,
5, 10. **Brazil** 1890, 10c. 1891, 10c. 1894, 10c. 1895,
5, 10r, 20or, 30or. 1900, 5or, 10or, 20or. 1899,
Newspaper, 10 olive. **Bur. Guinea** 1882, 1c, ac.
1880, 2c, 1c. 1901, 2c. **Bulgaria** 1882, 25, 1886, 1,
10, 15, 25, 30. 1860, 1c. 1901, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 15c.
1896, Unpaid, 3c. **Cambodia** 1860, 2c. 1882, ½c, 1c.
1897, 3c Jub. 1891, ½c. 1898, ¼c, 5c, 10c, 15d, ac.
Nap, blue, 2c. Cape 1860, 1c. 1885, ¼d, ac.
1893, ½d. 1900, 1c. **Ceylon** 1883, 10c. 1890,
1895, Service, 5c. **China** 1868, ½c, 1c, 2c. **Chile**
1891, 1c. 1878, 2c, 5c. 1883, 10c, 2c. 1894, 1c, 2c.
1900, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c. 1902, 2c, 1c. 1903, 2c. **Col.**
Venezuela 1833, 1c. 1886, 1c. 1892, 5c. 1892, 10c.
1895, 5c. 1897, 5c. 1899, 5c, 10c. 1901, ac brown.
1904, 10c *acti. imperf.*, 4c imperf., 5c imperf., 10c
imperf. **Panama** 1892, 1c, 2c, 5c. **Costa Rica** 1880,
20c. 1892, 1c, 5c, 10c, 20c. 1901, 5c, 10c. **Cuba**
1896, 1c. 1899, 1c, 2c, 5c, ac Envelope. **Curacao**
1889, 1c. **Denmark** 1864, 4c. 1874, 10o ore. 1896,
3, 12, 16. **Dom. Republic** 1900, 5c. 1901, 1c, 2c,
5c. **Dutch Indies** 1883, 1c, ac. 1889, 3c, 5c. 1892,
10c, 15c, 20c, 25c. 1899, 10c. 1901, ½c, 1c. 1893,
Unpaid, 5c. **Ecuador** 1897, 1c, 5c, 10c. 1899, 1c,
5c, 10c. 1901, 5c, 10c. **Egypt** 1864, 5c. 1880, 1c,
5c. 1889, Unpaid, 1c. **Finland** 1890, 1885, 20p.
1891, 1890, 3p. 10p, 20p, 25p. 1901, 5c. 1893,
France 1891, 10c. 1860, 5c. 1870, 40c. 1875,
10c, 3c. 1876, 25c, 1 ffr. 1879, 20c, 25c, 50c, 75c.
1880, 1c, 2c, 20c, 30c, 50c, 75c. **French Levant**
1883, 1 o to 25. **Germany** 1871, ½g, 1880, 2 mk.
1880, 25 pf. 1900, 2 pf. 1900, 2 pf, 3 pf, 30 pf, 40 pf.
50 pf. 1900, 25 pf, 30 pf, 40 pf, 50 pf, 80 pf. **Ger-**
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2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1880, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1881, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1883, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1887, sd.
4d, sd, gd, rhn. 1901, sd, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, sd, 4d, sd, 4d. 1896
army official, rd. 1893 Env. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1903 Wrapper,
 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Br. Levant 1885, 4c on 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Greece 1880,
rh. 1889, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, rol, sol, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ blue, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lilac. 1891, $\frac{1}{2}$,
5l, rol. 1896, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, ol, sol. 1901, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, ol, sol,
2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Guadeloupe 1892, ac, sc, 15c. Guatemala 1881,
1887, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, sc, 5c; loc. 1900, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac. Hayti 1898, $\frac{1}{2}$,
1899, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac. Honduras 1878, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1879, ac. 1880,
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. 1890, sc. 1894, ac, sc. 1893, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, sc, 1895,
1896, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, sc. 1896, ac, sc. 1898, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, sc, 6c, loc.
1903, 5c, 6c, roc, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac. Hong Kong 1882, ac,
1890, loc. 1900, ac, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, loc. Hungary 1881, rok.
1888, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1898, 15k, 30k, sok. 1900, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$,
3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1900 Newspaper, India 1896, $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 1881, $\frac{1}{2}$,
1893, ac. 1885, 4c. 1899, 3p. 1900, $\frac{1}{2}$ a, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.
Italy 1884, 1871, $\frac{1}{2}$ a. Italy 1880, acc. 1879, loc.
1889, 4c, 45 c, 6c. Japan 1880, 1901, 5c, 1901,
1890, 1896, Unpaid, ac. Jamaica 1880, ac, sol.
1894 Unpaid, acc. Jamaica 1860, ad. 1885, ad.
1889, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1900, rd. 1901, rd. 1890, Official, $\frac{1}{2}$
ad. rd. Japan 1883, 3a. 1883, acc. 1899, 1s, 10s,
acc. 1902, $\frac{1}{2}$ s. Leeward Islands 1890, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.,
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Malta 1885, ad. Martinique 1892, ac, sc,
loc. Mexico 1895, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, sc. 1890, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, 3c, loc.
Natal 1882, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Netherlands 1867, sc, roc. 1869,
 $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1873, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. 1891, 3c, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, loc, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 15c,
acc. 1899, $\frac{1}{2}$, 3c, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, loc, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 15c, soc, 25c.
1894 Unpaid, $\frac{1}{2}$, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 25c, sc, loc. Newfoundland
land 1887, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1890, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. 1896, 3c. 1898, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. 1898,
1c, ac, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. New South Wales 1882, rd, ad. 1888,
ad. 1891, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1892, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1898, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ad. New
Zealand 1891, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1898, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rd. 1890, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rd.
1901, rd. 1873 Newspaper, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1875 Newspaper,
 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1891 Life Insurance, rd. Nicaragua 1898, $\frac{1}{2}$,
sc. 1899, ac, sc. 1900, loc. 1902, sc. North Borneo
1871, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Norway 3 ore. Or. Blv. Colony 1868, ad.
Paganay 1892, ac. sc. 1896, loc. 1897, ac, sc.
Peru 1884 1899, sc. Peru 1881, 1894, ac, sc.
1898, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, sc. 1900, 5c. Porto 1874, sc, roc. 1884,
roc. 1886, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, sc, 10c. 1895, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac. 1898, $\frac{1}{2}$,
ac, sc. 1899, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, sc. 1900, loc. 1901, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac,
1883 Unpaid, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Ponta Delgada 1892, 25c.
Porto Rico 1882, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac. 1884, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1891, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$,
1894, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. 1894, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. 1896, 3c. 1898, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac. 1899,
ac. 1900, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac. Portugal 1894, 25r. 1897, 25r.
1871, 25r. 1900, 1880, 25r. 1895, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ r, 2or. 1895,
5or. 1898, 65r. 1899, 25r. 1895, 25r. Portuguese
India 1893, $\frac{1}{2}$ r. Prussia 1861, 2g. 3c. Reunion
1892, $\frac{1}{2}$, ac, $\frac{1}{2}$ c, sc, 15c. 1900, 5c. Roumania 1891,
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ b, 5b, rob. 1880, 15b. 1885, 15b, 15b, 5b. 1891,
5ob. 1893, 1b, 3b, 5b, rob, 15b, 25b. 1899, rob. 1900,
5b, 15b, 25b. 1901, 15b. 1881 Unpaid, 3oc. 1897

Unpaid, rob. 30b. **Russia** 1868, rk, zk, zk. 1889, zk. 1889, rob. **St. Lucia** 1886, rd. **Salvador** 1896, ac, 3c. **Serbia** 1890, ron, ron. 1894, 5p, 10n. 1897, 20c. 1898, 100n. 1900, 10n. 1901, 5n, 10n. **Sierra Leone** 1896, rd. **Spain** 1855, ac. 1860, ac. 1862, ac. 1882, 30c. 1889, 30c, 50c, pf. 1900, 15c. 1902, 50c, pf. 1902, 15c. **St. Settlements** 1884, ac. 1885, 1c. 1894, 8c. 1895, 3c. 1900, ac. **Sweden** 1858, 12 ore. 1872, 30 ore. 1886, zk. 1891, 30 ore, 15 ore, 50 ore. 1891 Official, 4 ore, 5 ore, 30 ore. 1890 Envelope, 2 ore. **Switzerland** 1890, 30c, 3 fr. 1900, 5c, 10c, 25c. **Tasmania** 1900, ad. 1901, rd. 1902, ad. **Transvaal** 1885, rd. 1901, zk. **Trinidad** 1866, ¼ d. **Tunis** 1888, 1c, 5c, 10c, 15c. **Turkey** 1876, 20p, 20p, 1 pl. 1884, 10p, 1 pl. 1892, 10p, 20p, 1 pl. 1897, 5 on 10 1001 For. Post., 10p, 20p, 1 pl. 1901 Dom. Post., 5p, 10p, 20p, 1 pl, a pl. 1893 Newspaper, 10p. 1901 Newspaper, 5p, 20p. **Constantinople** 5, 20, 40p. **Uruguay** 1894, 15c. 1895, 3c, 5c. 1897, 3c. **Venezuela** 1883, 3 blue, 10c. 1895 br., 3 green, 10c. 1895 orange, 50 blue, 10c. 1895 br., 25c. 1895 50c, 50c. 1895 50c, 50 blue, 10c. 1895 1899, 5c, 10c, 25c. 1902, 10c, 25c, 50c, 10c. **Surchage**, 50c. 1900 **Double Surchage**, 5c, 10c, 25c. **Victoria** 1886, ¼ d. rd. 1890, rd. 1901, rose 1d. **West. Australia** 1882, ¼ d. 1890, rd. ad. **Wurtemberg** 1869, rk, zk. 1890, 2 pf. 1875 Official, 10 pf. 1890 Official, 5 pf. 1875 Env., 1c. 1875 Official Env., 10 pf. 1900 Official Env., 5 pf, 5 pf fawn, 10 pf. **Guatemala** 1902, 6c. **Hong Kong** 1882, 5c. **Switzerland** 1898, 12c.

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stamps. The plates revolve slowly in a horizontal plane, allowing just time enough for a man to rub each one clean in its turn after it has passed beneath an inking roller. A woman assistant places accurately on each plate a fresh sheet of the white paper and the latter receives its impression by going with the plate under a cloth-covered roller.

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The season has fairly begun here; exchanging has commenced and several of the dealers report business very fair.

The Leonard Stamp Co. are getting out

a new price list of stamps and philatelic supplies since they have added the stock of the National Stamp Co., which they recently purchased. It has given them a fine stock.

I see by the Chicago correspondent that Mr. M. B. Haver of that city has taken up his abode here. If Mr. Haver has decided to make his residence here, I would be pleased to meet him and make his acquaintance, and many other of the local stampists would no doubt welcome him.

Mr. Howard Beck spent Sunday at Pontiac with Mr. Herman Seagrave. Incidentally there was stamp doing there, as Herman tells me he bought up a "few" he didn't have.

"A valuable collection of postage stamps for sale," was a sign displayed here in a down town window. Curiously I went in and asked to see it, telling him I was in the market. But to my surprise the party pulled out an envelope he had in the safe; then displayed about 10 sheets of stamps of the commonest kind, not one worth over 5 cents. I asked if this was what he meant for the collection. "Why, yes, is it not a collection?" "Yes, such as it is," I said.

Information reached me here this week that H. Seybold is coming towards Detroit and wishes to meet the local "frats." Any of your readers that are anxious to see him

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BOSTON, Oct. 13, 1903.

The one hundred and twenty-ninth meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

The eighth exhibition of the present series brings us back to the United States, our starting point when these exhibitions were inaugurated two years ago. The circular of the Committee gives but one subject for this date, though another one was afterwards added. The first exhibit is for United States adhesives only, and this is restricted to those of our members who have not previously taken a prize. Blocks, strips and pairs will count as single specimens only, and percentages will be given as follows: Completeness 20, Condition 50, Arrangement 30. When United States adhesives were exhibited in March and April, 1901, there were five competitors at the first, which included postage issues only, and four at the next, which included Officials, Periodicals and Dues. The present exhibition includes all and it is hoped that many who have not before shown us their treasures will bring them forth.

The second part of the exhibition is for United States cut square envelopes and this has no restriction on competitors. The percentages will be the same as for the adhesives. Envelope collecting seems to be falling into "innocuous desuetude" as a whole, but there is such a field in the United States issues that the American collector will doubtless never be entirely weaned from them.

N. B.—Intending exhibitors may send their collections to or leave them with Mr. J. H. Lyons of the Exhibition Committee at 9 Bromfield St., Boston.

Coming Exhibitions.

Nov. 17.—Commemorative stamps of the world.

Dec. 15.—Original essay competition. Exhibition of uncatalogued varieties. (Must not be listed in Scott, Gibbons or Senf.)

Special Notice.

The Exhibition Committee announce that the Silver Cup offered by Mr. A. H. Weber will be competed for at the December meeting. This is to be an exhibition of Uncatalogued Varieties, such as very many collectors run across, the condition being that they be not listed in Scott, Gibbons or Senf. The exhibition is open to ALL PHILATELISTS. The cup will be competed for annually and will remain in the winner's possession for the succeeding year, his name and the date being engraved upon it. This year's competition occurs December 15th. Exhibits may be sent to C. A. Howes, Sec'y, 55 Kilby St., Boston, U. S. A.

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13	" 1881, 40 yellow75	.40
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5	" 1873, 1p carmine, o. g.75	.85
17	" 1886, 1p carmine, o. g.75	.37
36	Argentina 1878, 30c blue, o. g.	1.00	.40
258	" 1884, Official tac, o. g.	1.50	.75
266	" 1884, " 20c, o. g.	1.50	.75
268	" 1885, " 2c, o. g. ....	.75	.37
269	" 1885, " 4c, o. g. ....	.75	.37
14	Azores 1868, 12or blue	3.00	1.10
2	" 1871, 20 bistre .....	.50	.25
26	" 1871, 50p green .....	.50	.25
27	" 1871, 80p orange .....	.20	.85
1	Bahamas 1862, 4p rose	1.25	.50
2	Barbados 1832, 1p blue, o. g.	1.50	.75
3	" 1859, 1p slate blue, o. g.	1.00	1.00
2	" 1871, 3p yel. green, o. g.	1.25	.60
24	" 1874, 3p blue green, o. g.	2.00	.95
44	" 1874, 4p lake	2.00	.95
51	" 1874, 4p lake	3.50	1.50
5	Bavaria 1888, 50 pf, o.	1.00	.40
1	Bermuda 1873, 1p buff, unpriced..	4.00	1.75
6	" 1873, 1p buff	4.00	1.75
14	" 1875, 1p on 15h green	2.75	1.20
17	" 1884, 1p dull rose	2.50	1.25
Same,	fair condition only	2.50	.75
28	British Bechnaland 1887, 1sh	1.00	.45
8	British Columbia 1868, 2c, o. g.	1.00	.50
54	British Guiana 1868, 2c .....	.85	.35
11	British Honduras 1873, 1sh	3.50	1.75
13	" 1873, 1p, o. g.	1.75	1.00
8	Brunswick 1856, 3p agr.	2.25	1.00
10	Buenos Ayres 1860, 1p blue	1.25	.60
36	Canada 1873, 10c, o. g.	2.50	1.00
37	" 1875, 3c (large), o. g.	3.00	1.50
Same in	fair condition	3.00	1.00
1	China 1878, 1c .....	.75	.37
2	" 1878, 3c .....	.50	.25
3	" 1878, 5c .....	.50	.25
3	Shanghai 1871, 80 cash blue	3.00	1.00
7	Cyprus 1880, 30p on 1p red, o. g.	5.00	1.75
13	Dominica 1886, 3p on 6p, o. g. ....	.60	.35
Same used,	very fine	1.00	.35
10	Dominica 1882, 3p on half of 1p violet, on part cover, very fine ..	5.00	2.50
32	Germany 1850, 3p, scarce, used..	3.00	1.00
N. Ger.	Postal Dist. 5c, o. g.	4.50	2.00
28b	Gambia, 6p bro-zc green, perfect ..	3.50	1.50
27	Guatemala 1881, 1c on 3p .....	.60	.25
1	Ham. Am. Packet Co., 1cc	2.50	1.25
24	Hanover 1850, 10c green	15.00	5.00
9	Hawaii 1853, 3c blue	10.00	4.00
27	" 1861, 3c, fair	15.00	5.00
29a	" 1866, 3c, blue	5.00	2.25
2	India 1863, 3c blue	3.00	1.00
12	Jamaica 1883, 1p blue, o. g.	3.50	3.50
2	Madeira 1868, 20 bistre	7.50	3.50
3	" 1868, 50p green	8.50	3.50
3	Malta 1863, 3p buff .....	.20	.85
61	Natal 1877, 3p on 1p	1.25	.60
63	" 1877, 1p on 6p	2.50	1.25
24a	Nevis 1879, 1p rose	2.00	1.00
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5a	Newfoundland 1857, 5p br violet ..	5.00	2.00
10a	" 1863, 5p orange brown	3.00	1.40
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120	Obock 50fr, (face \$20.00)	25.00	12.50
10	St. Christopher 1882, 1p lilac rose ..	10.00	4.80
16	" 1885, 1p on 6p	1.00	.50
18	" 1885, 4p on 6p	7.50	3.50
19	" 1887, 1p on 3p	2.00	1.00
St. Lucia	1864, 1p black	1.25	.62
20	Saxony 1885, 5p	2.00	.85
20	Samoli Coast 50 fr, (face \$10.00) ..	25.00	12.50
73	Trinidad 1894, 3sh	3.00	1.65
40	Turks Island 1861, 4p	3.00	1.00
34	Victoria 1857, 1p yellow green, unpriced, probably worth \$50 to \$75, a fine one for		25.00
37	Victoria 1857, 1p, imperf.	1.85	.90
40	Same rouletted	7.50	3.75
40a	Same as above except yellow green ..	8.00	3.75

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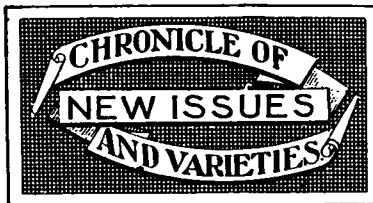
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By HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

BRITISH SOMALILAND—*Ewen's Weekly* says the other values of the new issue of King's head Indian stamps will shortly follow the $\frac{1}{2}$ a just issued. There is not likely to be a King's head issue of the rupee value.

CEYLON.—The King's head stamps thus far issued are 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 12c, 15c, 25c and 30c. The 12c and 25c were the last to be issued.

DOMINICA.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the low values of the new set, chronicled last week. The stamps are all of the same size, the 5sh being of the same design as the same value in the Montserrat and Antigua issues. The other values have a large view of the Island from the sea, the printing being horizontally arranged. The picture appears in an oblong opening with square corners at the bottom and a curved top. The frame is commonplace and the stamp does not present a very attractive appearance, notwithstanding the beauty of the scene depicted in the vignette. This completes the series authorized for the Islands, about as pronounced an example of "speculative" or "unnecessary" issues as it is possible to conceive. This point takes greater prominence when it is known that the regular Leeward Islands stamps are to be issued simultaneously with these new sets, according to the official announcement.

MALTA.—*Ewen's Weekly* announces the issue of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d King's head stamp. This

leaves only the 5sh to be issued with King's head, if, as now seems likely the 4d is retained with Queen's head.

Adhesive (Regular):

$2\frac{1}{2}$ d blue, centre brown violet.

Since writing the above we have been shown this striking stamp by Mr. Frank P. Brown.

BULGARIA.—*Der Philatelist* chronicles the 1st of the current set in the colors of the 15 st.

PORTUGAL.—By decree dated July 1, 1903, the Geographical Society of Lisbon has been granted free postage throughout Portugal, and a stamp has been issued. The design is engraved with arms surmounted by a crown in the centre, and "Sociedade de Geographia de Lisbon" in a circle, open at the top (to allow space for the crown). At the bottom the words "Porte Franco" extend across the stamp. The ornamentation is graceful, and the same pleasing. No value is expressed but there is a variety of colors, *Der Philatelist* giving black, light red, light blue, dark blue and dark red.

Annual Meeting of Brooklyn Stamp Club.

The annual election of officers of the Brooklyn Stamp Club took place on Monday evening, October 5th, and the following were elected for the ensuing year:

President—David Minaldi.

Vice-President—J. F. Minaldi.

Second Vice-President—Louis F. C. Schmidt.

Secretary—H. A. Talbot.

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Assistant Auction Manager—H. H. Reiners.

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Meetings are held on the first and third Monday evenings of each month at the Rooms of the Club, Corner of DeKalb Ave. and Broadway, Brooklyn.

Advertisers and correspondents will please have their copy in Monday to ensure appearance in issue of same week.

New York Notes.

By METROPOLIS.

The Nassau Stamp Co., which recently had a narrow escape from losing its stock through a fire in the building, is still doing business at the old stand. Mr. John Kleemann, president of the Company, claims that his firm is the only concern doing business in the building.

Saymon's Magazine of this city has discontinued publication after issuing one number. The first issue was a very creditable number and we expected the journal to prove a success. Mr. Saymon, the publisher, has our sympathy.

The Greater New York Stamp & Coin Company announce that they will hold regular monthly auction sales during the season. There will certainly be a sufficient number of sales held here to keep the bidders busy all through the year.

The American Fiscal Philatelic Society has decided to hold its convention in New York City, instead of Brooklyn. The convention will meet at the Collectors Club this week.

Mr. John F. Seybold writes me from Detroit that he called on a number of the collectors of that city and was warmly welcomed everywhere. He displayed some of his best covers and the Detroit philatelists who saw them said that they can never forget the sight and some of them remarked that they were afraid they would dream about them during the night. One man said: "I saw some of those covers illustrated in the *Perforator* but I never expected to see the originals of those pictures."

I am informed that Mr. A. Platz, the Exchange Superintendent of the Sons of Philatelia, is seriously ill and for this reason is unable to answer correspondence and attend to the duties of his office. Many of the members of the S. of P. who have books in the Exchange Department could not understand why their stamps were not returned and their letters left unanswered. The fact that Mr. Platz is in such poor health will no doubt explain the true state of affairs.

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1p to 1d, 8 varieties, unused.....	.90
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Gt. Britain 1912, 1sh red and green.....	\$0.00	\$0.05
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Guatemala 1900, 1c, 2c, 6c.....	.08	.03
"Nicaragua 1869, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25c.....	1.25	.40
" " 1878, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25c.....		.30
D. Indies 1901, ½c, 1c; 1912 ½ on 2, 2½ on 3c.....	.12	.05
Netherlands Due, ½, 1, 1½, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 25c.....	.22	.08
Austria 1900, 30, 50, 60, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25c.....	.16	.03
45 different Netherlands, fine lot.....	1.10	.38
35 " Japan, ".....	1.00	.35

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THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.**Chicago Notes.**

A. C. Stewart of the Toledo Stamp Co. is in the city on one of his semi-annual trips. Mr. Stewart says that business has been very good with him the past few weeks, and he anticipates a large trade during the coming season.

Local collectors were somewhat surprised when they heard that F. J. Lefevre, a local collector of long standing, announced his intention of disposing of his magnificent general collection, consisting of nearly 15,000 varieties. Mr. Lefevre will still retain his fine collection of U. S. and hereafter specialize in the stamps of this country and its colonies.

While the usual large crowd was not in evidence at Wolsieffer's last sale, the bidding was somewhat brisk, those present buying heavily. The following are some of the prices realized:

	Cat.	Sale
	price.	price.
U. S., pair 3c, No. 79, grilled all over,		\$24.00 \$9.50
Horizontal pair 90c, No. 155, o. g.,	30.00	12.10
Strip of 3 \$20.00 3rd issue Revenue,	45.00	17.50
10c 1847,	4.00	2.90
1c, No. 40,	7.50	4.60
24c, No. 78, unused, no gum,	4.00	2.60
6c, 1869, o. g.,	4.00	3.10
15c, " used,	3.50	1.85
30c, " unused, no gum,	15.00	7.20
90c, " used,	15.00	5.80
10c, 1870,	10.00	4.60
24c Agriculture,	5.00	2.80
1c Executive,	8.00	4.40
12c Justice,	3.00	1.65
90c " off centre,	37.50	10.10
\$2.00 State, few perfs. cut,	22.50	10.10
\$10.00 Probate, imperf.,	25.00	9.60
\$20.00 Conveyance, imperf.,	1.50	1.10
\$1.60 Foreign Exch., perf.,	2.00	1.30
\$20.00 Conveyance, " "	1.15	.95
\$25.00 Mortgage, " "	4.00	2.10
\$200.00, perf.,	15.00	8.00
\$3.50, 2nd issue,	5.00	2.55
Hawaii 5c, No. 5, thick paper, unused,	50.00	14.50
13c, No. 6, unused,	18.00	7.60
5c, No. 8,	?	5.40
5c, No. 22, used,	25.00	9.60
1c, No. 25, 10th in plate 9, unused,	20.00	15.05
5c, No. 29a, o. g.,	5.00	3.40
13c, No. 29b, " "	30.00	14.05
12c, No. 69, " "	16.50	8.05
Gt. Britain, Mulready, 1d, No. 402,	2.00	1.30
Mulready, 2d, No. 403,	7.50	4.50

The attractive combination lots brought a fair percentage of catalogue.

CLIFFORD.

The Postage Stamps of Servia.*

When on the morning of June 11th, 1903, the horrible news spread abroad, King Alexander I. and his queen Draga had been foully murdered in their palace at Belgrade together with a number of relatives and loyal courtiers, the astonished nations looked with a feeling of horror towards the East. Even philatelically the unfortunate ruler was put to death as witnessed by the posthumous stamp issue chronicled last month showing the King's portrait obliterated by the Arms of Servia. Peter I. Karageorgewitch, a member of an old ruling family became the successor. Thus Servia has forced itself into the foreground again, and the interest taken in the stamps of this kingdom is apparently well maintained, many dealers being not able to cope with the demand. A few remarks on the history of the Servian postal issues should be in season.

Preliminary Issue, May, 1866. Newspaper Tax Stamps.—The first stamps ever issued for Servia are properly speaking Provisionals, manufactured in Belgrade, until the arrival of a supply ordered from Vienna, and, moreover, they are not postage stamps but fiscals, used at the frontiers and affixed there by Post Office officials on all foreign newspapers entering Servia. They were never obliterated, merely placed so that in removing the wrapper the stamps were torn. The 1st October, 1866, is generally accepted as day of issue, but Mr. Durst has been able to prove conclusively in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* that 1st May, 1866, is the correct date. Design: Arms of Servia on solid background in a circle of pearls, and inscription in Russian letters above, "K. C. POSHTA" (Princely Servian Post), the value below. These labels are coarse in execution, being typographed from a woodcut in sheets of twelve; the printing and colouring is very bad. Two values, both imperf., 1 para olive green or dark green on rose surface-coloured paper, and 2 paras brown on lilac, with shades. There is also a so-called error, 2p green on lilac, but the postal use of it is not confirmed; according to Senf and Kohl it is a proof. The 1p is also printed on thick and on thin paper coloured right through.

I. Issue of Postage Stamps, October, 1866.—On October 1st, 1866 (Mr. Durst claiming the 1st of July) the first issue of newspaper and postage stamps proper, appeared, large stamps with the portrait of the ruling Prince, Michael III. Obrenowitch with inscription on a ribbon flying round his head "K. SRBSKA POSHTA"

*I had commenced writing about the stamps of Servia when the July number of *Die Post* arrived containing an article covering practically the same field up to 1902, though containing several inaccuracies. Having no wish to appear as a plagiarist it was thought best to translate and correct the same, and make use of it in connection with my own notes.

A Scarce HAWAIIAN Stamp,

Catalogue No. 7, Unused.

Pen-written surcharge in black.

1853 5c on 13c dark red, price..... \$20.00

It is in the same album in which it was stuck after bought at the Honolulu Post Office, and will be sent on the original piece of the album leaf.

The outer part of "3" in right hand upper 13 is cut off, but none of the other letters or figures are cut into. Its color is bright, and it is a fine copy of this scarce unused stamp and

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in Russian letters, same meaning as last. This time the stamps are more carefully done, being engraved and printed at Vienna. The series consist of three values:—10p orange, 20p rose, 40p blue, perf. 12. In November of the same year two additional values were issued, but printed in Belgrade and perf. 9½; 1p olive-green and 2p dark brown or yellow-brown. The Servians furthermore printed from the Austrian dies the 20p in deep and pale rose, and the 40p deep and pale ultramarine. This series, which is printed indifferently on ordinary paper, does not contain the 10p value; it came out later but printed on pelure paper, when the 20p and 40p were also printed on pelure, all perf. 9½. Two errors occur in the inscription, viz:—on the 2p stamp "PARF" instead of "PARE," and on the 20p is the "CK" misplaced into "KC." During 1868-69 the 1p and 2p values are printed once more, the paper is ordinary wove again, but the stamps are imperforate and the same errors of the 2p recur—1p green, pale green, olive-green; 2p red-brown or yellow-brown, imperforate.

II. Issue, 1869-70.—In the meantime, 10th June, 1868, Prince Michael III. has been assassinated by adherents of the Karageorgewitch family, the same rivals to the throne who have enacted *this* year's tragedy, and his nephew Milan followed as ruler at the age of 14. In July, 1869, the head of the boy appeared on the stamps in a solid disc with only the word "POSHTA" (Post) at top and "PARA" below; numerals in the four corners, printed on paper of various thickness, and showing the most different perforations. Gibbons' says:—"The paper of this issue, as well as that of 1879 (which is only a fresh printing), varies from thin to thick, but it is not possible to make up sets in any satisfactory manner. Most of the varieties on thick paper are found in the later issue. Some values in the 1869-78 issue may also be found on yellowish toned paper, and some values exist with an oily gum, which makes the stamps more or less transparent." It is difficult to find one's way through this maze without getting lost, but collectors have at any rate one means of guiding,

namely, the margin. In the first edition, 1869-78, the width is 1mm. all round, whilst the second edition, 1879-80, has a much wider margin (about 2mm.), therefore a collector knows that a stamp with a wide margin between perforation and design belongs without doubt to the later printing. The different perforations of this issue are as follows:—

1869-78, coarse, perf 9½,—10p brown, 15p orange, 20p blue or grey-blue, 25p rose, 35p green, 40p pale violet and 50p blue-green.

Fine perf. 12.—1p yellow, 10p brown or red-brown, 15p orange, 20p blue or grey-blue, 25p rose, 35p deep green, 40p deep or pale violet, 50p blue-green.

Compound perfs. 9½x12, or 12x9½.—1p yellow, 10p brown, 15p orange, 20p blue or grey-blue, 25p rose or deep rose, 35p green, 40p dark or light violet, 50p green. According to "Kohl" 1p yellow and 20p grey-blue are found in pairs, centre imperf., the 15p and 25p values have been met with entirely imperforate.

Regarding forgeries of this issue, Bright's Catalogue has an interesting note:—"Clever forgeries exist of the 1869 series, but may be distinguished by a clear white line, outlining the back of the head, down to and underneath the neck. In the original, this line is always very faint and in a large number of cases filled up by an excess of colour. The shading on the face, from the parting of the hair to the chin, consists in the forgeries of 32 lines, and in the genuine of 35."

III. Issue, 1872.—Prince Milan having come to age in 1872 we now find the 2p stamp, issued July, 1873, with a more manly portrait in a disc of white, the colour is also changed to black, paper thin, imperf.

IV. Issue, 1879, a re-issue of 1869.—It is very probable that a complete new set was contemplated, but nothing further came of it, and in 1879 the whole series of 1869, including the new 2p stamp just mentioned were printed once more:—1p yellow, 2p black, the latter must not be confounded with the 2p of 1873. It is now on thick paper, from a worn plate, having the "T" in the upper inscription broken, there is also a white dot behind the ear, imperf. This second type is mostly cancelled to order. The other stamps are variously perforated and are printed from new plates; the space from stamp to stamp is 3 to 4mm. instead 2mm., the margin of every adhesive is therefore wider as stated previously, and the single stamps are larger.

1879, perf. 9½.—10p brown-red, 20p blue or grey-blue, 25p rose or pale rose.

Perf. 12.—1p yellow, 10p red-brown, yellow-brown, also orange, 20p blue or grey-blue, 25p pale rose.

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Watch this space for *important* announcement next week.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

Chicago.—Chicago Philatelic Society Sale No. 25, by F. N. Massoth, Auction Manager, Saturday evening, Oct. 24, at 7:45, in Room 6, 151 Washington St. 635 lots.

New York City.—The 63rd sale of Geo. R. Tuttle, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 24, at 2, at 116 Nassau St. Nearly 660 lots.

Received: From Port Hope Stamp & Coin Co., price list of Canadian and a few U. S. stamps and coins.

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Mr. C. A. Howes calls our attention to the fact that the 15c rose China stamp of the new Colonial design has been surcharged in black with a large figure "5." The overprinting was done at Shanghai, 9000 copies being thus surcharged. Like many other French Colony surcharges, the necessity is open to grave doubts.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. left Boston last week for a trip to the Pacific Coast. He will return about Nov. 10.

Mr. Louis Gundelfinger of Fresno, Cal., has been visiting in the East of late, and was a caller at the New England Stamp Co.'s office last week.

Mr. H. E. Deats was in Boston last week, and made his way around quietly among his friends.

B. L. Drew & Co. have bought the collection of Mr. D. Strasser of Albany, N. Y., said to catalogue about \$19,000. It will go into stock.

Mr. Harry W. Legg of the J. M. Bartels Co. has returned from a vacation of several weeks spent with his friends in the northern part of the state.

The first auction sale of the season of the J. M. Bartels Co. was held Oct. 16 and 17.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 116th sale was held Oct. 7 and 8. Among the more noticeable items may be mentioned: Lot No. 4, vertical pair of 10c 1847 on cover, brought \$8.60, considerably more than catalogue. Lot 46, 3c 1867, 11x13 grill, unused, full o. g., brought \$3.95, while the 6c re-issue of 1869, fine o. g. copy, sold at \$3. A full unused set of Omaha, face value \$3.80, sold for \$3.90. They could probably be picked up at retail for less. The state revenues brought good prices, and the brass cotton revenue tag, mentioned in No. 541 of the ERA, sold for 50c. No. 272, Scott's No. 31a Argentine, 2c on 5c, surcharge inverted, sold at \$3.05, while Scott's No. 88, 20 peso, with revenue cancellation brought \$7. No. 330 Bermuda, 1874, 3d on 1d, used, sold at \$6.20, something less than half catalogue. No. 347, £1 British Bechuanaland and No. 348, £5 of the same colony, both fine copies in postoffice state, sold at \$6.90 and \$25.50 respectively. The 7½d Canada, Scott's No. 9, on piece of cover, sold at \$8.60, while the 2 rupee 50c Ceylon, Scott's No. 82, used, brought \$10.15. No. 512, 1sh Dominica, in post

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office state, Scott's No. 24, sold at \$7.10, and the 5sh and 10sh Gold Coast 1900 brought \$2.05 and \$4.10 respectively. Lot No. 608, Guatemala 1882, 20c with inverted center brought \$9.10, nearly full catalogue. The Northern Nigeria set, unused Queen's head, face 47c, brought \$1.65, while the Queen's head Southern Nigeria, unused, sold at about double face. Virgin Islands, Scott's No. 18, 4d on 1d, used, brought \$5.60, and the 1sh No. 20, sold for \$7.40. Six varieties of West Australia, Scott's Nos. 32, 33, 34, 34a, 41 and 42, catalogued at \$6, sold at \$5.10, and No. 1165, 15c black of 1867, 9x13 grill, o. g. and evenly centered brought only \$5.90. The auctioneer was Mr. J. H. Lyons who put through the sale with his usual skill and snap.

Mr. John F. Seybold to Exhibit.

Mr. John F. Seybold of Syracuse, N. Y., in whose collection of "Original Covers" so much interest has been manifested by readers of the ERA, will exhibit his collection of covers before the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences in the Art Building, 174 Montague St., Brooklyn, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 18, 1903, at 8.15. This collection is one of the finest of its kind in this country, and all philatelists in New York and Brooklyn are specially invited to be present to view this unique display.

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Henry B. Smith, for the last fifteen years curator here, formerly of Gratiot Ave., has again opened a curio shop at 345 Michigan Ave., where he will be pleased to meet all his numismatic as well as philatelic friends.

H. A. Boies of Amherstburg, Ontario, was a visitor here this week. He reports his Exchange Agency is flourishing. Among the exchanges received was a copy of the 1861 2c, used diagonal across as 1c, also two 2c Certificate, blue and orange, both with a double print.

Homer Sanderson after an extended trip through Canada has returned home.

The most important thing in Philately this week was the visit of John F. Seybold of Syracuse, N. Y., "An Advanced Collector", as his card reads, and he is certainly entitled to this phrase. Combining a little philately and business he spent several days here making the acquaintance of the local "frats." Mr. Seybold carries with him an innocent little book, but the contents would make the heart of a true phil. flutter to about 105 deg., a sort of a fever heat. Well, to come down to the point, I doubt if the collectors who were favored with a look will ever again see such a display, and what he showed was merely a picking of his vast collection of original covers. Here was the Brattleboro worth \$650.00; 12d Canada, \$600.00; Oldenburg Cover, \$100.00; Saxony, \$50.00; Hawaiian Islands, \$100.00; New York, 4 copies 5c, \$50.00; Swiss, 4c Vaul., \$135.00; Swiss, 5c pair, \$75.00; 3 copies 90c 1857, \$125; a pair of Swiss Basle, \$100.00; 1c invert Pan-American; 1 block of 20 U. S. 90c, Washington. These were just a few that I made a memo. of, but the balance he displayed were all gems. Those who were

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While Mr. Seybold was here he made a side trip to Pontiac, and spent several hours with H. B. Seagrave, also an advanced collector. Whatever transpired between the two can easily be imagined, and Mr. Seagrave wrote me he never spent a more enjoyable time than this with Mr. Seybold.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:

I suppose ere this reaches you that the election report will have been published and the proper officers are beginning to take hold of their respective duties. It has been over a year since the P. S. C. was organized, and since then it has surely had its share of trouble, but now with one of our best weekly papers as Official Organ we can surely prosper. All departments of the Club will be put into running order at once and to make a success of the Club I desire a hearty co-operation of each and every member.

The coming stamp season will, I believe, be one of the best for our respected branch of collecting that we have ever had. What we want now is new members and also the help of old ones. I shall be pleased to hear from all members at any time concerning the welfare of the Club and as members I believe that you should deem it your duty to offer any suggestions relating to the advancement of our Club. For myself I think the time is not far off when the older pre-cancelled stamps will be rare, in fact some of them are almost unobtainable at any price, so collectors grasp this opportunity and join our ranks. The Sales Superintendent can use some more good books of stamps, send along what you have.

Those members who have not paid their dues are kindly requested to do at once.

Trusting the members will take a deep interest for the betterment of the Club and thanking you for the courteous treatment you have shown me heretofore, I am,

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BULGARIA.—*La Cote Reelle* reports that the 10st stamp having become exhausted, the 15st current stamp has been surcharged "10," in large figures in black.

Adhesive (Provisional):

10st on 15st lilac, rose and grey black.

CEYLON.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new wrapper with King's head stamp of the current design. It is suggested that the wrapper may be of a private nature, as in addition to the usual "instructions," there is an inscription above the space for the address reading, "If not delivered please return to the 'Times of Ceylon.'—Daily and Weekly Editions.—Times Building, Colombo, Ceylon." All the letter press is in precisely the same shade of bistre-yellow as the stamp. It is rather remarkable that while this 5c newspaper stamp is in yellow, the new 5c stamp on the envelope (which by the way we have not previously chronicled) is in blue and the new adhesives of that value in lilac. The same authority says that the 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 12c, 15c, 25c, and 30c King's head stamps are now on sale at the General Post Office, Colombo, while the 6c, 75c, 1r 50c and 2r 25c are of the Queen's head type.

Envelope (Regular):

5c dark blue on cream.

Wrapper (Regular?):

5c bistre yellow on buff, 6½ in. wide.

COLOMBIA, *Bolivar*.—Mr. A. W. Dunning has shown us two interesting covers from Barranquilla. The first was mailed in New York and is franked with a 5c U. S. stamp, but also bears 4 of the 20c purple stamps "Ple de la Popa," used as postage due stamps. The other cover is franked with a rubber stamp similar to that described for Tumaco in No. 541 of the

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ERA. It reads "No hay estampillas—Pago \$0.20 cs.—Per El Agente Postal Nacional—Fuez."

"\$0.20 cs," "Per" and "Fuez" are written in black the rest stamped in purple ink. On the reverse is a large circular stamp 2½ in. in diameter, reading "República de Colombia—Barranquilla in the outer line; "Departamento de Bolívar" in the second line at the top,—and "Prefectura de la Provincia" in the third line at the bottom. In the center is the arms of Colombia, the whole roughly printed with a rubber stamp.

Mr. Dunning also kindly furnishes us with the following interesting items regarding the Departmental and National stamps of Colombia, obtained by his correspondent in Barranquilla, from the Departmental Chief of Bolívar.

Departmental stamps of Bolívar are only sold in lots of \$2,000 face value.

There are few National mail routes in the country (Colombia). On letters posted to points on these routes and also to foreign countries the National stamps are used. Each Department (or State) supplements this meagre means of communication by independent mail routes at the cost of the department. On these mail routes the letters are carried by canoe or mule back, and on such letters the Departmental stamps are used. These routes have been mostly abandoned since (and during) the revolution which commenced in 1898, but are now being re-opened.

Boyaca.—Several authorities chronicle two new stamps in the current series. They are large, nearly square in shape, and of peculiar and homely design. The 5 pesos has the monument of Boyaca as the central figure, while the 10 pesos bears a portrait of Gen. Marroquin. Both stamps have "Correos—Republic de Colombia" in two straight lines at the top with "Departamento de Boyaca" in a curved line over the central picture. The 10 pesos has ornamental work to support this curved line, but in the 5 pesos the picture fills the full width of the stamp. *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* says that 26,

000 5 pesos stamps and 36,000 10 pesos stamps were printed.

Adhesives (Regular):

5p black on rose.
 10p black on chamois.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Apropos of the proposed new issue for the Islands, Mr. Frank P. Brown has received the following from a high official:

"I now have to inform you that the jubilee stamps will not be issued—the home authorities will not permit it. The idea emanated with the people of St. Thomas, and they are sorry that they have failed to gain the approval of the high officials."

Mr. J. M. Bartels has received substantially the same information from the postmaster at St. Thomas. Notwithstanding the above the foreign exchanges continue to announce the issue of such a commemorative set for Denmark, to appear in November.

ECUADOR.—Mr. A. W. Dunning submits for inspection a copy of the 25c yellow fiscal surcharged in black "Correos—Un Centavo" in an oval. This has already been chronicled and is catalogued in the advance sheets.

FRANCE.—The question of the adoption of the parcels post and the issue of a special series of stamps for that service is being considered by the authorities according to *La Cote Reelle*.

HAYTI.—Scott's Nos. 69, 70, 72, 74, 75, 76 and 77 with surcharges inverted, are reported as having been received by Mr. A. W. Dunning.

INDO-CHINA.—The 25c blue has been surcharged "15" in large figures in black, according to *La Cote Reelle*. It is rumored that the 2c stamp has also received the same surcharge, but the latter has not yet been seen.

Adhesive (Provisional):

15c on 25c blue.

Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste asks what is the use of the surcharge (5c on 15c) chronicled last week in "Boston Bits," when they have been bought up by speculators who are now offering them, some at 10 francs each while others are more modest and are content with one dollar.

IVORY COAST.—Another parcels post provisional is chronicled by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. Only 1800 were printed, the surcharging being done on the postage due stamps of the French Colonies. There were 1440 stamps with thick "4," 288 stamps with thinner "4" and 72 with upper part of "4" triangular. The first variety sells in Paris at 12 francs and the others at 50 and 80 francs, all used.

Adhesive (Postal Packet):

4 francs on 60c violet.

SERVIA.—We understand that the 1 dinar stamp of the suppressed series has been

surcharged 1 para, but definite information is yet lacking.

SEYCHELLES.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new 3c provisional on King's head stamp.

Adhesive (Provisional):

3c on 18c olive green and carmine.

SOMALI COAST.—In announcing the issue of the current series with black centers, *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* says that a stamp with dark blue frame and light blue center which had been printed just before the change of colors, was put on sale at the same time as the new stamps. Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us this stamp.

TUNIS.—*La Cote Reelle* chronicles two new values of the current postage due set to complete the series.

Adhesives (Postage Due):

4fr red on green.
 5fr black on yellow.

WURTEMBERG.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the 30pf and 40pf Official stamps in two colors chronicled in the ERA, No. 512.

October Meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society.

Last Tuesday evening nearly 40 members of the Boston Society gathered at its hall in Elks' Place to attend an unusually excellent meeting. President Lombard was in the chair. Henry S. Hernan of Malden was elected to membership. The Springfield Stamp Club was tendered a vote of thanks for a photograph of the public stamp exhibit held during the meeting of the A. P. A. in that city last year. The most important business of the evening and one that will prove a boon to the busy members of the Society is the placing in the office of the New England Stamp Co. all publications in the possession of the Library Committee or hereinafter received by that committee. This firm very graciously permits this privilege and its generosity will be appreciated by the members. Plans were suggested for next year's entertainments and a committee will report carefully considered details. An impromptu auction was held in charge of Auctioneer Lyons.

The exhibits of the evening were in two classes. First, U. S. adhesives to members who had never taken a prize. In this class there were three entries:

W. H. Randall (silver medal).

C. K. B. Nevins (bronze medal).

H. P. Harris.

The second class was United States cut square envelopes and resulted as follows:

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The 26th regular meeting of the N. E. P. A. will be held at the American House, Hanover St., Boston, on Tuesday evening, November 3rd at 8 o'clock. A silver medal will be awarded the best collection of Canada, postage only, and all members are urgently requested to participate in this competition.

The 25th regular meeting of the N. E. P. A. was held at the American House, Boston, on Tuesday evening, October 6th. The meeting was called to order shortly after 8 o'clock by President Cone, some nine members and friends being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, also the report of the Treasurer showing a balance on hand, October 1st, of \$5.32 exclusive of Insurance Fund.

The following application for membership was posted:

MR. FRANCIS A. C. HILL, Hyde Park, Mass.; proposed by Mr. Gardner R. Kennedy.

The Secretary then announced that Mr. Horace S. Hernan, of Malden, Mass., having paid his dues in full for the current year had been re-instated in accordance with the usual custom in such cases.

There being no further business, the meeting was placed in the hands of the Entertainment Committee who announced that they had received but one exhibit. This exhibit, however, was a very interesting one and the judges had no hesitancy in bestowing upon the owner, Mrs. W. D. Smith, of Portsmouth, N. H., the Silver Medal.

Several members showed interesting books of stamps during the very pleasant and informal interim before adjournment and considerable excitement was created at one time by the supposed discovery of a used copy of the 1869 24c with picture inverted, priced at \$2.75 in one of the books shown and which was quickly pulled out by the owner. When the windows had been opened, however, the glasses rubbed and the smoke allowed to clear away, it was found to be only an ordinary copy after all was restored to its place in the book.

The meeting finally adjourned at about ten o'clock after a very pleasant meeting.
FRANK A. WILSON, Sec'y.

BY METROPOLIS.

Local philatelists were greatly surprised when it was reported here that the ERA had been sold and would henceforth be published in Boston.

The next meeting of the Brooklyn Stamp Club will be held Monday, November 2.

The first annual convention of the American Fiscal Philatelic Society was held at the Collectors Club on Friday evening, October 16. Among those present were A. E. Lawrence, A. M. Trujillo, H. Stein, Raymond Wilcox, F. P. Lothrop, Dr. L. M. Homburger, E. Salman, W. J. Salva, George R. Tuttle and Charles Huber. The meeting was called to order by President Lawrence at 9 P. M. A canvass of the ballots cast showed the following officers were elected: President, A. E. Lawrence, Yonkers, N. Y.; 1st Vice-President, E. A. Woods, New York; 2nd Vice-President, W. W. Norton, Lime Rock, Conn.; Secretary, R. Wilcox, New York; Treasurer, J. H. Petersen, New York; Exchange Superintendent, F. J. Schoof, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Auction Manager, A. Herbst, New York; Librarian, W. J. Salva, New York. Trustees, T. O. Young, New Haven, N. Y., A. M. Trujillo, New York, Dr. L. M. Homburger, New York, J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa., and A. B. Kay, London, Eng. After the election of officers had taken place it was moved that the organization be known hereafter as the "Philatelic Fiscal Society of New York," the motion was carried and the new title adopted.

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President Lawrence displayed his magnificent collection of Foreign Revenues which contained many of the very scarce British Colonial Fiscals. The members present predicted a successful future for the Fiscal Society and everyone of them promised to work for the welfare of the organization. Dr. Lionel M. Homburger has given the Society permission to hold its future meetings at his residence No. 167 West 71st street. The Society will meet there on the first Monday in every month. The *Philatelic West* was selected as official journal.



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this,—
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The lady from France she walks like this in a rousey manner,
The Sidney sort she sits like this in a drowzy manner.
Now which do you like the best, Good Sir,—
Now which do you like to see—
The crouching crude Australian girl—
Or the lady from gay Par-ee?

The lady from France she heralds the day in a breezy manner,
The other one shines in the grocery way in a cheesy manner.
Now which would you like to be, Madame,—
Now which would you like to be,—
The lightsome, lithe, Lutetian lass—
Or the maiden from far Svdn-ee?

The Parisian girl is frank and French in a cheery manner,
The grocery girl is a wearisome wench with a dreary manner.
So at whom shall we shout *a bas* ! Monsieur ?—
And for whom shall we shout *hurra*y ?—
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EDITED BY

C. A. HOWES, 55 KILBY ST., BOSTON.

Readers of the WEEKLY are invited to send to the Editor of this department such questions as it may trouble them to find satisfactory answers for, and the Editor will endeavor to help them as far as possible. Trivial questions such as may readily be answered by a glance at the catalogue are not desired but those that may prove interesting to the large body of collectors will be welcomed. Should a written reply be desired please enclose postage, otherwise the query will be taken up in this column.

1. I have a 1 pes. brown of Peru, 1862 issue, which lacks the color on the lower third of the stamp. The impression is there in a slightly embossed form but the stamp reminds one of a partial albino stamped envelope. Did an extra piece of paper get in the way during printing?

ANS. It was doubtless due to a piece of paper but in this way: The four square stamps of 1862-72 and the two of 1871-3 in the catalogue were printed on vertical strips of paper. When an end was reached another strip was pasted on and the printing continued. It thus happens that an impression often comes directly over the joined ends and when the stamp was soaked by some collector, perhaps, the pieces came apart leaving one impression a partial or even whole albino.

2. How can the genuine Alsace and Lorraine stamps be told from the common reprints?

ANS. The common form of the genuine stamps has the points of the scallops in the background turned upward. These were not reprinted. All the reprints, so-called, for they are rather official counterfeiters, have the points in this network turned downward. The originals also occur, though mostly rare in this condition, with the points downwards so that a further means of identification is needed and is found in the length of the word POSTES.

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In the genuine the length of this word is from 11 to a little over 12 millimetres; in the reprint about 13mm. The letter P also is 3mm. from the colored border in the originals and but 2½mm. in the reprints.

3. Just what is the extent and distinguishing feature of the two types of 5 cent U. S. 1857?

ANS. If a 5 cent stamp of the preceding issue (the unperforated one) be examined there will be found a fine line of color running entirely around the outside of the stamp. On the slight projection at top and bottom, between the rounded corners, this outer line was first cut away to make a little more space between the stamps for the perforation. This is Type II. Afterwards most of the projection itself was cut away and this is Type III. Type I is the normal type with full projections.

4. I have been asked if Korea belongs to the Postal Union.

ANS. Yes, Korea was admitted to the Postal Union on January 1, 1900. Her new set prepared for that event was not ready, the first values appearing three weeks later, viz., 2 cheun and 3 cheun. The 1895 issue which had hitherto been good only for local postage was therefore given an international character by this event and this set is even now receivable for international postage. The money unit, by the way, is pronounced *che-un* and not *choon*, as I have generally heard it from collectors.

5. Why are Seebecks so cried down if they were good for postage?

ANS. It was the way collectors were "worked" under the Seebeck system that caused the outcry against these issues. They were really sets of labels made primarily for sale to collectors and only secondarily for postal needs. To give them a postal standing they were used for a year, when a new set would be supplied and the remainders (of which the supplying company of course took care that there should be plenty) were demonetized by the coun-

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try in question and became the property of the company to sell at a reduced price to collectors. Not only this, but many of the sets were cancelled by correct postmarks (or copies of them) and thus doubly masqueraded under false colors. We collectors cannot, of course, get over the fact that these stamps were genuinely used for postage, but if we take them and want a guarantee of good faith it is necessary to get them on the original covers, and that, I think, is the most satisfactory and also the most interesting way to collect these issues.

Chicago Notes.

Dr. F. B. Merrill, well known for his fine collection of Australians, is spending a few weeks at his summer home in Maryland. The nucleus of the Dr.'s collection was found while traveling in the antipodes several years ago, where he secured a great number of the early issues in fine condition.

Leonard Michael, the Milwaukee avenue dealer, has disposed of his stock of stamps and also his large general collection, to Fred Michael, a dealer with an office on West Madison St.

B. L. Drew & Co. will hold an auction in Chicago Nov. 7th. The sale will take place at the club room of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

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sisted of several \$100.00 values, a few \$50.00 bistre brown, and a number of copies of the \$10.00 black, all of which were cut, besides a sheet of 80c, unused, with full gum.

F. N. Massoth will hold an auction sale shortly, which will consist of wholesale lots for dealers only. It will contain many stamps, which are seldom, if ever, offered at wholesale.

The United Stamp Co. has purchased the magnificent general collection of Mr. F. H. Wolesey with the exception of the U. S. and Hawaiians it contained.

The collection comprised over 15,000 varieties, and was considered by many to be one of the finest in the west. A large majority of the stamps were unused, with original gum, and the perfect condition can be imagined, when it is known that the approximate catalogue value paid for the collection was a trifle over half.

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The Collectors Club,

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The 98th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Clubhouse on Monday evening, October 12, 1903. Present: Messrs. Andreini, Dewing, Morgenthau, Rich, Scott and Perrin.

The President called the meeting to order at 8.30 P. M. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The resignations of Messrs. Benjamin, Douglas, Castle, Frey, Hawkins, Hussman and Phillips were read and accepted with regrets.

The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$115.31, exclusive of reserve fund, was read and approved. The Treasurer reported that Mr. Kennedy had purchased a share of stock from the Club and is now a stockholder instead of a subscribing member.

The House Committee's report was read and received.

The application of Mr. W. H. Manning, having been posted the required length of time, was balloted upon, and he was declared to have been unanimously elected a subscribing member of the Club.

Adjourned at 9.30 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The eighth meeting of the stockholders and seventh annual meeting of the Club was held at the Club House on Wednesday evening, October 14, 1903.

The meeting was called to order at 8.40 P. M. by President Andreini. The following members answered to the calling of the roll: J. M. Andreini, P. F. Bruner, E. M. Carpenter, L. W. Charlat, C. B. Corwin, W. W. Dewing, N. Dieschbourg, Chas. Gregory, B. von Hodenberg, A. Holland, L. M. Homburger, D. R. Kennedy, J. A. Klemann, A. Krassa, John N. Luff, J. C. Morgenthau, Albert Perrin, Jos. S. Rich, J. W. Scott, Jas. H. Stebbins, Jr., P. Stypman, Geo. R. Tuttle.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting of the stockholders was dispensed with.

The reports of the following officers and committees were read and accepted:

President's, Treasurer's, Secretary's, House Committee's, Amusement Committee's, Auditing Committee's, Literary Committee's, Membership Committee's and Biography Committee's reports:

There being no other business before the meeting, the election of Governors was in order and there being but one ticket the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the Club, which was announced by the President as follows:

Governors to serve until October, 1906: P. F. Bruner, Jos. S. Rich, J. W. Scott. To serve until October, 1904: M. H. Lombard.

The chair thereupon declared Messrs. Bruner, Rich, Scott and Lombard duly elected.

Adjourned at 9.20 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

GOVERNORS' MEETING.

The ninety-ninth meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House on Wednesday evening, October 14, 1903.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Dewing, Morgenthau, Luff, Rich, Scott and Perrin.

The meeting was called to order at 9.25 P. M., with Mr. Bruner in the chair.

Mr. J. M. Andreini was nominated and unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

Mr. P. F. Bruner was nominated and unanimously elected Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Mr. W. W. Dewing was nominated and unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Mr. Albert Perrin was nominated and unanimously elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

The following committees were appointed by the President to serve during the ensuing year:

Executive—J. C. Morgenthau, Chairman, J. O. Hobby, J. W. George.

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Amusement and Exhibition—P. F. Bruner, Chairman, John N. Luff, C. B. Corwin, J. C. Morgenthau, Julius Herzog.

Auditing—J. M. Andreini, Chairman, Wm. Thorne, Henry Clotz.

Literary—Jos. S. Rich, Chairman, H. E. Deats, F. E. P. Lynde.

Membership—W. W. Dewing, Chairman, H. E. Robinson, A. Krassa, W. F. Gregory, E. B. Power.

Biography—John W. Scott, Chairman, Chas. Gregory, Joseph S. Rich.

Mr. J. W. Scott was authorized to have the annual report and membership list printed.

Adjourned at 10 P. M.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

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The Postage Stamps of Servia.

(Continued from page 31.)

V. Issue, 1880.—An entirely new issue was prepared at the end of 1880 and put into circulation 1st January, 1881, probably in view of the impending change of Servia from a Principality to a Kingdom which ultimately took place 6th of March, 1882, after gaining complete independence from Turkey. Mr. Westoby states, "the die was engraved in Vienna but the printing was done in Belgrade on plain white wove paper in sheets of 100, in ten rows of ten"; perf. $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$. The size of stamps begins to get smaller. Milan is depicted in General's uniform within a circle; above is the word "SERBIA," and below "PO-SHTA" (Post) both in the usual Russian letters; large figures of value in the lower corners, but no name of currency indicated. Varieties occur in the colouring only.—5p green, olive-green, grey-green, dark green, greenish-blue, 10p scarlet, rose, pale rose; 20p yellow, orange, red-orange, yellow-orange; 25p blue, deep blue, ultramarine; 50p brown, greyish-brown, violet-brown. The set also contains for the first time a higher value, the 1 dinar (or 1 franc) violet.

VI. Issue, 1890.—King Milan is tired of ruling, he has abdicated, 6th March, 1889, in favour of his son Alexander, born 24th August, 1876, who takes his place under a regency. This is made the occasion of a new issue of postage stamps, February, 1890, of which the die is said to have been engraved in Berlin (see Westoby, *Stamps of Europe*), but the labels are printed in Belgrade as before; perf. $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$. The inscriptions are the same as in the preceding issue, the boy's portrait is not a good likeness; it appears in a sort of square tablet and is rather small.—5p green, 10p rose, carmine, 15p violet, mauve, 20p orange, 25p blue, ultramarine, 50p brown, 1 dinar, lilac.

VII. Issue, 1894-98.—*Granite paper and ordinary paper.*—In 1894 the next move in the philatelic output was made, again in a different design. The King, who now has come to age, is proud of his sprouting beard and anxious to have the world acquainted with this fact. The likeness of the young man is within an oval, with the orthodox branches on each side; a ribbon on top displays the word "SERBIA," below the oval between numerals we now read the denomination, "para" or "dinar," as the case may be, instead "poshta." The new stamps are printed on that same granite paper (a patent paper mottled with red fibres) as used in Austria, perforation as before, $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ —5p green, 10p carmine, 15p violet, 20p orange, 25p blue, 50p dark or light brown, 1 dinar, dark green. In 1896 the 5 and 10p, also probably the 15 and 20p, appear perf $11\frac{1}{2}$. In the same year the 1 dinar label is changed in colour to red on blue paper, perf.

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$13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ at the same time a new 1p stamp in the same design, dull red, is added, but on ordinary, not granite paper, perforated in both sizes $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ and also $11\frac{1}{2}$. Beginning in 1898, ordinary white wove paper is now used throughout and we have the whole set on this paper. The perforation is $11\frac{1}{2}$, but may be found in the old gauge, $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.

VIII. Issue, 1901. Provisionals.—In 1901 the first surcharged provisionals appear, "10 PARA" on 20p rose, in two slightly different types varying chiefly in size of the "10" with an additional minor division of the larger "10" perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$, where the "1" is farther away from the "0." This provisional was followed immediately by another "15 PARA" on 1 dinar red and blue.

IX. Issue, 1901-1903.—The last issue during the life time of the unhappy King Alexander came out chiefly during the year 1902. It is an ambitious design of heraldic conception, the King, who seems to have grown old, is represented under a crowned drapery, known on the Continent as a Coat or Mantle of Arms, shields with figures of value stand in the lower corners. He is trying to lift up his macrocephalous head with a proud gesture, but the sad face is hardly in keeping with it and the minutely reproduced eyeglasses give the over-small portrait a peculiar expression. He looks as if already the clouds are rising before his spectacled vision which shall soon burst above his head, covering him with blood. The set is divided into two sizes, and are all perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$. Of small size are the Para values—5p green, yellow-green; 10p rose; 15p lilac; 20p orange; 25p ultramarine, grey-violet; 50p yellow-brown. Of large size are the Dinar values—1d light brown; 3d lilac-rose; 5d violet.

X. Issue, 1903 Provisional Series.—

The King was not pleased with the insignificant smallness of his portrait and immediately after the unruly Servians had received the preceding set, another die, same size as the last dinar stamps, but with the effigy of the monarch much larger had been ordered from Mons. Mouchon, of Paris. After Alexander's assassination these stamps, which generally resemble very much the 1894 issue, were sold to the public on the 8th July, 1903, but the portrait is completely hidden and obliterated by the Arms of Servia printed over it in various inks. As chronicled in our last, the set consists of 1p red-violet; 5p green, both overprinted in blue; 10p rose; 15p olive (variety, arms printed double); 20p orange; 25p blue, all overprinted in black; 50p grey, arms red; 1d dark green, arms black; 3d violet, arms red-brown; and 5d brown, arms blue. The last two stamps (3 and 5d) are perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$, the rest is perf. $13\frac{1}{2}$. Some of the overprints are done by lithography.

The 1p value of which 96,000 were issued was at once snapped up by speculators, and to supply the dearth the 5d brown had to be surcharged 1 PARA in red, the arms being overprinted in the same colour. It is said, they had been permitted on local circulars only, posted at two Postoffices in Belgrade, and were withdrawn two days after. The present price (2sh 6d each) warrants this statement. The next issue will most likely bear a representation of King Peter I. if he reigns long enough; however rumors of abdication are rife already. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

Postage-due Stamps were first printed in 1895. The design shows the Servian eagle with a white disc in centre bearing a coloured numeral, the whole within a square border inscribed on top "PORTO MARKA" (Postage-due stamp) and value at bottom; granite paper; perf. $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ —5p red lilac (also scarce error, rose); 10p blue; 20p orange-brown; 30p green; 50p rose. The 5p has also been found $11\frac{1}{2}$. In 1898 the 20p value appeared on ordinary white paper, corresponding with the postage stamp issue of the same year, perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$. Of this stamp tete-beche pairs are known.—W. KUHN in *Stamp Collector*.

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UNITED STATES.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* says that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has begun the printing of the new 2c stamps, using four plates. Additional plates will be put upon the presses at once, until all the old ones are superseded. It is expected that they will be distributed to Postmasters early in November.

Mr. L. G. Barrett has added a new color to the 1c envelopes mentioned in the "Boston Notes" in No. 535. This is a deep blue green on white. This makes four shades of the 1c.

Mr. Barrett also calls our attention to the rosy lake shade of the current 2c stamp, a specimen of which has also been shown us by other parties.

ALBANIA.—Mr. Charles de Grave Sells sends us the 10c post card of Italy without name of country, in harmony with the stamps chronicled in No. 536.

Post Card (Regular):
20 paras on 10c lake on buff, 90x14mm.

ARGENTINE.—The *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* states that a 15c envelope with new design, both embossed and not embossed, has been placed on sale. Also a new postcard with stamp of the same type. In order to complete the set there still lacks the 4c and 6cx6c cards and 15c "memorandum."

Envelope (Regular):
15c blue on gray, 150x120mm.

Post Card (Regular):
6c blue on cream, 131x81mm.

BERMUDA.—The 3d, dock type, chronicled in No. 541, should have been in olive and violet.

BOSNIA.—*Mekeel's Weekly* chronicles the 30h with value in black, a companion

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7. Why were the "thunderbolts" placed across the posthorns on the Russian stamps in 1889 when no other change was made in them?

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Death of Col. Olney.

Hon. F. F. Olney, of Providence, R. I., died on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 11.40 P. M., of pneumonia. His name is a very familiar one to philatelists, for years having held membership in our representative philatelic societies. He was one of the oldest members of the A. P. A. having served as president three years commencing August, 1896. During his term the association was incorporated under Minnesota laws. He collected actively up to 1900 when he sold his collection to the New England Stamp Co. Our readers will be interested in the public career of Col. Olney and his active life has had in it much of sacrifice and service as the record will show.

Col. Olney was born in Jersey City, N. J., March 12, 1851, and was the son of Elam W. and Helen (Fuller) Olney. He was a descendant of Thomas Olney, who was one of the companions of Roger Williams in the settlement of Providence in 1636. The family name was given to Olney street and Olneyville. Col. Olney came to this city when 9 years old, and six years later became a clerk in the office of a wool manufacturer. Later he studied law in the office of W. W. & S. T. Douglas. Owing to an increase of business cares he never practiced that profession.

Col. Olney was elected to the common council from ward 1 in 1889, 1890, 1891 and 1893, and to the board of aldermen in 1892 and 1894. He was elected mayor in 1894 and 1896 park commissioner in January, 1895, and police commissioner Nov. 26, 1901. He was chairman of the board of state charities and corrections, and for several years, and up to the day following his election as police commissioner, he was chairman of the Republican city committee.

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EDITORIAL.

Philately has truly lost a loyal supporter, —a warm friend,—an able advocate! Hon. F. F. Olney, whose death is recorded in another column was a large hearted philatelist, with a pure love for stamp collecting and an approachable disposition that made it easy for fellow collectors to get acquainted with him. His services to the city in which he lived, to the fraternal organizations in which he had membership, to the political party that claimed his allegiance, were all characterized by the attributes of manliness that philatelists appreciated and admired. It was the privilege of the writer to know something of the character of Col. Olney and it is with a profound sense of the loss that is ours that these lines are penned. Such men give strength to any enterprise, to any organization. The American Philatelic Association and the Boston Philatelic Society have both lost a powerful support.

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The editor and the business manager have had a serious disagreement. The business manager contends that a bill should be sent to every subscriber who has allowed himself to be in arrears. On the other hand the editor declares that philatelists are men of honor and as such do not need any such reminder. He contends that this brief editorial note will be sufficient to rain a shower of half dollars upon the desk of the business manager. In this way many dollars will be saved in postage and stationery, to say nothing of expended energy, all of which will aid in making the ERA powerful in propagating philately. Note the label! If your number is included in the whole number given in the dateline on the first page of the ERA, your subscription has expired. Let the business manager know that the editor's faith in

humanity is well grounded by an immediate remittance.

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Our philatelic societies are now engaged in preparing their programs for the winter season. A great deal of ingenuity is being displayed in the outlines of exhibits and entertainments and we cannot refrain from mentioning one that the International Philatelic Union has given a place to. At the May meeting no less than seven classes of single stamps will be exhibited as follows:

- (a) One Stamp for every Year from 1840.
- (b) Varieties of Paper.
- (c) Varieties of Colour.
- (d) Varieties of Printing.
- (e) Varieties of Perforation.
- (f) Different Countries.
- (g) Types of Surcharge.

Here, surely, will be a great feast of good things along lines that will interest most any philatelist and the wonder will be how one evening can give the attendant sufficient time to appreciate such an exhibit.

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As shown in the report of the secretary of the local society a committee of three has been appointed to perform a similar service for the Boston Philatelic Society. Messrs. Batchelder, Bartels and Loring have the matter in charge. This is a very capable committee and we may expect that the very high class exhibits of past months will be equalled in the entertainments of the coming year. There is a growing disposition to dispense with the awarding of medals in local exhibits allowing ribbons to perform the honors for gold, silver and bronze. The true philatelist will appreciate a ribbon just as much as a metal medal and the latter can better serve in contests where limitations are not as narrow as the average local society finds confronting it.

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We believe that a little fun has its place even in philately. It aids digestion, drives away the blues and keeps the doctor at a good distance. "Oh be joyful" has a happy ring to it, and jollity is all right at times. We don't want to live on it, for if we tried it we might find it the hardest of hard work. All of which leads us to observe that if you don't like fun you must pass by the humorous story by Chas. H. Fowle (Undooley) soon to commence in the ERA. Remember that this paper has a wide circle of readers, that tastes are not all alike, that what you like your neighbor may dislike, that pleasing all our readers all the time is an utter impossibility. We are compelled to take people as we find them and if they were all of a common mould what a dull and uninteresting world this would be.

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The case in the English courts against Messrs. Creeke, Richards and others, after a protracted trial has been closed and the

two men mentioned sentenced to a term of imprisonment. The sentence will prove a severe blow. Creeke as a philatelist and a barrister and Richards as a postal employee had much at issue and able legal talent upon both sides watched every move in the case. The sympathy of the foreign press and of philatelists generally has been given these men because they have been made to bear the brunt of a violation of laws that others are equally guilty of. It seems to be an instance of making an example of some one, but the man with the title escapes even censure. One thing is certain the result of this trial will make in England the stocks of unused official stamps a thing of the past and philatelists even will be chary of exhibiting any among their possessions. The collector here has one advantage over his English brethren surely.

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We are very grateful for the many kind words that we have received in connection with the removal of the ERA to Boston. None have been more kind than those from the former publisher, Mr. W. W. Jewett, who feels that the paper has gathered around it a corps of contributors that would be hard to excel. With the next number the new advertising rates go into effect but all contracts written with the former publisher will be filled.

A Card.

It is not without sincere feelings of regret that I have to say goodbye to my large circle of readers and advertisers, many of whom have been loyal friends and liberal supporters of the ERA for several years. Certain existing conditions made it appear for the best to accept a very flattering and liberal offer made for the paper and I have surrendered and transferred the title, good will and all rights and privileges of this paper, the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, to the new publishers, for whom I bespeak a continuance of the same kind friendship and support, feeling assured that they collectively will put up a paper of greater interest and value than it has ever been able for one person so removed from all philatelic centres to accomplish. All existing accounts and contracts have been assumed by the new publishers and no one will be a loser by the transfer.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and best wishes to all who have so kindly favored me with their patronage in the past, and remain as ever,

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"Our Eye" • •

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Mr. C. A. Howes exhibits a cover that
 is quite unique in that it gives a very early
 date for the establishment of the agency of
 the P. O. department at Shanghai, China.
 A 10c green on buff, 1861 stamped envelope
 bears the Shanghai postmark with date
 July 12, 1870.

The collection of the Rev. W. Bell, whose
 tragic death in Ireland last year was a great
 blow to our brethren across the water, has
 been bought by W. H. Peckitt.

The new 4c with Boston pre-cancellation
 has been shown us.

The *Perforator* will issue a holiday
 number on December 15 that promises to
 be large and handsome. It is the most
 readable monthly that comes under "Our
 Eye."

An enterprising London firm is adver-
 tising a substitute for stamp albums based
 upon the card index principle. Each
 stamp is mounted upon a card measuring
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 ins., some 250 of these being
 grouped in a mahogany box and held
 together by a steel rod passing through a
 hole in the bottom of each card. The
 manufacturers claim that the "Cistafile"
 has pronounced advantages over the album
 method of exhibition; "no waste room,"
 "no blank spaces," "no remounting" being
 claimed with the added mention of priv-
 ileges pertaining to the recording of per-
 foration, watermark, date and place of
 purchase, etc., etc. This is claimed as an
 entirely new system but we are in doubt as
 to whether this claim could be established.
 The mounting of stamps on cards has
 been noted but we rather question the as-
 sertion that they will ever supersede stamp
 albums. There is an incentive in blank
 spaces, as an English journal puts it, that
 we are forced to admit makes the album
 whether printed or blank, a favorite with
 all classes of philatelists.

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The *Montreal Herald* is said to render
 philately distinguished services in publish-
 ing occasional articles on our hobby.

T. H. Nicolle, Sydney, N. S. Wales,
 submits a price list of cheap Australian
 stamps.

The new 2c stamp is being printed and
 will no doubt be found in our collections
 early in November.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales
 will exhibit at the November 6 session of
 the London Philatelic Society a display of
 proofs, essays and stamps illustrating the
 history of the postal issues of the United
 Kingdom during the present reign with
 notes compiled from official sources.

New Zealand, not satisfied with its record
 in new issues, is talking of a King's head set.

The *Australian Journal of Philately*,
 one of our brightest exchanges, has just
 completed the third year of its existence.
 It looks as though it was enjoying a degree
 of prosperity rather unusual for a stamp
 magazine.

At an auction sale in London a hori-
 zontal pair of 1p carmine, Sydney view,
 plate 1, with a "butterfly" postmark,
 brought \$17.50, though somewhat damaged.

Mr. Percy C. Bishop, editor of the *Stamp
 Collectors Fortnightly*, writes us that he is
 to edit a Stamp Collector's Annual slated
 for an appearance in November. The An-
 nual will be "an able compilation of infor-
 mation that is interesting and valuable to
 all stamp collectors" and will as well contain
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OUR EXCHANGES

Many of our readers may not remember the discussion that raged so hotly a number of years ago as to the relative claims of Sir Rowland Hill and Mr. James Chalmers to the honor of inventing the adhesive stamp. Philatelic journals were filled from cover to cover by the ardent supporters of the respective claims and philatelic societies even split upon the rock. In the book recently published in England, *ALL ABOUT POST-CARDS*, the claim of Chalmers is given recognition which causes the following terse comment in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*:

THE ORIGIN OF ADHESIVES.

There is little that is truly philatelic, but a remark that "No doubt exists that the claim of Chalmers to the invention of the adhesive stamp fairly belongs to him" compels a reply; especially as in another collectors' paper of recent introduction the same kind of erroneous reference is made. Sir Rowland Hill, on February 13th, 1837, in his evidence given in the Ninth Report of the Commissioners of Post Office Inquiry, issued shortly after, having urged that stamped covers should be used for the reformed system of postage, points out cases where there might be a difficulty, and adds: "Perhaps this difficulty might be obviated by using a bit of paper just large enough to bear the stamp and covered at the back with a glutinous wash, which the bringer [or sender] might attach to the back of the letter." Mr. James Chalmers, of Dundee, sent, enclosed in a letter to Sir Rowland Hill of May 18th, 1840, a reprint of his proposals for adhesive stamps, dated February 8th, 1838, adding at the bottom: "Specimens of Gummi'd or 'Adhesive Pieces of Paper' were affixed to the Original Copies of the Article, which was first published in November, 1837." It is clear from this that Mr. Chalmers' suggestion was nine months later than Sir Rowland Hill's evidence, and some months after that evidence and the recommendation of the Commissioners had been printed; though it is not supposed that Chalmers knew of this at the time. It was his son Patrick that made the claim after his father's death.

It is to be hoped that some day this philatelic ghost may finally be laid to rest. The same journal in its "Descriptive Catalogue" gives an interesting item regarding rouletting in color, under the head of "Thurn and Taxis."

After two years the method of perforation was altered to that known as rouletting in colour. This kind of perforation is effected by the insertion of printer's rule between the casts of the stamps; the rule has a sharp edge divided into short lines (in this instance sixteen in the space of two centimetres), and as these stand out a little higher than the casts of the stamps, they cut into the paper when the impressions are printed; thus the printing and perforation is done at one operation. Of course the printer's rule is inked with the rest of the plate and, therefore, the edges of the perforations are always coloured; hence the method is called by philatelists "rouletting in colour." The system has one great advantage, as it is impossible for the perforations to encroach upon the

design, but is always equidistant from the sides of the stamps.

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Send me your duplicates and your want list. If I can furnish anything will allow 1/2 catalogue value. If I have nothing on the list will return your stamps. Must be in good condition and catalogue 50¢ or over. Enclose stamp for reply. WM. G. KIRCHENBOWER, 6744 Simen Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. [53]

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A Study in Perforations!

Mr. A. Linnemann notifies the *Australian Journal of Philately* of a strange freak he has just secured in the current 4d on wmkd. paper, ostensibly perforated 14 all round. By some means the perforating machine has taken the erratic course to run up and away from the top end of the sheet in such a manner that the first stamp is fairly well centered, and in the others it gradually widens to the last stamp, where it is half as wide again. As the officials are very conscientious, and to save the general public hard work in separating the stamps, they reperfected the top row to give it a uniform appearance. Unfortunately they used the 11 machine, and then to save labor only allowed the perfs. to be continued across $7\frac{1}{2}$ stamps, consequently two stamps are perforated 14 all round, one is 14 all round and half of the top perf. 11, and the remaining seven 14 all round plus perf. 11 horizontally on top. We wonder if they drink home-made or Scotch—presumably the former—for the mixed state of things.

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The October Meeting.

The 129th regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, October 20, at 8 o'clock. President Lombard was in the chair and 36 members and friends were present.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

A framed photograph of the attractive window display made by the Springfield Stamp Club at the time of the A. P. A. convention in their city last year was presented to the Society by the Club, and a vote of thanks was given the donors for their kindness.

The following applications for membership were posted:

MR. THEOPHILE J. CHAMPAGNE, Springfield, Mass.; proposed by Wm. C. Stone and John W. Prevost.

MR. J. A. CRAIG, Yarmouth, N. S.; proposed by J. M. Bartels.

The following was elected a member: No. 382. Mr. H. S. Hernan, Malden, Mass.

Mr. Loring spoke on the restricted use of the Society's books which were placed in the Boston Public Library and presented the following motion:

"That the Library Committee of this Society be and hereby is authorized and directed to place a proper case in the street floor department of the New England Stamp Co.'s Boston store and furnish same from time to time with Philatelic Books and Literature for the benefit of the members of this Society, under such regulations as may be deemed necessary by said Committee, and that all books now in possession of said Committee and all hereafter purchased be deposited in said case."

This caused considerable discussion but was finally passed. Mr. Loring had previously consulted the New England Stamp Co. and obtained their consent to the arrangement as their store is in a most central and convenient location. Mr. Hutchins also thought the time ripe for approaching the Boston Public Library Trustees in regard to privileges for our members.

The Secretary spoke of the appointment of a committee to formulate a programme for 1904 and suggested a departure in the line of papers or talks with illustrative exhibits, discussions or any other form of philatelic interest, though not necessarily giving up the competitive exhibitions entirely. Mr. Green suggested that one member be selected for each meeting who should entertain us on some philatelic subject. The President favored the giving of ribbons hereafter in ordinary competitions, reserving medals as prizes for a series or for competitions open to all philatelists.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to consider the matter and make a preliminary report at the next meeting. The Chair appointed Messrs. A. W. Batchelder, J. M. Bartels and Geo. F. Loring.

An informal auction sale was held and 69 lots disposed of.

The exhibitions for the evening included two classes, United States Adhesives and United States Envelopes, cut square. Three collections were entered in each class. In U. S. Adhesives the competition was re-

stricted to those who had never taken a prize and in this class Mr. W. H. Randall received the silver medal and Mr. C. K. B. Nevin the bronze medal. In cut square envelopes Mr. Jos. S. Rich won first prize and Mr. H. P. Harris second prize. The exhibits contained many notable things and were greatly enjoyed by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

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- 5 Anjouan.
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- 4 Baden.
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- 20 Belgium.
- 6 Benin.
- 6 Bergedorf R.
- 4 Bermuda.
- 7 Bolivia.
- 12 Brazil.
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- 2 Brit. East Africa.
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- 10 Bulgaria.
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- 3 Congo.
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- 3 Den. W. Indies.
- 14 Denmark.
- 5 Diego Suarez.
- 6 Dominican Rep.
- 9 Dutch Indies.
- 9 Ecuador.
- 10 Egypt.
- 5 Eritrea.
- 3 Fiji.
- 10 Finland.
- 25 France.
- 5 French Congo.
- 5 Fr. Guiana.
- 5 Fr. Guinea.
- 5 Fr. India.
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- 12 Greece.
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- 6 Natal.
- 18 Netherlands.
- 3 New Brunswick.
- 5 New Caledonia.
- 7 New Foundland.
- 12 New So. Wales.
- 10 New Zealand.
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- 6 North Borneo.
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The editor has a warm spot in his heart for the boy. It was not so very long ago that he was a boy himself and a dime was all too quickly eaten up in his search for stamps. So when he received this letter he could scarce refrain from publishing it and as well the article accompanying. Writes Master Geo. L. Pack:

"I am a boy 14 years old. I have written an article on Inverted Pan-American Postage Stamps which I thought you might like to publish in the ERA. Of course every stamp collector should know about Pan-American Inverts, but I think if you read my article carefully you will find it interesting. If you do not want it please return it at once, and if you do want it please let me know."

Inverted Pan-American Postage Stamps.

By GEORGE LATHROP PACK.

Mr. Frederick W. Davis of Brooklyn, New York, has issued a little pamphlet which is entitled "How I Made a Fortune in Pan-American Stamps." The reason for writing this "Tale of Luck" as Mr. Davis calls it, was the fact that he found fifty 2-cent Pan-American inverts on the 6th of May, 1901. Mr. Davis had asked the letter carrier on Saturday to get him a dollar's worth of the new two's. On Mon-

day morning a sheet of fifty 2-cent stamps was handed him in which the central design was printed up-side-down. The story goes on to tell how he disposed of these. The first dozen went to friends at face value (2 cents apiece) the next twenty to a stamp dealer, who bought them at \$1.00 apiece and the rest were sold at \$5.00, \$8.00 and \$10.00 each or more, Mr. Davis retaining one copy. "At present I think I may safely state," says Mr. Davis, "that taking into consideration the present market value of my remaining stamp I have made \$300 out of an investment of \$1.00. If his story had been written by some one who was more of a philatelist or one who knew more about stamps and stamp collecting, it might have been entitled not "How I Made a Fortune," but "How I Had a Chance and Flunked," for the fifty stamps might easily have been sold for between \$7,000 and \$12,000. A fair retail price for a single specimen of this 2-cent stamp today is \$250.00. There are only two blocks of four in existence, that is blocks of four stamps which are still intact, not having been separated. A well-known Cleveland gentleman has one of these in his possession and considers it worth \$1,000 or more. There is little doubt but this stamp will continue to be one of the world's great philatelic treasures. It is lacking in the most famous collections.

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Somewhat of a Criticism.

The 9d stamp issued for Queensland and New South Wales as the forerunner of the Commonwealth stamp issue appears to be more of a comic production than a serious attempt to produce a sensible issue. The old guy that does duty for Britannia in the design must have been waylaid very late at night in the Australian bush. She looks very seedy and very much out of condition. It cannot be intended to offer such a common rag-and-bone-shop thing as representative of the Great Commonwealth that needs no such word as "Australian" to particularise it. But then! Victoria never has scored much success in the line of figure drawing in its stamps. And this fresh effort is very much on a par with the caricatures of the queen's head on the early Victorians. Indeed, one is almost inclined to suggest that they must have resuscitated the remains of the lamented engraver of the early Victorians for the production of the new Commonwealth stamp.—E. J. NANKIVELL in *A. J. of P.*



LEEWARD ISLANDS PICTORIAL.

Concurrently with the King's head set for these islands, separate sets have been issued for Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat and St. Christopher and Nevis. The sets comprise the same values ranging from ½p

to 5sh, but curiously enough the highest value in three of the sets have the head of the King. The Dominica set shows a view from the sea. The Antigua set has a representation of the island's seal as the central design and, as will be noted, the inscription includes the island of Barbuda situated near Antigua. Of this island *Mekeel's Weekly* writes:

"The small island of Barbuda having come into the stamp collectors' world through its association with Antigua in the recent issue of stamps for each of the five presidencies of the Leeward Islands is signalized somewhat through its peculiar governmental situation; the little island is private property belonging to the Codrington family, according to statement.

The Montserrat set gives us a design that puzzles even the newspaper men. The most satisfactory explanation of the female, cross and harp combination is found in the *Philatelic Journal of*

Great Britain. It says:

"What the subject represented is intended for is not clear, but it may have some connection with the original Montserrat in Catalonia, whose mountains are said to

have been split up in their present serrated shape at the time of the Crucifixion. The Spanish who first colonized the island doubtless gave it the name from its resemblance (fancied or real) to that which they had known at home, which is said to have been noted for the piety of its people, and for its wonder working image of the Virgin and Benedictine Abbey, plundered and burnt by the French in 1811."



that Galilee was not born until 1546, an unfortunate anachronism. It is really amusing to note the designer's conception of the manner in which a telescope should be held. The design for the 1p, 3p, 2 sh and 5sh is taken from the public seal of the

Presidency and is emblematic of the Sulphur Bath of Nevis.

Stationery of the several presidencies has been issued, the designs employed being the same as used in the adhesives.



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Ceylon.—The first of the King type cards for this Colony has arrived, says Mr. Lohmeyer, being the Inland 2c card, the only change from that of 1896 being the stamp, the color of impression, mustard-yellow, remaining the same. I am informed that the 5c letter card has likewise been issued.

Post Card (Regular):
2c mustard-yellow on white, 88x124mm.

Colombia.—Mr. J. H. Houston of Washington, D. C., has submitted for examination, an interesting cover which has nine 50c stamps blue on rose, two 20c blue on flesh, two 1p red brown and a copy of a 5p green on greenish. These are all imperforate and catalogued in the new catalogue.

Costa Rica.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles the new 4c, 6c and 25c, noted in No. 543 of the ERA, surcharged "Oficial."

Adhesives (Official):
4c lilac and black.
6c olive green and black.
25c lilac and brown.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* says that the current 10c stamp is to be reprinted, as the name "Branlio" as now printed under the vignette, should be "Braulio"

Great Britain.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that two distinct shades of the current 1d wrappers are on sale, the first at the Post Office and the other at Somerset House.

Wrappers (Regular):
1d carmine.
1d orange-vermilion.

The same paper chronicles the 1sh Queen's head "Govt. Parcels" with surcharge inverted.

Hongkong.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received a supply of King type cards, comprising the complete new set, single and double. The stamp, of a distinctive Chinese type, bears the portrait of the King, standing out boldly on a solid circular background, surmounted by the crown. The inscriptions, English and French, are those of the new Colonial Postal Union formula.

Post Cards (Regular):
1c green on cream, 89x140mm.
121c green on cream 1.3, 89x140mm.
4c carmine on cream, 89x140mm.
474c carmine on cream, 1.3, 89x140mm.

Mauritius.—Mr. E. M. Carpenter informs us that the 4c gray green and purple is likely to be short lived, as another change of colors is imminent.

Ewen's Weekly says 90,000 were printed and that no more will be printed as the 4c on yellow paper will be issued again.

New Caledonia.—The *Australian Philatelist* says that the commemorative series of stamps recently announced to be issued in connection with the 50th anniversary of the colony, was vetoed by the French authorities. In place thereof the current series has been surcharged with a design consisting of the words "Cinquan—tenaire—24 Septembre," the two words forming a circle. The first word is cut into two at the seventh letter and the division is filled

by an ornamental scroll, surmounted by a rather poor representation of the Cagou (with wings outstretched) a bird indigenous to New Caledonia. Below the words "24 Septembre," are the figures "1853" and "1903." In addition to this surcharge on the current series, seven fresh values were issued; formed by printing a small figure of value in the centre of the above surcharge. The total number of varieties surcharged is 22. The stamps are only for use on the Island, and hence are distinctly a local issue. The last color below is that of the surcharge.

Adhesives (Provisional):

1c black on blue, blue.
2c brown on buff, blue.
4c claret on lavender, blue.
5c green on greenish, red.
5c yellow green, red.
10c black on lavender, gold.
10c black on lavender, red.
15c grey, red.
20c red on green, blue.
25c black on rose, blue.
30c brown on bistre, red.
40c red on straw, blue.
50c carmine on rose, blue.
75c black on orange, black.
11r bronze green on straw, blue.

And all the following additional surcharges, all in blue.

1c on 2c brown on buff.
2c on 4c claret on lavender.
4c on 5c green on greenish.
4c on 5c yellow green.
10c on 15c grey.
15c on 20c red on green.
20c on 35c (1)

New Zealand.—The Insurance Department of this colony is to have a new set of official stamps, designs for the same having been invited by the Government.

Orange River Colony.—The new Inland card of the new Colonial type has been received by Mr. Lohmeyer.

Post Card (Regular):
½d green on thick white, 74x121mm.

Sierra Leone.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the complete set of King's head stamps from ½d to £1. These were chronicled some time since, and the 1d was issued earlier in the year.

Somali Coast.—The changes predicted in the new colors have already begun. The 5fr has appeared in new colors, and has been shown us by Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co.

Adhesive (Regular):
5fr yellow and black.



Ewen's Weekly gives the two shades as vermilion and orange therefore it is possible that there are three printings.

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Trinidad.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown us the ½d Trinidad set, retouched die.

Uruguay.—Mr. Legg has also shown us the 5c dull blue of the current set, in blocks of four, one imperforate vertically between the two pairs and the other imperforate horizontally between two pairs.

Joseph R. Jeffers Arrested.

Dr. Glass of Cleveland, O., favors us with this clipping from the *Plain Dealer* of his city:—

CANTON, O., Oct. 28.—Confessed to having used the mails for fraudulent purposes, Joseph R. Jeffers, whose home is thought to be in Mansfield, was placed under arrest by the police officials today. Jeffers' method of fraud is a novel one. Under fictitious names Jeffers secured valuable stamps from various philatelist companies throughout the country and neglected to pay for them. As reference when ordering an assortment of stamps Jeffers would give the name of a fictitious clothing firm in Canton. According to his own confessions Jeffers has worked his game in Wheeling, Bellaire, Wellsville, Barberton and North Lawrence.

? QUESTIONS

FROM
OUR READERS

EDITED BY

C. A. HOWES, 55 KILBY ST., BOSTON.

8. Why are there three issues of stamps for the Azores now—Angra, Horta and Ponta Delgada—instead of one as formerly?

Ans. This is part of the game which Portugal has been playing for a number of years past. We all know that the Portuguese treasury is practically bankrupt, and what better way is there to bring in the shekels at a small outlay than by issuing new stamps? That was the idea of the officials, at any rate, and they proceeded in 1892 to carry it out. The province of the Azores is divided into three districts—Angra, Horta and Ponta Delgada—with one capital at Angra; by providing each district, therefore, with a distinct set of stamps three sets could be sold in place of one. That it was wholly unnecessary is proved by the fact that the two commemorative sets of Prince Henry (1894) and St. Anthony (1895) were surcharged simply ACORES for use in the islands while the Vasco da Gama set (1898) had the word engraved on the stamps.

The same arrangement was carried out with Mozambique in 1894. Previous to 1891 the province had been known under that name and one set of stamps was sufficient. In 1891 the province was re-organized under the name of the "State of East Africa" (*Estado d'Africa Oriental*) and three of the districts into which it is divided were given separate sets of stamps. Three other districts were farmed out to chartered companies two of which, the Mozambique and Nyassa Companies, have since issued their own stamps as the British South Africa and British North Borneo Companies have done. The third company failed and its district, Inhambane, has now joined the first three in a government issue of stamps. Of course the chartered companies, having sovereign rights over their districts, can issue their own stamps, but the four government sets are no more necessary than the three of the Azores. This is proved again by the Vasco da Gama set of 1898 being inscribed AFRICA for use in all the Portuguese African colonies.

A beginning has also been made with the province of Angola. This comprises the four districts of Congo, Loanda, Benguela and Mossamedes of which the first has already been supplied with a set of stamps, so in time we may expect three new sets here and the disappearance of the old name of Angola.

9. What causes o. g. stamps to crack? How may this be prevented and still preserve the gum?

Ans. The reason that some stamps crack when kept with the original gum lies

in the composition of the gum itself. Luckily for us the majority of stamps, though the gum may make them curl, do not crack from this cause. I recall but two instances where this defect exists in stamps that are not uncommon, and these two are Austria and Japan, though I have noticed it in a few of the recent commemorative issue of Korea. The gum that causes this is generally thick and hard and in such cases as have come under my own experiments seems to be rather insoluble in water; you may soak the stamp as long as you like but the gum will only soften and will not come off even by rubbing with the fingers under water. If you desire to remove it it is necessary to scrape it off with a knife after soaking. What the constituent may be that causes this action I am not aware, but a gum that shows a tendency to crack the stamp should be removed, as there is no method of preventing it and keeping the gum intact.

Mr. C. J. Phillips of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., writing on "Stamp Collecting as an Investment" in the *Monthly Journal* says:

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In the case of stamps which curl up without cracking and so bother one in mounting them, I find it best to lay them away in a small box where they can curl to their hearts' content without being jammed until the weather becomes damp and rainy. Then remove the cover and you will soon find that they have uncurled and most of them flattened out beautifully. Do not of course let them get too damp or they will stick together. It is a fact that most of the gum used now-a-days is *hygroscopic*, that is it will absorb moisture from the air, and this is why it is so difficult to keep gummed stamps in a moist climate and why some of the Portuguese and Dutch sub-tropical colonies have issued stamps without gum, a pot of paste being kept at the post-office window. In absorbing the moisture the gum expands slightly and the stamp flattens out; in drying, the gum contracts slightly and the stamp curls on the gummed side; hence the above method of mounting o. g. stamps in damp weather.

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EDITORIAL.

It will be our constant aim to improve the reading matter in the ERA. To do this we need the co-operation of our subscription list. We realize that a great diversity of tastes and collecting interests can be found in the constituency we appeal to and for that reason a varied menu must be offered from week to week. In this day of specialism it is impossible to have all matter of equal interest to all our readers, and yet the collector of adhesives should witness to the wisdom of encouraging collecting along ruts that takes up side lines even though their own enjoyment may be somewhat infringed upon.

If it be an article on pre-cancelled stamps, encased postage stamps, the collecting of entires, of postal cards or original covers—(and the columns of the ERA are open to these and kindred topics)—understand that if you do not appreciate all the fine things written that the other readers may. We are very desirous of original MSS., than which no better proof can be shown, testifying to the zeal with which philatelists study their possessions.

There is a growing tendency to make dollars and cents the *ne plus ultra* in amassing collections. This is a vicious principle that stunts the pleasure of our pastime and dwarfs the growth of branches of research open to us week by week. The collector who collects from mercenary motives cares little about the literature of philately. The "Chronicle of New Issues" is the *piece de resistance* of his reading and editorial "tips" showing probable increase in values, make up the dessert. This should not be and the problem before us is to make the commercial spirit give way to a love for our stamps that will be intensified as we study them. We cannot do this work alone.

Only in proportion as our readers set the example and put their studies into form for our use can we live up to ideal.

No doubt our story by Chas. H. Fowle "Undooley" may awaken some misgivings upon the part of our sober minded readers as to the manner in which their tastes are to be catered to. It is our intention to make the ERA popular with all classes of collectors. If we err in publishing something that may not interest you, we hope we shall not err in making you esteem your stamps any the less. So if any contribution appears that grates harshly upon your esthetic nature, bear in mind that tastes differ and—there are bills that must be paid.

We are right in the midst of the busy fall trade and the situation is very gratifying to all concerned. Our dealers are flitting hither and yon, crossing the continent even in their quest of business. Messrs. Batchelder, Drew and Bartels of this city have been calling upon their patrons in the various philatelic centres, Mr. Batchelder journeying to the Pacific Coast.

A word to our advertisers is eminently appropriate. Since the ERA opened its Boston office, no less than nine 200 inch contracts, (to say nothing of smaller contracts,) have been made. We mention this, that our prospective patrons may send their contracts in at once and secure such choice positions as suggest themselves. We intend to open up an aggressive campaign and our advertisers should share in its opportunities.

The Standard Catalogue has pleased dealers and collectors alike with an appearance two months ahead of last season. It is especially gratifying to the trade that can feel so quickly any diminution in volume of business and will be welcomed we are certain by the individual collector. It is a very compact book, with less pages even than last year and its light attire will soon show signs of contact with the world. If the publishers in another year will slice off two more months in the date of publication we shall feel that a very commendable act has been performed. In the mean-

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION. A CARD.

Your subscription to the ERA expired Sept. 1st but we have continued the same and have included several copies under the new management. We do not want to part company with you, but will be compelled to unless a remittance covering subscription is sent us. All subscriptions of A. P. A. members will be discontinued with the current issue, Saturday, Nov. 7, unless otherwise requested.

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"Our Eye" • •

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Messrs. Bright and Sons have purchased the entire stock of remainders of Zanzibar, 1896 and 1898 issues. They are lightly postmarked.

The Universal Alliance of Women for Peace will hold its sessions next year at the St. Louis Exposition. The president of this society, Princess Mizanlewsky, proposes to ask the next Postal Congress for an international peace postage stamp.

M. Z. Booleman of Amsterdam, Holland, submits a trade list of considerable proportions.

D. T. Eaton gives warning to dealers that a party in Montreal, under various aliases, (Alfred Jackson and J. C. Wilson being mentioned as samples) is soliciting goods on approval under suspicious circumstances. Dealers should be careful in filling approval requests from this city until this party has been apprehended.

J. M. Bartels and Charles H. Stone attended the Smith sale in N. Y. City.

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Jamaica has already King's head stationery but no adhesives. The latter are promised early and the pictorial stamp Llan-doverly Falls will be retired.

F. H. Burt of this city has been on a business trip West.

A "chop suey soiree" was to have been given by the Minneapolis Stamp Collectors' Club on Tuesday eve, November 3rd

F. M. Mason, Providence, R. I., made the ERA office a friendly call this past week.

The Chicago correspondent recently noted in the ERA, that Mr. H. W. Wolsley had disposed of his entire collection with the exception of U. S. and its colonies. We wish to note that this statement was incorrect, as Mr. Wolsley still retains his collection of U. S. and all its colonies, besides his fine collection of Great Britain and British Colonials.

Frank Massoth, of the United Stamp Co., is making a short trip through the west. He is expected to return during the first part of November.

George J. Carter of Brooklyn says, according to the *Perforator*, that he is willing to undertake the publication of an album for Match and Medicine stamps provided he receives sufficient support in advance to assure him that the project would prove a success. It is said that some of the collectors of these stamps have promised to subscribe sums ranging from \$10.00 to \$50.00 for the purpose of assisting in the publication of such an album.

There are 227 members on the role of the London Philatelic Society. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is president and the Earl of Crawford vice-president.

A N. Y. dealer offers a set of the 1902 Dominican Republic, 1, 2, 5, 12, 20 and 50c with inverted centers, mint, for \$47.25.

At P. M. Wolsieffer's next auction sale, to be held Nov. 28th, will be seen a dazzling array of Sydney Views, mostly on the original covers, besides numerous other rarities. The sale will comprise part of the noted collection of Mr. A. L. Schuyler of Clinton, Ia.

L. T. Brodstone, editor of the *Philatelic West*, has been spending a few days in Chicago.

Mr. H. B. Seagrave of Pontiac, Mich., was present at the Smith auction and received many of the proofs offered in the sale. Mr. Seagrave had some fine things in U. S. with him, including a full sheet of ten, twenty dollar State Department, two excellent copies of the five dollar Proprietary and a magnificent specimen of the thirty cents 1851 on the original cover.

OUR EXCHANGES

The *London Philatelist* is aroused over the multiplicity of issues that New Zealand has been putting forth and heads its broadside "The Disgrace of New Zealand." It says in part:

We consider that the time has arrived when a little plain speaking with regard to New Zealand postal administration may have a useful effect * * * in opening the eyes of collectors to the rubbish that is being foisted upon them. These stamps may or may not be the proverbial straw that will cave in the philatelic camel's over-laden back, but it will be seen that the latest issues of New Zealand are of the ridiculous nature that is safe to kill all respect or liking for the ineffable rubbish of an advertising colony.

The first symptom of decadence in the New Zealand stamps was the printing of advertisements on the backs—a practice that any self-respecting administration would hardly be capable of, and one that the force of public opinion speedily put an end to. The succeeding achievements of this Colony in the stamp-issuing line may be briefly epitomised as follows:

1898. Issue of thirteen varieties of pictorial designs printed by Waterlow and Sons, that were created apparently to advertise the beauties of New Zealand and the modesty of its postal administration. This included the error on the 1/2d "Wakitu"—which assuredly might have been avoided.

1898-99. Issue of eleven of the foregoing values printed in the Colony and perforated 11.

1899. Issue of eighteen varieties of Unpaid Letter stamps.

1900. Issue of two values, 1/2d and 1d, of preceding with watermark NZ and Star.

1900-2. Issue of eleven varieties with the preceding watermark, the 1/2d and 1d being of altered design. The 1/2d converted from the former 1d and the 6d in a new colour.

1901. Issue of a new design of 1d and of the 1/2d with the introduction of a new perforating machine gauging 14. This machine was used in conjunction with the old one gauging 11, in charming variety, even going so far in some instances as to perforate stamps with the latter gauge, and then paste paper over the perforations, and finally to perforate them 14 alongside of the other covered-up perforation! In the course of a few months no less than four distinct papers were used, and in conjunction with the two machines a combination of varieties has been made that must disgust anyone but their speculative holders. The four changes of paper within so short a time seem utterly inexcusable or unaccountable, except on the assumption that as many varieties as possible were desired. This issue has already resulted in a list of twenty-eight varieties as drawn up by Mr. C. A. Gilles in the *Australian Journal of Philately* for May.

1902. Issue of several values of the preceding surcharged for Niue and Penrhyn Island. Errors were provided in the surcharges, including the shilling value with the aboriginal equivalent for "thief" printed on it "In mistake"—promptly called in—but now being offered for sale at about £5 each by the holders. The continued use of the two perforating machines in con-

junction with these surcharges has created varieties galore!

1903. Issue of several varieties for Aitutaki, surcharged and perforated as preceding.

Assuming that the eleven values of the "Mother Colony" will be issued surcharged respectively for New Zealand's "Colonies"—a proceeding that judging by the past vagaries we are entitled to predict—no less than 118 varieties that a consistent collector is bound to accept have been issued since 1898 by a portion of the British Empire containing as many inhabitants as Liverpool!

Until the issue of these surcharged stamps, the tiny islands, or rocks, of Niue and Penrhyn were practically unknown, their population in either case consisting of but coloured folk and a scanty handful of whites. Their solitude is at rare intervals intruded upon by the advent of a steamer which takes letters, and were postage stamps required for so scanty a "population" ten shillings' worth of the New Zealand stamps would probably suffice for a year's requirements!

As to Aitutaki—here is a tiny speck of land in the great Pacific Ocean, about three miles long by a couple of miles wide, with a white population of ten people for whom has to be created a set of several values of stamps on which the changes as to perforations and surcharges can be rung! Of the ten white people probably not more than three or four are adults and it is utterly inconceivable that a special set of stamps should be prepared for their use.

No unprejudiced person can pass any judgment on the foregoing statements except that the vast majority of the recent issues of New Zealand are entirely speculative and unnecessary. Their issue is prompted by the unworthy desire of the postal authorities to increase their revenue by the sale of worthless rubbish to the unwary collector, and doubtless by speculators outside (or perhaps inside) the Post Office who are desirous of making money by the buying-up and retailing of these varieties.

In our humble opinion the action of the New Zealand Post Office casts a grave shadow upon the reputation of Colonial administration. It has descended lower in the scale than the most venal of South American States and richly deserves the contempt that is so freely bestowed upon it in this country.

This is "rubbing it in" with a vengeance but it seems as if New Zealand had been "rubbing it in" in the first place. Certain it is that Australian and New Zealand collectors have been hard put to it to explain the vagaries of the island Administration until finally the Australians have turned and joined in the protest. In the August number of the *Australian Journal of Philately* we have a continuation of this "Comedy of Errors" in the shape of a letter from a New Zealand collector who writes:

I do not desire to excuse or defend the number of varieties which have appeared within the last eighteen months. What I wish to call attention to is the statement that there was not the slightest necessity for the Niue and Penrhyn stamps. I felt sure there must have been a reason behind the one generally attributed, viz., the exploiting of collectors, and I accordingly brought the article referred to under the notice of the Secretary for the Post and Telegraph Department. I have much pleasure in forwarding you a copy of his reply.

As regards the error "Tahae Sileni" of the 1s Niue, it is within my knowledge that the proof impression of the surcharge, as submitted to the Post-office authorities, was correct, i. e., "Taha e Sileni". The alteration appears to have occurred in preparing the electros and is possibly the result of carelessness or ignorance in pushing the words together when spacing.

On the specimen sheets being forwarded to the Secretary the error was discovered, and instructions were given to at once wire to the Auckland office to withdraw the supply of 1s stamps and return them to Wellington. A cable message was also sent to the Agent-General to return the supply sent through him to Ewen's Stamp Agency.

An English dealer, I learn, secured some fifty out of the ninety-six sold over the Auckland counter.

The supplies returned from Auckland and London have been destroyed.

I mention these facts as being evidence of the desire of the Government to suppress errors.

The letter referred to reads as follows:

Referring to your enquiry about Niue, Penrhyn Island and Aitutaki stamps, I beg to inform you that, under the acts relating to these Islands, the whole of the revenue is retained by them, and it would be impossible to determine the postal revenue without providing special postage stamps for each Island. The stamps are provided for revenue as well as postage purposes.

To all of which the Editor of the *Am. J. of P. replies*:

We cannot accept the Postal Secretary's reply as satisfactory. The stamps in question are sold at Auckland and never see the Islands. What has such a transaction got to do with their revenue? They may get the benefit of all stamps sold, but if such a procedure is not a barefaced attempt to fleece the philatelic public then we don't know what would be considered as such. Our assertion that there was no *real* necessity for these stamps has not been answered. Postage stamps are supposed to be issued only for the prepayment of mail matter. Mr. Gray's admission "lets the cat out of the bag" and enables us to say further that the stamps of Aitutaki, Niue and Penrhyn must be considered as purely speculative issues and classified as such, on the same level with Labuan, North Borneo and other like places.

All of which makes very interesting reading particularly the explanation of the famous Niue is error. Perhaps if collectors keep at it they may yet work a reform in the Post Department of New Zealand

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as they apparently have done in the same department of the Australian Commonwealth. It will be remembered what a scapegoat Mr. Drake had become for all the unsatisfactory conditions now existing in Australian postal affairs. The recent change is thus detailed in the *Australian Journal of Philately*:

Mr. Kingston's resignation as Minister for Customs in the Federal Government afforded the Prime Minister an opportunity of re-arranging his staff, with the result that Mr. J. G. Drake has relinquished the portfolio of Postmaster-General and, therefore, passes beyond our scope. He had made his position so intolerable that his retirement comes as a happy relief to philatelists who may be pardoned if they have conceit enough to think that their action in condemning his procedure have helped to bring about a desirable change. When Mr. Drake assumed office he intimidated his intention of treating philatelists as an "excrescence", meaning thereby that they were outside his realm and would not be considered in any way whatever. He has not kept his word in this respect as events have since proved (*vide* Postage dues postmarked to order). The manner in which he handled the matter of new issues was lamentable and out of all keeping with the fitness of things. The "excrescence" has, however, proved a very lively one. Those to whom the term was applied were a thorn in his side during his tenure of office, and he has probably been able to acquaint his successor that stamp collectors *have* to be considered.

Sir Phillip Fysh, the new Postmaster-General, is a different kind of man altogether; one from whom we may expect due courtesy if nothing more. Sir Phillip's name is held in high estimation in Tasmania, and rightly too. He has done much for that State, is a broad-minded and liberally disposed gentleman, and has already seen service as a Tasmanian P. M. G. We are satisfied to leave ourselves in his hands, fully believing he will do what he considers best for the community in general, with due regard to the stamp collecting fraternity.

No other values of the proposed Commonwealth Stamp have appeared so far and we should not be surprised if they never see the light of day. The five year period has half elapsed, and the issue proposed by Mr. Drake could only have been a stop-gap one. According to his scheme the new stamps were only to be issued as the old stock became exhausted. As there are very large stocks of some values on hand in the various States the "Queensland Medals" would be a very straggling lot indeed.

Ewen's Weekly reprints from a French paper the following news about French colonials:—

It is known that our different colonies in the western part of Africa, Senegal, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Dahomey and Soudan, have been united under one government, that of West Africa. All these colonies possess distinctive stamps. The time is now ripe to consolidate the various series for this part of our colonial empire. This is to be done and the new designs are now under consideration at the Colonial office.

The same thing will be done for the stamps of our Congo and Niger colonies, these territories having likewise been consolidated under the name of "Upper Senegal and Middle Niger."

The Colonial Administration has already ordered the retirement of all the unused stock of these different colonies. This stock, which represents a revenue value of

about two millions,—although but little in real value,—will be burned as usual in the presence of a special commission.

For all of which many thanks.

In the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* we note the following:—

ABYSSINIA. According to French sources the postage due stamps were used between Harar and Adis-Ababa beginning with October, 1896, in the same way that such stamps are employed in France. But after several months their use ceased as the Ethiopian officials found difficulty in understanding it. Since then the tax has been shown by a colored pencil mark as in Germany and England.

It is well-known that the portrait of the Negus appears on the three higher values of the postage due set and not the lion pictured on the 4, 8 and 16 guerdie of the postage stamps. These three values with the head of Menelik have lately appeared without the surcharge, but to all appearances are only unsurcharged postage dues and whether they were made in error or with speculative intent have absolutely no philatelic value.

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THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BOSTON, Nov. 10, 1903.

The one hundred and thirtieth meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, November 17, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

The exhibition for this evening, the ninth of the present series, will be a little out of the ordinary run in that a certain class of stamps is alone to be considered. Commemorative stamps were introduced by our own country with the Centennial envelopes of 1876. The precedent evidently did not then impress other nations with its advantages as it has since, for it was not until twelve years later that the example was followed, when New South Wales brought out her Centennial issue. In 1891 Roumania and Hong Kong followed suit and since then commemorative stamps have been the order of the day.

Though some countries have rather overdone the thing, yet as a whole commemorative stamps form not only a very attractive series but a most interesting one as they set before us facts of local history or importance of which we otherwise might know little or nothing. The exhibition certainly offers an opportunity for one of the most attractive displays that can be given, though it necessarily appeals more to the spectacular and educational side of philately than to its thoroughly scientific aspect.

N. B.—Intending exhibitors may send their collections to or leave them with Mr.

J. H. Lyons of the Exhibition Committee at 9 Bromfield St., Boston.

December Competitions.

DECEMBER 15, 1903.

ORIGINAL ESSAYS. Two medals were offered "for the best two original essays upon subjects having an immediate and practical bearing upon the study of postage stamps. By original is meant that which has required personal study and research upon the part of the author, and not simply an exposition of facts already well known or merely condensed from the labors of others. The only other conditions are that each competitor be allowed to select his own subject, and that the two successful competitors shall read their papers before the Society unless they select a representative to do this for them."

UNCATALOGUED VARIETIES. This is for the Silver Cup offered by Mr. A. H. Weber. It is to be an exhibition of Uncatalogued Varieties, such as very many collectors run across, the condition being that they be not listed in Scott, Gibbons or Senf. The exhibition is open to ALL PHILATELISTS. The cup will be competed for annually and will remain in the winner's possession for the succeeding year, his name and the date being engraved upon it. The interest of all thorough philatelists is assured and all are asked to co-operate in adding to our knowledge. Exhibits may be sent to C. A. HOWES, Sec'y, 55 Kilby St., Boston, U. S. A.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

HOPE, ARK, Oct. 30, 1903.

Application for Membership.

W. W. JEWETT, 502 Congress St., Portland, Me. Reference: W. P. Agee and A. Lohmeyer.

Death.

With sorrow we announce to our fellow members the death of No. 16, J. V. Painter, 704 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, which occurred at his home on 13th of August. May he rest in Peace.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. AGEE, Sec'y.

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" " " 2 orange.....	.03
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BENSON, MINN., Oct. 23, 1903.

Immediately after my last report I tendered my resignation as Secretary of the Club. Owing to the muddled state of affairs ensuing from the election I mailed same to Mr. Madies, who from the vote was presumably elected President of the Club and to Mr. Dalton as representative of the Trustees. On the 24th from the latter I received notice that Mr. F. L. Smith would fill out the unexpired term and consequently I have today mailed the archives to him. I wish at this time to express my thanks to the members, the majority of whom have cheerfully and patiently co-operated with this office during the mixed condition which succeeded the suspension of the *New York Philatelist*. I bespeak for the new Secretary the same aid and trust that a more active canvass for new members may be made among the devotees of the precancelled stamps.

Application.

ERWIN G. WARD, Springfield, Mass.;
 Supt. Truant School; age, 54; Reference: E. A. Hill, Walter L. Gates.

All members except below have now paid up and I again urge them to "come to the front": Madies, Wilson, Hale, Graves, Lewis, Richardson, Adkinson, Spencer, H. Brown, Dunbar, Siddall, Whitmer, F. K. Hills, Lyle, Heusenger, Emmert, Lower, Johns.

A full recapitulation of the finances during my incumbency are
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 " 1903-4 " 9.30

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E. R. ALDRICH.

Bargains in United States Stamps.

The recent purchase of the stock of T. Merritt Gifford of New Bedford added to my already large stock, has given me a splendid stock of these stamps. As you will see by the prices, the catalogue value, i. e., the prices asked by the makers of the book, is in most instances cut in half, in some my prices are 60 or 65% less, I do not by this claim my price is too low, I really think them only fair. The catalogue is far too high on these goods.

1847	5c brown, list 75c.....	\$0.35
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	10c black, extra fine, list \$4.50.....	2.40
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1857	1c, type I, fine copy but for slight crease, list \$7.80.....	1.50
	1c blue, common type.....	.18
	3c outer line.....	.05
	3c unused.....	.05
	5c brown, type 1, list \$4.00, very fine.....	1.90
	5c " " 3, " \$4.50.....	1.10
	5c " " 3, fair, only.....	.75
	5c " " 3, unused, some off center.....	1.20
	10c green, unused, good.....	1.10
	10c " used.....	.20
	12c black, unused, gum.....	1.25
	12c " used.....	.50
	24c lilac, used, list \$4.00.....	1.70
	30c orange, unused, gum, good.....	3.50
	Another, soiled, only.....	2.00
	90c blue, unused, good, list \$20.00, only.....	8.50
	Reprints 1c blue, perf. 12, type 1, superb.....	2.50
	5c orange, perf. 12.....	3.50
1861	August 3c, proof on India.....	1.00
1861	3c unused.....	.06
	5c buff, unused, well centered, good color but no gum, a bargain at.....	17.50
	Same used, fair, list \$7.00.....	2.50
	10c yellow green, unused, well centered.....	.90
	Same, dark shade.....	1.00
	10c used.....	.10
	12c black, used.....	.25
	30c unused, slight tear, list \$5.00.....	1.20
	30c used.....	.30
	90c unused, well centered, fine, no gum, list \$15.00.....	6.00
	90c used, off center some.....	1.20
1866	2c black.....	.03
	2c " unused, o. g., list 50c.....	.20
	5c chocolate, off center, list \$3.00.....	1.00
	Same unused, off center, list \$5.00.....	3.00
	5c brown, unused, off center, list \$4.00.....	1.00
	5c " used, average copies.....	.20
	15c black.....	.25
	24c lilac, used, average.....	.20
	24c " fine, unused, o. g.....	2.00
1868	Grill all over, 3c, unused, but has faint mark from rubber stamp, list \$35, only.....	7.00
	12x13 1c, used, good.....	.90
	2c unused, o. g., slight defect, list \$3.50.....	.90
	" 15c black, used, off center.....	1.25
	" 15c " fine.....	8.00
	9x13 24c lilac, used, fair, list \$5.00.....	1.50
	30c orange, used, fine.....	1.60
	" 30c " fair, only.....	1.00
	90c blue, off center, list \$12.00.....	3.50
1869	1c buff, used.....	.30
	1c " unused, list \$1.25.....	.50
	2c brown, used.....	.08
	2c " unused.....	.40
	6c blue, used.....	.35
	6c " unused, list \$4.00, only.....	1.50
	10c orange, used.....	.40
	10c " unused, list \$6.00.....	2.20
	10c " off center.....	1.50
	12c green, used.....	.35
	12c " unused, o. g.....	1.60
	15c unframed, superb, used.....	1.75
	15c framed, ".....	.90
	Same, fair copies.....	.70
	" unused, fair.....	2.00
	24c, good, used.....	2.50
	24c, off center, used.....	1.50
	30c, used, fine.....	1.50
	30c, " fair.....	1.10
	3c, unused, no gum, list \$15.00.....	4.00
	90c, good, used.....	7.25
	90c, unused, o. g., very fine, list \$40, only.....	18.50
1869	Reissue 1c, o. g.....	.90
	" 2c, o. g.....	3.00
	" 10c superb color, mint, but has slight tear, hardly shows.....	4.00
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	" 25c, superb, o. g., list \$12.50.....	7.00
1870	embossed, 15c, very fine, unused, no gum, faint grill as usual, well centered, only.....	10.50
1871	12c National, used.....	.25
	24c ".....	.75
1873	7c Continental, used.....	.35
	12c ".....	.25
1879	90c, soft, used.....	.60

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	10c ".....	.18
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	4c ".....	.08
1887	3c ".....	.06
1888	4c ".....	.08
	5c ".....	.10
	30c.....	.45
	90c purple, used.....	.50
1893	50c Columbian, unused.....	.60
	\$1.00 ".....	1.55
	\$2.00 " used.....	.90
	\$5.00 " slight tear.....	2.00
1895	\$2.00 blue, fine, used.....	1.10
	\$5.00 green, ".....	1.40
1898	Omaha \$1.00, fine, used.....	.65
	\$2.00, ".....	1.40
1903	50c orange, used.....	.08
Periodicals 1879, 1c unused, list 20c.....		
	2c " 30c.....	.10
	3c " 60c.....	.30
	4c " 40c.....	.20
	6c " 75c.....	.20
	8c " \$1.00.....	.25
	10c " 40c.....	.25
	12c " \$1.25.....	.50
	24c " \$1.50.....	.60
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1897, set as sold by Post Office for \$5.00, (face \$188) my price.....		
	3.70	
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	1.50	
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	.03	
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	1.75	
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	6c, " centered W, list \$15.....	5.50
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	.30	
	12c, used.....	.20
	15c, unused.....	.30
	15c, used.....	.25
	24c, unused.....	.45
	30c, ".....	.60
	90c, " fine.....	1.75
	90c, used, good.....	1.25
Justice 1c, unused, off center.....		
	.50	
2c Specimen.....		
	.50	
	3c, unused or used.....	.30
	6c, used.....	.40
	10c, unused, o. g., fine, list \$3.00.....	1.00
	12c, ".....	1.10
	12c, used, fine.....	1.00
	15c, " list \$6.00.....	2.25
	30c, " poor, list \$20.00.....	3.00
	30c, unused, finely centered, slightly stained, list \$20.00.....	6.75
Navy 1c, unused, fine.....		
	.70	
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	10c, used, fine.....	1.00
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	15c, ".....	1.20
	15c, used, fine.....	1.00
	24c, ".....	1.70
	30c, unused, fine.....	2.25
	30c, " off center.....	1.00
	90c, no gum, good, list \$15.00.....	5.50
	Same, used, fair.....	3.50
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	.10	
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	7c, unused, o. g., good.....	1.20
	24c, superb, used.....	1.60
	24c, " unused, o. g.....	6.00
	90c, fine, used.....	.30
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	1.00	
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	7c, " o. g.....	1.40
	10c, ".....	1.40
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	2.50	
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	30c, ".....	.20
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Philatelic Developments in Korea.

C. A. Howes.

Korea seems to be a rather neglected country, philatelically, though it is really a most interesting one. Little authentic information can be found about it in popular works for which its appellation of the "Hermit Kingdom" is doubtless the clue. The abortive attempt to establish a post in 1884, when riots and incendiarism destroyed it at its inception, forms an interesting item in politico-philatelic history. A second attempt in 1895 met with better success and the system then started has lived and progressed. As is well known, the large lithographed stamps of this set were made in Washington. They show the Korean arms in the center, a curious device like a couple of commas placed together which represents the *Yang* and *Yin*, the two opposite principles of nature according to Chinese cosmogony from which the universe was created. Surrounding this are four of the *Pa-hua* or "Eight diagrams", another product of Chinese mysticism. In the corners are plum blossoms, the emblem of the reigning house.

These stamps served until on Oct. 14, 1897, the King of Korea decided to raise his dominions to an Empire and thus place himself on an equality with his brother sovereigns, the Emperor of China and the Mikado of Japan. In doing this he carried out the eastern custom of renaming the country, and from being *Cho-sen* or "Morning Freshness" it became known as *Tai Han* or the "Han Empire"—Han being an old name of the country. When this occurred the postmasters were allowed to change the old name to the new on their stamps if they wished, and many did so, thus making the surcharged set of 1897. In every place where it was done, however, it was done locally and in a manner peculiar to such place, so that there are many varieties of surcharge but most are easily recognizable when once studied. The practice was not followed extensively as it was too much like work for a Korean and the unsurcharged stamps were still the majority of those used.

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having received the benefit of French training for some two years previous. New stamps were to be issued but were not ready so that the 1895 issue had to be used and thus became an international set, whereas before it was simply local like the former Chinese customs stamps. New rates came into force, one of which necessitated a stamp of 1 poon for newspapers, so that the 5 poon and 25 poon were surcharged with this value.

The new set began to appear about three weeks after New Years of 1900. It was the work of Japanese artists at the Stamp Printing Office in Seoul and has the same *Yin-yang* symbol of the arms and the plum blossom. The currency is based on the Japanese, the *re* corresponding to the *rin*, the *cheun* to the *sen*, and the *wen* to the *yen*. It is certainly a most attractive set and shows well the naturally artistic taste of the Japanese. The printing was later transferred to the mint at Riong-san, a suburb of Seoul, where last year the jubilee stamp was made. This was to commemorate the 40th year of the accession of His Majesty, which began on Jan. 21, 1903, and shows the imperial crown. Certain fetes in celebration were planned but had to be postponed on account of cholera—and also lack of money. The stamp was issued the fall preceding the date mentioned, partly because the supply of low values was running short. For some reason they had ceased printing the regular set and about the beginning of this year the values of 1, 2 and 3 cheun, those most employed locally, gave out and it was necessary to issue provisionals. A considerable stock of the old Washington set was on hand and these was used for the three recent surcharges to tide over until the new set, already ordered in Paris, should make its appearance.

This last set has just been issued, on October 1. It shows the "violet falcon" in the center, falconry being a sport of the nobility as it has been in China. In his right claw he holds a sheathed sword with its belt, and in his left claw a terrestrial globe on which Korea and Japan can be discerned. On his breast is the *Yin-yang* symbol again and surrounding it the *Pa-kua* or eight diagrams. There are also four little *yin-yangs* on each wing, and the plum blossom is again prominent.

These stamps were made at the French factory on the boulevard Brune, and are arranged in sheets after the French manner: three panes, side by side, each having twenty-five stamps, five rows of five.

Four neat postal cards were issued with the 1900 set, a 1 cheun for local use and a 4 cheun for international, both in single and reply forms, and the same values in both forms have been issued with the new French set.

There are very many interesting questions connected with Korea and its postal history which are yet to be cleared up, but from the nature of the case the inquiry is at long range and therefore very slow.

Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the new 1a carmine stamp, with similar surcharge on Indian King's head stamp, similar to the ½a stamp recently surcharged.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* states that the following supplies were despatched to Berbera from India, May 6, 1903: 400 sheets each, ½a, 1a King; 200 sheets, 2a, 3a, 4a King, 2½a Queen; 100 sheets, 8a King, 6a, 12a, 1r Queen; 50 sheets, 2r, 3r, 5r Queen; On H. M. S., 150 sheets, ½a, 1a King; 100 sheets, 2a King; 10 sheets, 8a King, 1r Queen. In addition to these 722 unused copies of each were sent to Berne as samples for the Postal Union countries.

COREA.—*L'Annonce Timbrologique de Bruxelles* says:

"That is a curious effect which cholera has had upon the rarity of a postage stamp. This is the 3ch commemorative of the jubilee of the Coronation of the Emperor of Corea. For that occasion they had organized great fetes and authorized this souvenir stamp, of which there were to be printed 100,000 copies; but, meanwhile, the cholera broke out in Seoul and all the fetes were countermanded and at the same time the printing of the stamps was stopped, 8000 stamps only being printed in place of 100,000. Therefore this is a stamp which will cost 2fr or 2fr 50c when its true rarity becomes known."



Mr. A. W. Dunning has submitted specimens of the new set of stamps and post cards which were placed on sale at Seoul October 1, 1903. Mr. C. A. Howes has also shown us a full set of stamps and single and reply post cards for both interior and exterior use.

The shape is an upright oblong similar in size to the current postage set of South Australia. In the centre is a broad circle in color divided into two parts by a circle at the top with Korean characters, and at the

bottom by the national flower. Within this circle on a white ground is large bird (eagle?) with large jewels on breast and outspread wings, and bearing a sheathed sword in claw and globe in the other. The circle has "Postes Imperiales de Coree" to the left and presumably the same in Korean characters at the right, all in white letters. At the top is an inscription on a curved ribbon with Korean characters. The value is printed at the bottom, in figures in a circle at the left and "Ri" or "C" as the case may be in another at the right. In an irregular oblong tablet between the two circles the value is given in Korean. Curiously enough the lower value is printed "Ri" while in the catalogue and in the older stamps it is printed "Re." The body of the stamps are filled with graceful leaf and flower designs.

The cards consist of 1ch and 1x1ch local cards and 4ch and 4x4ch. The designs are very pretty, the local cards having no French inscription except "Postes de Coree" and the value. The foreign card also has "Union Postale—Carte Postale—Universale" at the left and "Cote Reserve a L'adresse" running down the right side. The foreign reply cards have "Avec response Payee" on one section and "Response" on the other.

Adhesives (Regular):

- ari gray black.
- 1c purple brown.
- 2c green.
- 3c orange.
- 4c rose.
- 5c yellow brown.
- 6c lilac.
- 10c blue.
- 15c red on straw.
- 20c purple-brown on straw.
- 50c red on green.
- \$1 lilac on lavender.
- \$2 purple on orange.

Post Cards (Regular):

- 1c green on greenish, 9x14mm.
- 1x1c green on greenish, 14x18mm.
- 4c red on rose, 9x14mm.
- 4x4c red on rose, 9x14mm.

FRENCH MADAGASCAR.—We have seen a pair of the 2c stamp, issue of 1896, with name of colony printed in black, instead of blue, just received by Mr. H. W. Legg.

GUATEMALA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg of the J. M. Bartels Co. has shown us three of the recent surcharges chronicled but not yet seen. They are the 25c on 10c brown, 25c on 75c red, and 25c on 150c blue.

INDIA.—New values of the King's head set have been circulated in the Postal Union countries. Values of 3r and 5r are to follow.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 12a brown on red.
- 1r carmine and green.
- 2r yellow brown and carmine.
- Surcharged "On H. M. S."
- 1r carmine and green.

MALTA.—According to *Ewen's Weekly*, the 4d King's head stamp has been seen with overprint specimen.

Adhesive (Regular):

- 4d light brown and black.

SOUDAN.—We have been shown a new surcharge for this protectorate by Mr. F. P. Brown.

Adhesive (Regular)

- 5m on 5p green and orange brown.

By C. A. Howes.

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As for collectors they will have to include it as an envelope or wrapper stamp, if they collect such, but the face value, though real, will have to remain indeterminate as we have seen. Another difficulty, how-



Here then is a fine opening for Canadian specialists, offering a never ending quest and consequent unflagging interest. It would seem to offer greater opportunities even than the collecting of precancelled stamps, with all their varieties of printing. It will be interesting to see how long the system remains in use.

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EDITORIAL.

This issue of the ERA will be widely circulated. It is fairly representative of the paper that we intend to serve our readers, though we shall endeavor to be abreast of the times in acquainting the philatelic public with all the happenings of interest any way that opens up, leading to improvement will be made use of. We now desire a personal word with a large number of our readers, a word that means business.

To Sample Copy Readers—Our regular subscription price is 50c per year but to induce you to read our paper on trial we will send it 10 weeks for 10c.

To A. P. A. Members—Our notification of cessation of contract, announced that the sending of the ERA would be discontinued with our last issue. We have allowed this number to enter the mails addressed to all our former patrons with the expectation that many will allow no breaks in the receipt of this journal. This is the final call.

To Subscribers In Arrears—The recipients of bills also understand that this issue of the ERA will be the last they are to receive in the absence of any remittance. We believe in making the same application of business principles in the conduct of this paper as we would in any other business, hence these editorial utterances. With which we rest our case!

A sentiment prevails in this city that our local society should have a club room as near to the centre of the business as such could possibly be located. Our members hear such good reports from the Collector's Club of New York City that every now and then some enthusiastic individual takes up the idea and seeks to concentrate the energies of our local stamp lovers toward that end. A place as suggested would serve as a powerful factor in welding phi-

latelists into a common brotherhood. It could be used as a headquarters for all the philatelic events of the city and would prove a very popular resort. A movement is on foot to determine whether sufficient subscriptions can be pledged to ensure the financial success of such an enterprise.

The change in the postmaster generalship of Australia is bearing fruit of the proper kind. In this instance the fruit is a cessation of postal issues. It is gratifying to learn that Sir Philip Fysh has determined to learn the needs of the postal service ere he provides it with any new stamps. It would seem that the patience of our Australian brethren had become so severely taxed that the pacific attitude of Sir Philip must stand out as a beacon light.

So strong was the criticism of the non-descript design employed in the 9p Queensland and New South Wales, that the new postmaster-general has been approached by numerous persons anxious to furnish ideas, and one London firm actually submitted two new designs. The reason assigned for the crudeness of these Commonwealth issues is that of hasty preparation—a very untenable position, as subsequent events have proven.

The contents of this issue are timely, but only a tithe of the good things in store for ERA readers. The articles from Mr. Howes are both interesting, the opening chapter of Mr. Fowle's "defective story" will in lighter vein, appeal to the humorously inclined and the various departments speak for themselves. We have obtained the services of Frank C. Young who will contribute several essays, taking various English colonies as topics. The ERA staff will be materially strengthened by the addition of Mr. Young.

The course of events in Panama have been closely watched and philatelists are of course divided in their opinions as to the propriety of our government being seized

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*" " " " " " 2s, King.....	.03
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*Mauritius 1903, 4c green and purple.....	.03
*Morocco Agencies 10c, King.....	.03
" " " " " " 25c.....	.07
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with the "spell of suddenness" that governed our actions in this little unpleasantness between the Columbian Republic and the Isthmian state. However, the deed seems to have been accomplished and at this writing a new republic has been formed with a provisional government and a new set of stamps will be the natural outcome.

Called to Washington.

J. M. Bartels of this city has been called to Washington to engage in the work of arranging the postal exhibit of the Louisiana Exposition. This is a distinguished honor, but one well merited by Mr. Bartels whose knowledge of U. S. stamps well fits him for the work. He will be in Washington about ten days.

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? QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS

EDITED BY

C. A. HOWES, 55 KILBY ST., BOSTON.

10. (a). How do you distinguish a precancelled stamp from a postmarked one? (b). I have a number of English 1 penny stamps, Queen's head, which have the word "Prudential" in black ink at the top and below "Assur. Co. Ltd." Are these stamps precancelled?

ANS. (a). The significance of the word *precancelled* is "cancelled before use." It is a method of cancelling (and post-marking also, generally) the stamps in sheets before attaching them to mail matter, in order to save time and labor for the postoffice. If one hundred stamps can be cancelled at once and then used under proper safeguards, it saves the handling of the hundred covers in order to cancel the stamps separately. It is usually done by a printing press, sometimes by a hand-stamp and occasionally by a pen-mark. If the stamp is on a cover precancellation can generally be told from the fact that the obliteration stops abruptly at the edges of the stamp and no mark appears on the cover immediately around it. This *might* happen with an ordinary "dauber" of course, but such is not generally used for precancelling. When the stamp is off the cover it is sometimes rather hard to tell whether it belongs in this class or not, particularly if it is made with a hand-stamp or by pen-mark. As a rule all stamps can be classed as precancelled

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which have the town and state name, with or without date but usually with a number of bars, appearing as if printed on them like a surcharge.

(b). As far as I know precancellation has not been employed in Great Britain, though it has in a few other countries besides our own. It has been the custom with some British firms, however, as well as others in the colonies, to print their name or initials on the front or back of the stamps they used, or even to perforate initials to prevent their employees from stealing the stamps and then selling them for their own profit. I imagine you will find parts of postmarks on your stamps, which evidently were used by the "Prudential Assurance [Insurance] Co., Limited." You will find in the same way "Cave" on many Ceylon stamps; "B. & Co." on many from Straits Settlements; and I have seen the latter in a diamond on Hong Kong stamps.

11. What is a "millesime"?

ANS. "Millesime" is a French term used to denote the date found on coins, monuments, books, and even postmarks. Its general use when employed with the French stamps is explained as follows. The sheets of stamps manufactured at the bureau on the Boulevard Brune in Paris have a peculiar arrangement. They are printed in two half sheets of 150 stamps each. Each half sheet is composed of six blocks of 25 stamps (5x5) arranged in three pairs, one above the other. The vertical space in the center of the sheet separating these pairs is of about half the width of a stamp, and up to 1892 was blank. In that year a figure was introduced in this space opposite the second row of stamps of each pair of "blocks," which indicated the year of the impression. Thus 2 indicates 1892; 3 stands for 1893, and so on. This figure is what is known as the "millesime" and the stamps are usually collected in pairs showing the narrow space with the figure between them. It will be seen from the above description that there are three millesimes on each half sheet.

Customs Duties on Price-Lists.

Frank P. Brown of this city sent one of his lists to Shelburne, Can., only to have it returned with the inscription "1c more to pay" on the envelope. Calling the attention of the postal authorities to the incident Postmaster Hibbard writes Mr. Brown as follows:—

"The one cent additional on the enclosed circular addressed to W. A. Anderson, Sherburne, Ontario, is evidently the duty levied by the Customs authorities in Canada.

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"Our Eye" • •

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

A. W. Dunning of Newton, Mass., a warm friend of the ERA, leaves Boston Nov. 19 for a trip to Southern Europe. He will be gone six months or a year. Mrs. Dunning will accompany him.

The stamps of Wolsieffer's 39th auction sale will be exhibited at F. P. Brown's, 339 Washington St., this city, on Nov. 20 and 21. This is the much advertised Schuyler lot, the Sydney views alone being worthy the attention of every collector.

John N. Luff has been chosen president of the American Collectors Co., in place of G. C. Capen, and Geo. L. Toppan manager of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.

The new 2c adhesive will be held back until December, due to the large supply of the current 2c stamp now on hand.

Jan. 1st, 1904, the J. M. Bartels Co. will remove to the handsome new structure adjoining the Old South known as the Old South Building.

The feature of the last meeting of the C. P. S. was the exhibition of the superb collection of R. E. Baldwin, who has a fondness for the stamps of the Western Hemisphere only, with the exception of Australians. The condition of the entire collection is beyond criticism, the Civil War revenues, unused, with full gum, being unusually fine. G. Boyden of Medinah, Ohio, was present at the meeting, also at Drew's sale.

The Boston Stamp Co. has filed a petition in insolvency with liabilities at nearly \$16,000. The assets are given at \$800.

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By CHAS. H. FOWLE ("UNDOOLEY").

AUTHOR'S PREFACE.—I am sorry to see that this novel has been advertised as something funny. How any one can laugh at the trials and tribulations of an innocent little Millbury who never harmed any one or how one can think of the degradation to which a human being can sink who would steal a stamp without shuddering a great big shud is beyond me. However, when I know that the government allows the stamps to be hit over the head in its post offices and smeared with nasty black ink, I can realize that a stamp, like a tramp, must be ever on the move or it will get cuffs and blows and everything else that's coming to it.

Chapter I.—Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

On the banks of the noble Hudson, as she percolates through the grand old State of New York, there is a no more stately castle than that of John de Horta, known far and near as Baron de Horta from his fad of combining the old manners and customs of the 16th Century with all the modern elegancies and inventions of the day. At his castle, for such it really was, the Baron maintained a full retinue of servants, "vassals and serfs," as he called them, and although in most respects up to date lapsed into the old style of conversation, especially when irritated.

With immense wealth at his command he enjoyed nothing better than the society of his friends and his great hobby of stamp collecting.

His collection was a fine one, arranged in beautiful volumes and kept in a strong safe but always at hand for the inspection of philatelic friends.

A splendid specimen of a "Millbury" pronounced by the great Luff himself as genuine and superb was his *pièce de résistance* and for it he had paid out a goodly number of shekels.

The Baron, by the way, was a widower and his household was presided over by his old maid aunt, Miss Ann Tigua.

It was a fine moonlight night in October when our story opens. The Baron was entertaining some dozen or so gentlemen friends, in his "den" with a view of his stamps and his valuable art treasures.

The "den" be it known was in reality a large beautiful room with great windows and overlooked the winding Hudson.

The group around the first volume had just reached Austria when the Baron said, "By the way, my good friend Thurn, didst notice the Millbury?"

"No, I did not," said the one addressed as Thurn.

"No more did I," said his friend Taxie. "I do not think there was one in this book."

"Odds gad-sooks, lads ye are losing your philatelic keenness if thou sawest not my

superb Millbury, turn back and let's view it."

The pages were turned back to where the Millbury should have been, but it was *not there*.

For a moment you could have heard a *postage due* drop, then the Baron rose to the situation and yelled out the command "lock the doors, let fall the portcullis and search ye every one present." At these dire words one of the servants let fall a tray on which he was carrying a "Mamie Taylor" and a couple of "gin fizzes" and giving a mighty bound raised a window, leaped out and disappeared into the night.

"Stay the search," cried the Baron, "there goes the culprit, but summon every serf, vassal, stable hand or cowherd and let's see who's missing!"

"My lud," said the head butler who had entered, "there his no need hof doing that. It was the new waiter I engaged last night."

"Knowest thou his name varlet?" yelled the Baron.

"'E sed as owe were an Italian and is name was Patsy Ratigan," answered the butler.

"One hundred dollars reward," cried the Baron, "for the recovery of the Millbury uninjured and fifty good plunkers more for Ratigan dead or alive. And now, gentlemen, you must excuse me, I am overcome. I must send for the police, must act quickly ere the wretch can sell or injure it, my poor, lost Millbury," and here the Baron burst (metaphorically speaking) into tears and sank into a chair. With pitying glances the guests departed leaving the Baron alone with the greatest grief he had ever known. For a time he wept, then, rising to his feet, went to the telephone, called up New York and asked that the brightest detective on the force, yea, even a philatelic detective, if such there were, be sent at once to his castle regardless of expense. It was yet early in the evening, not quite nine by the clock, and the detective was promised by midnight. While waiting, the Baron lay down on a couch and thought it over.

Leaving him here with his elegant surroundings but with that great aching void in his heart, let us see where the Millbury had gone to.

When the book was first taken from the table it was opened accidentally just a little and the Millbury, who had worked himself a bit away from his hinge, fell on the floor unnoticed. When the window was thrown up and the waiter dashed out, the Millbury was wafted towards it and another sudden draft gently landed it out on the concrete. A little breeze and it was in the grass and then, wild at the thought of being free, the little Millbury jumped along at every breeze till it had gone some distance from the house.

A sudden gust and it was lifted up and when it again fell it was on the brink of the Hudson. By all ye Saints:—Vincent, Lucia, Christopher and all the rest, is there no power to save this little, innocent, artless stamp lying there all unconscious of

the cold, cold river below and with its little face upturned to the pale moon? Though born in 1847 it was still as simple as a babe and when another gust came and lifted it far out into the night the Millbury laughed aloud in its glee "here goes fourteen hundred dollars." How can I write it? My brain reels (*dos reales*) for it sank, sank down into the great, damp wetness flowing so swiftly by.

Chapter II.—Saved, Saved.

No, not into the Hudson but wafted by a kind Providence, it fell on the deck of a passing steamer bound down the river. It had lain there but a moment when it was spied by a passenger, as it fell under the rays of an electric light. He picked it up thinking it a tobacco tag, but seeing his mistake he was about to throw it down again when he remembered that his small boy collected stamps and he put it carefully away in his wallet. So it came to pass as the train rushed up the river conveying the great detective, the Millbury, for which he was to search, passed down the river safely and warmly stowed away in the wallet of a New York travelling man.

Early the next morn the boat arrived at its pier and the travelling man went to his home in a Harlem flat. After breakfast he remembered the stamp and with a "Here, Sonny, is an odd-looking stamp for your collection," passed it over to his boy.

The boy, whose collection of some two hundred nondescripts was pasted into an old blank book, took the stamp and with a little mutilage put it carefully between a beer stamp and some horrid smelling cigarette stamps. Here for the present we must leave our poor little friend, sick at heart but, oh, so much sicker at stomach, while we see what is doing at the castle on the Hudson.

A little before twelve the train dropped the detective at the nearest station and the Baron's carriage, which was in waiting, soon landed him safely at the castle.

Detective Vathy was of French extraction a man of many words and few deeds but as he was a stamp collector it was thought best to send him.

The Baron received him in the den, explained the loss and showed him a picture of the Millbury in the catalogue. The detective had never met a real live Millbury but from the picture said at once that he should recognize it if he met it. You all know how one looks even if not on speaking terms with one. That honest, open countenance and the statement that the "Postoffice paid 5 cts." For what, it is not stated but from the looks of the stamp we should judge it was *for the die it was printed from*.

After the Baron had told his tale of woe the detective said, "Your explanation is direct, effusive and vehement and lacks but one thing to convince me that I can discover and recover the lost treasure and that is, how shall I know it is *your* Millbury if I meet it in a crowd of Millburys?"

(To be continued.)

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Original Covers of Peculiar Interest.

By M. H. LOMBARD.

Doubtless every collector has some covers that have an exceptional interest, that he prizes highly aside from catalogue value.

I will mention a few in my collection of France, which to me are interesting, and may show to the beginner the unlimited field of pleasure that stamp collecting opens up.

I have a letter, folded and sealed with the address and stamps on the outside as was the usual custom in those days, before envelopes were in general use. It was mailed from Paris and bears a tete-beche pair of the 1 franc carmine together with a 40 centimes orange of the issue of 1849-50. It is addressed to a party in New York and is inscribed "via Liverpool per Arctic."

Shortly after this, on the twenty-seventh of Sept., 1854, the magnificent steamer "Arctic" of the Collins line, plying between Liverpool and New York, was on the seventh day out, at noon, while running in a fog, totally engulfed, in consequence of collision with the French iron screw steamer Vesta.

The "Arctic" was commanded by Capt. Luce, and carried hundreds of souls, millions of treasure and a heavy mail of incalculable value. The accident occurred about forty miles east of Cape Race, the eastern extremity of Newfoundland. The Arctic was built in New York and was considered as staunch and splendid a vessel as was up to that time ever constructed.

Of more than four hundred souls who left Liverpool in this ill-fated ship, full of hope, gayety and health, only about one-tenth escaped a watery grave. News of the disaster did not reach New York until Oct. 14th, and the metropolis assumed the appearance of one great funeral. Throughout the city upon all the public buildings and hotels as also upon the shipping in the harbor, the flags waved at half mast. All business in Wall street was for a time stopped.

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from a fiancée in Paris to her lover, a prisoner of war at Danzig, Prussia. The letter, a very touching epistle was addressed on the outside and bears a 20 centimes of the issue of 1870-71. Records show it was mailed Dec. 30th, 1870, by the balloon named "L'Armee-de-la-Loire." The aeronaut in charge was Monsieur Lemoine and he had 232 letters. The descent was made at Montbizot, having travelled 231 kilometers in eight hours.

Another, a letter from a mother in Paris, to her son in a town outside. On the inside is printed a newspaper "La Cloche", giving all the news in Paris. It is reduced in size by photographic process to such small type that a magnifying glass is necessary to read it. On one of the other pages is written the letter and it is then folded, and addressed, the fourth acting as a cover. It bears a 20 centimes of the laureated head of 1863-70. It was sent Dec. 11, 1870, by the balloon "Le General Renault" in charge of aeronaut Monsieur Joignery, who had with him two passengers, twelve pigeons, and 100 letters. The descent was made at Bailliolet, a distance of 143 kilometers, which was covered in three hours and fifteen minutes.

Also, a "Lettre-Journal" mailed from Paris by balloon-post addressed to the "New Orleans Picayune" via L'Angleterre. This bears a 30 and 40 centimes of the laureated head and bears the postmarks of Paris, London and New York. It was sent by balloon named "Le Colonel Charras," Oct. 29, 1870. The aeronaut was Monsieur Gilles who had six pigeons and 460 pieces of mail. The descent was at Montigny-le-Roi, having travelled 308 kilometers in five hours.

From these few examples it may be seen that all the pleasure is not simply in collecting, but in studying your treasures after you get them. At least that is the way it is with me.

Defence of Gen. Madden.**Pan-American Inverts Discussed in a Plain Letter to the Press.**

By J. M. BARTELS.

As my name has been repeatedly mentioned in connection with a 4-cent Pan-American postage stamp, with centre inverted, I may be pardoned for a few remarks which may be made in defence of a man whose fair name has been maliciously used.

As far as Gen. E. C. Madden, the third assistant postmaster-general, is concerned, he has nothing to fear from these investigations, in my opinion. He is a man of sterling qualities, who has used his best efforts at all times in the interest of the department. He deserves great credit for his conscientious work in trying to reduce the deficit of something like \$12,000,000 a year, arising from a rather indiscriminate granting of second class rates (1 cent a pound) to numerous publications.

An innovation for which Gen. Madden should be duly credited is the stamp booklet, introduced several years ago. It has been a great success, and since then adopted by several foreign countries. The profits derived annually from this little novelty are sufficient to pay his salary many times over.

I believe firmly that our present third assistant has never taken a dishonest dollar. It is true that he did give away specimens of the 4-cent Pan-American stamp with inverted centre to congressmen and

other high officials, but it is absolutely false that any one man received a block of 10 of these stamps. Not even an unsevered pair has ever been known, except in the original sheet. The policy of giving away specimen stamps may be subject to criticism, but the right of Gen. Madden to do so cannot be questioned. He certainly had no intention of undue profits, either for himself or for any one to whom he may have given them.

A precaution was taken to have the word "Specimen" stamped on each copy to prevent their postal use, and to show that they were given away by the department. It is a fact that one or more copies are known to exist without the overprint, but of this Mr. Madden had no knowledge. It was contrary to his instructions.

In reply to this question in a St. Louis publication, "Where did J. M. Bartels of Boston obtain his copy without the word 'Specimen'?" the writer begs to state that it was from no one connected with the postoffice department, or in any way with Gen. Madden. It was a great surprise to the department officials to hear that stamp collectors were willing to pay from \$50 to \$300 for a specimen of this stamp. However, this does not affect Gen. Madden or any one connected with his office.

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By HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Various parties report having seen copies of the new 2c stamp, though none have been reported used as yet.

Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us the first copy of the new 2c stamp. At first glance the impression is not wholly pleasing, but the simplicity and beauty becomes more apparent upon close inspection. The new design has been fully described, and yet it is totally unlike anything yet seen in stamp making. The stiff, straight lines of the shield will probably be most criticized. The face of Washington is broader and lacks that disreputable bibulous look complained of in the stamp about to be superseded. The specimen submitted was postmarked at Putnam, Conn., Nov. 17.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. L. G. Barrett calls our attention to the fact that there are two shades of the recent 9d stamp issued for Queensland and New South Wales. He has a Queensland stamp of this denomination printed in a darker brown but strangely enough the blue is a different and lighter shade than on the stamp printed in a lighter shade of brown. He also has the Queensland stamps with watermark V and crown, both inverted and normal.

BELGIUM.—The *Soir* of Brussels says that postage stamps of a new design are under consideration.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Mr. L. G. Barrett has shown us the new 60c gray green and carmine recently chronicled.

BRITISH POST OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new value of the King's head type, with overprint in black. It was issued in October, only a limited number being printed.

Adhesive (Regular):
12 piastres on 25b lilac.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Among a late consignment, Mr. E. de Z. Kelly received the 6d violet King's head, and the 4d blue registration envelope.

COREA.—Mr. C. A. Howes kindly corrects our chronicle of the new Corean stamps, which, however, is unnecessary for those who read his lucid and interesting article last week. The "eagle" is a falcon and the alleged "jewels" are the yin-

yang symbols. The native characters in the curve at the top, and in the small circle in the upper part of the large circle are Chinese, while those in the bottom tablet and in the right of the larger circle are Corean. Mr. Howes explains that the different spellings of the word for the lower value, result from the fact that the older stamps had the inscription in English, hence "Re." The new ones have the inscription in French, "Ri"—both being pronounced the same.

CUBA.—Mr. J. M. Bartels submits for examination a U. S. 2c foreign Post Card, surcharged "Cuba, 2c de Peso," but with the surcharge inverted, which brings the overprint at the left instead of the right, and, of course, upside down.

CYPRUS.—We have been shown the 1 piastre stamp of the new set, previously chronicled, by Mr. F. P. Brown.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES.—Mr. H. W. Legg has shown us the new 24 violet and lilac, chronicled in No. 540.

Ewen's Weekly reports having seen the remaining values of the current set, surcharged "specimen." The $\frac{1}{2}$ a, 2a, 1r and 2r have already been chronicled but we give the full set for convenience. The rupee values are of large size, similar in design to the low values, but with the value in words added at top. The values are the same as in the Queen's head set except that there is no $\frac{7}{8}$ r. The second color is that of the portrait vignette.

Adhesives (Regular):

- $\frac{1}{2}$ a green.
- 2a carmine and gray black.
- 2a violet and lilac.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ a ultramarine.
- 3a gray green and brown.
- 4a black and gray green.
- 5a yellow brown and gray black.
- 6a pale blue and gray black.
- 7r green and gray black.
- 8r violet and gray black.
- 3r black and gray green.
- 4r pale emerald green and gray black.
- 5r carmine and gray black.
- 10r ultramarine and gray black.
- 20r gray and gray black.
- 50r red brown and gray black.

Envelope (Registration):
2a pale blue.

FRANCE.—A new envelope is chronicled by Smith's *Monthly Circular*, with stamp of retouched Mouchon type.

Envelope (Regular):
15c rose red on greenish.

INDIA.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the 6a bistre previously chronicled.

HONGKONG "KING" CARDS.

1903 1c green, single and double, 4c carmine, single and double, set (4)..... \$0.20
1902 4c carmine, Queen's Head..... .06

RHODESIA.

1903 $\frac{1}{2}$ d green, P. C. and 1d carmine, L. C., set Postage Extra..... .10

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MEXICO.—Mr. A. Z. Norton of San Francisco submits for inspection a copy of the current 3c stamp, the orange shade being changed to a yellow brown. Mr. Norton says it is one of four received through the local custom house. While the new shade is pretty evenly established over the stamp, we should prefer that it be treated to a bath of per oxide before making a definite chronicle. Has this been noted by others of our readers?

RUSSIA.—*Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* says that a new set of stamps with portrait of Tsar Nicolas is to be issued Jan. 1, 1904.

RUSSIAN OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the following Russian stamps surcharged new values for use at Russian offices in the Levant. The color of the surcharge on the 3p or 50k is red, others not given.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 1 piastre on 10k dark blue.
- 2p on 20k blue and carmine.
- 3p on 50k violet and green.
- 7p on 70k brown and orange.
- 10p on 1 rouble brown and orange.

SWITZERLAND.—A local paper says: We have had an opportunity to see recently a new design for a set of postage stamps which the house of Girardet of Berne has engraved and submitted to the Federal administration. It is a compromise between the symbolic and national ideas, which have each their partisans. A young and vigorous Swiss woman with hair crowned with oak, and resting one arm upon the federal shield, and the other holding the fasces, with the number "22" of the cantons. The figure rests upon a background of white mountains. At the top of the stamp the word "Helvetia" is printed, upon a wavy banderole, with the value in a shield. The design is far superior to all that we have seen thus far and will put our Swiss stamps in the highest rank of philatelic novelties. It has a distinctive Swiss character, but at the same time an appearance of elegance and good taste.

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The Military Stamps of New Caledonia.

By C. A. HOWES.

M. Arthur Maury in the last number of his *Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* gives quite a little information about a certain Lt.-Col. Delauney, an officer of the Legion of Honor. It appears that this gentleman, according to his own account, is a most omnivorous specimen as his specialties include beetle collecting, book collecting and general writing, for he is editor of a lot of papers; from his pen have come volumes and series of papers on the most diverse subjects: military, art, natural history, sports, weather forecasts, games with cards and otherwise, chemistry, the distances of the planets and their satellites, etc., etc. He finally took up philately, which is the cause of M. Maury's story.

Ostensibly to further the cause of his new specialty his fertile brain laid numerous plans of action. He started a Philatelic Press Syndicate and had a lottery for its benefit without authorization, the result being difficulties for himself, a black eye for the Syndicate and the retention of all the "benefits" by M. Delauney. Other schemes were launched including a so-called exchange club and a society of "Pure Philatelists"—the idea being to exclude anyone who brought the least idea of commercialism into their collecting.

But M. Delauney was not so disinterested as he appeared and used philately only as a mask to further his own ends, according to M. Maury. This was shown not only by his lottery for the Syndicate, but his attempt to get some imperforate sheets of current France from the Administration to sell "for the benefit of the Help Fund of the Philatelic Press Syndicate." It was he who tried to launch a popular competition for new designs of the French stamps and who caused the rumor that the "Sower" type was unsatisfactory and would be retired.

Another proof of his disinterestedness is given. Being a state official and desiring to form a large collection at little cost, he invented a number of strange stamps which he furnished and still furnishes at exorbitant prices either for cash or in exchange. These will be found under the head of "Military Stamps" in the catalogues (Gibbons however does not list them) and are doubtless familiar to our readers through the illustrations which show the French flag as the principal part of the design. M. Maury asserts that they are pure fantasies and when placed on soldiers' letters serve only as the fifth wheel to a coach. "Anyone," says M. Maury, "can stick any kind of a label whatever on his correspondence and it will often happen that the postoffice will cancel it by chance." As is well known, especially since the F.

M. (*Franchise Militaire*) surcharge has appeared, French soldiers may send home letters for 15c instead of 25c from the colonies. The first type of these "stamps" bore the value 10c, evidently intended to represent the supplementary value, or reduction in cost accorded to the military. But the postal administration opposed the use of this label like a postage stamp and bearing a value, so M. Delauney kindly removed the value—and advanced the "price." Having no value expressed the postal officials now take no notice of them. To sum up, then, these tags have no more interest nor philatelic value than the Buffalo Exposition labels which many were wont to place beside the stamp on their letters in order to get them "cancelled," which caused the Post Office Department to instruct clerks to be careful not to place cancellation on these fantasies.

Another invention of this fertile brain was a "frank stamp of the Minister of Marine" which is also listed at a high figure. M. Delauney had something to do with sending out copies of the "Memorial de l'artillerie de Marine" and seized the opportunity to employ the label, whose only use was to bring in cash or rare stamps in exchange to its author.

Is it not time that some of these creations were left out of our catalogues?

Boston Philatelic Society.

The regular November meeting of the Boston Society was held on Tuesday eve, the 17th, and notwithstanding the stormy evening a large attendance was noted. Two new members were elected, T. J. Champagne of Springfield and J. A. Craig of Yarmouth, N. S. One proposition for membership was filed, Capt. F. T. Palmer of Sacketts Harbor, N. Y.

Various reports of committees were acted upon but the report of the Entertainment Committee proved of such wide interest that we quote the salient points. The committee recommended:—

- (1) Talks on the stamps of different countries by specialists in said countries including Luxemburg, Samoa, Hawaii, Philippines, etc., etc.
- (2) Exhibits of covers.
- (3) Exhibits of telegraph stamps.
- (4) A meeting for exchange between members.
- (5) Continuation of auction sales.
- (6) Annual jollification to take form of a hotel dinner.
- (7) A stereopticon exhibit open to the public.

The committee further recommended that in place of medals, awards take the form of blue and red ribbons and honorable mention.

An informal auction was held. Commemorative stamps met the fate of having no champions, to the extent at least of making an exhibit for the honors of the evening.

"Our Eye" • •

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

C. W. Leonard & Co., Detroit, have issued a new 24 page catalogue of stamps and general philatelic supplies.

Detroit rejoices in a precancelled stamp. A 1c green has made its appearance.

At the meeting of the Philatelic Fiscal Society, Nov. 2nd, Geo. R. Tuttle and L. Frieler, both of New York City, were elected to membership. Next meeting Dec. 7, at 167 W. 71st St.

Joseph Copper, manager of the Tiffin (O.) Stamp Co., has recently visited New York.

I. W. Risdon exhibits a pair of the 80c carmine, Empire, on the original cover in *tele-beche*. It is a very interesting cover.

The Nassau Stamp Co., formerly at 237 Broadway, is now located at No. 235—one door below. Mr. Knudson had opened a stamp office at the later address several weeks ago and the Nassau Stamp Co. bought him out in order to secure this office.

Lloyd S. Graham, formerly of St. Catherine, Ont., has taken up his residence in Windsor, across from Detroit. Mr. Graham has been a collector for many years, was once Vice-President and afterwards Secretary-Treasurer of the Dominion Philatelic Association, also member of the P. S. of A., A. P. A. His present collection numbers some 4,000, but is especially strong in U. S. and B. N. A.

An exhaustive grammar of the Portuguese tongue is in preparation, or will be shortly, by Edward Bennett-Schuyler and J. A. D. Park, both prominent collectors of Buffalo vicinity.

A. D. Blair, Jr., has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the League of Philatelic Literaturists, his predecessor having resigned from lack of time and numerous absences from home.

The first issue of the *Metropolis* has appeared and is a very creditable first issue. It is entirely devoted to and issued by the M. P. A., and will be the organ of no other society. The Secretary's report shows 18 members, which is doing extraordinary well for a new society. Reports of other officers and of contests, and notes of the association complete the paper. It is issued from Corning, N. Y., by the president, H. D. Munger.

President E. L. Shove sends to the press this announcement concerning the S. of P. presidency:—

MEMBERS OF THE S. OF P.

"In order to remove the complications now existing in regards the late election, and make the way clear for harmony and prosperity in the society, I have this day sent to the Secretary a resignation of any and all claims I may have had on the presidency of the society."

THE LOST MILLBURY

OR,

The Philatelic Sleuth-Hound.

A Defective Story.

By CHAS. H. FOWLE ("UNDOOLEY").

SYNOPSIS.

John De Horta, sometimes called Baron de Horta, living on the banks of the Hudson loses a valuable Millbury stamp from his collection while giving a stamp soiree. He suspects one Ratigan, a waiter, who leaps out of the window when the Baron orders a search. The stamp in reality has blown out of the window and finally landed on the deck of a steamer, bound for New York City, where it is picked up by a travelling man and given to his boy in Harlem. A detective, who has been sent for by the Baron, has just asked how he will know it is the Baron's "Millbury," if he finds it.

Chapter II.—Continued.

The Baron laughed a satirical laugh and said "you will never meet it in a crowd of Millburys because, first there is no crowd of them in the whole world and, second, if there were my Millbury is of gentle blood and would never associate with a crowd of any kind, no matter if every stamp in the crowd was in mint state and perfectly centered, but list and I will tell thee how thou canst know my stamp."

The detective listened intently as the Baron explained as follows:

"For years I have had a fear of losing some of my treasures and I devised a way of knowing them if they were lost and I found them again. On the back of every stamp you will see with the aid of this powerful glass a small 'H' done with a very minute rubber stamp. If you find the Millbury, turn him firmly, but gently, over and if the 'H' is there it is my lost one. Seest?"

The detective saw and then, not necessarily for publication but merely as a guarantee of good faith, the Baron passed him the decanter and pouring out a generous quantity, as it was free, the detective found it a very good space filler.

When the gurgling had ceased the Baron asked: "What had you thought of in connection with the case, do you think Ratigan will try to sell it at once or what?"

"I should say yes," said the detective, "I think he will try and dispose of it at once before the dealers are notified to be on the lookout. The stamp is probably on the way to New York at this very minute."

Was the detective gifted with second sight; had he that wild, weird East Indian astral power of being in two places at once and could he, with that clearer vision, see the Millbury as it speeded down the Hudson safely put away in a wallet?

No, nothing of the kind, he was about as stupid as the average detective and the only thing he had never failed to discover was the exact moment at which his salary became due. Unthinkingly he had spoken the exact truth in regard to the Millbury, but he never knew it.

"Then," said the Baron, "haste thee to New York, visit every stamp shop before the setting of tomorrow's sun and, mayhap, you will find it, if so, the reward is

yours. I will pay all expenses, do not spare the money, and give you one hundred—yes, five hundred dollars for my Millbury safely delivered here in this room. It is now one A. M., the first train goes at 6. Sleep a while and I will see that you start in season."

Calling a servant the detective was escorted to a chamber where we will leave him for a few hours.

The Baron was too agitated to retire and sat and nodded and half slept in his great, easy, reclining chair.

The hours wore on, as they always do, and the great, round moon took a tumble to itself and started off to see if there was "anything doing" in China, or if Russia and Japan had got together yet.

The sun began to think it was time he got up and did a few stunts and put the electric lights out of business and all through it the Baron's castle servants, vassals and sicks began to kick themselves because the morning came so near the time they had retired to rest.

At a little after five, Detective Vathy was called, made a hurried toilet, swallowed a cup of coffee and a bit of food and was soon en route for New York.

As soon as he arrived he began to visit the stamp shops, but, although he labored hard and was several times shown a Millbury or a photo of one, he failed utterly to find a trace of our missing friend. At 6 P. M. he telephoned the Baron: "I do not think it has arrived in New York yet, Ratigan is evidently in hiding and later on will try and sell the stamp. All I can suggest is that I keep in touch with the shops and wait till something turns up."

The Baron, who had been waiting so impatiently, all day, was terribly downcast at this intelligence, but told Vathy to continue the search daily and to notify every dealer and collector he could reach to be on the lookout for it.

Meanwhile, in the hopes that Ratigan might still be in hiding near the castle, the Baron had some notices printed and put round the town in various places, stating that "if one Patrick Ratigan would call at Castle de Horta with the article he accidentally carried away, he would receive one hundred dollars and no questions asked, &c."

A few days passed, long, dreary, miserable days for de Horta, till one afternoon the door bell rang and the servant, who answered the bell, almost fell out of his clothes for there, pale, wan and weary stood P. Ratigan—the much wanted Ratigan.

Recovering himself, the servant ushered him into the room where the Baron sat, dejected and alone.

At sight of Ratigan the Baron gave a great gulp. His color, generally an orange red, came and went and for a moment he could not speak, then, with a mighty effort, he said: "Didst thou bring it back?"

Ratigan trembled violently and simply nodded his head in assent. The Baron turned to the waiting servant and cried:

"Prepare a great feast for tonight; go out into the highways and the byways and collect every wild-eyed, hungry stamp fiend in the district; tell them I bid them come; the lost is found; give the fatted calf a belt over the head, as you go, for we hold high wassail tonight; if they don't understand that, say something about a hot, old-time, for we'll raise the roof tonight. Tell Aunt Tigua she had better go out and sit up with a sick friend, 'cause there'll be no sleeping in Castle de Horta this eve. Now, stir up the servants and rush things."

After the door had closed the Baron turned to Ratigan and said in a voice meant to be kind and reassuring, "Now, my dear man, hand me my treasure and you shall not be harmed."

Ratigan put his hand in his pocket and pulled out *six solid silver spoons and a very valuable gold and silver ash tray*, and handed them to the Baron.

"And what may these be?" asked de Horta.

"The articles I carried away that night and you offered a reward for," said Ratigan; then seeing the awful look coming into the Baron's face he sank on his knees and cried, "Forgive me, my lord, I don't know what tempted me to steal your silver, but here it is, every piece of it and"—but without listening further the Baron dashed from the room and up the great staircase to his chamber, where he flung himself on the bed and cried like a child.

Left to himself Ratigan being of a frugal disposition and thinking the Baron gone mad, put the spoons and tray back into his pocket added a few bits of silver *bric-a-brac* and left the room and walked out of the front door and also out of our story.

For at least three hours the Baron lay as one in a swoon, then rose and came out of his room to find the castle a blaze of light and quite a throng of people collected in the parlors and den.

"What means all this?" he demanded of a trembling servitor.

"The feast you ordered, my lord."

"I ordered no feast," fairly howled the Baron in tones that struck terror to all within hearing. "Clear out this mob and blow out the electric lights or I'll set my dogs Rajpeela and Sir Moor on to them."

"But my lord you invited them and they are Hungry."

"Don't answer me slave, Jammu, yes Jammu and Kashmir I repeat, drive out the gang, I would be alone."

The servant started to obey orders, but at this moment the crowd in the den came pouring out to congratulate the Baron on the recovery of his precious Millbury.

(To be continued.)

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OUR EXCHANGES

The *Australian Journal of Philately* tells us:—

It may not be generally known that the "Sydney Views" were for a short time available for use in Victoria and that some bear the "Butterfly" or "Gridiron" postmark as it is variously called. These are now in demand and command higher prices than ordinary used specimens. At an auction sale held by Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper in May a horizontal pair of 1d carmine, plate 1, with a "Butterfly" postmark, a little defective but splendid color, fetched £3 10s.

This elicited the following letter from Mr. Donne, of Melbourne:—

"If these were in use in Victoria it would be only for a few days. Although the colony did not become actually independent of New South Wales until 1st of July, 1851, postage stamps bearing the name of Victoria were in use eighteen months before the severance took place, having been issued on 5th January, 1850. I do not say that the Views were never in use here, but am inclined to think that most of them bearing "butterfly" postmarks were on ship letters cancelled at this end. My opinion in this direction is strengthened by the fact that I have a copy of the 3d laureated New South Wales, watermark 3, with this cancellation and I have also seen a 1st V. D. L. 4d and a 2d diadem N. S. W. imperf. similarly cancelled. I do not think that any of these could have been issued for use in Victoria."

Mr. Donne's contention is very probably correct. In some cases the letters were posted on the ship and were not obliterated until they reached the Melbourne office.

Inasmuch as the Sydney Views were issued on January 1, 1850, and the Victorian stamps appeared on the fifth of the same month, the former could have been in use "only for a few days", as Mr. Donne says,—hardly a justification for their appearance in Victoria. The *Aust. J. of P.* continues, however:—

Mr. David H. Hill, writing on the stamps of Victoria in the *Federal Australian Philatelist* of April, 1891, says: "It is, however, certain that some of the New South Wales stamps were used to prepay letters in Port Phillip, Victoria, and that very shortly after the Act came into force. It is quite possible that these stamps were supplied by the G. P. O. at Sydney to some of the post-offices in Port Phillip through inadvertence or misunderstanding, the province being part of New South Wales, or some postmaster not being aware of local arrangements may have made application to Sydney and received a supply direct." From an extract of an official letter dated 20th June, 1851, referring to the issue of postage stamps of both New South Wales and Victoria, which suggested that each should be confined to the colonies in which they were issued, Mr. Hill infers that from the date of the above letter it would appear that "the issue of these New South Wales stamps to some of the Port Phillip post-offices had not been merely a temporary one until the arrangements had been completed, but had continued longer. It seems very unlikely that these stamps could have been supplied by the Melbourne office. "A gentleman resident in Geelong had shown him (Mr. Hill) two letters bearing

the Portland (Victoria) postmarks of 25th and 27th January, 1850, and addressed to Geelong, from each of which he had taken a 2d Sydney View."

Mr. Donne writes us saying that he also saw the two letters and stamps referred to and has no doubt that the stamps were on the envelopes.

Would it not seem probable, judging from the foregoing extracts, that no real issue of New South Wales stamps had taken place in the Victoria district, but that such stamps had been employed by travellers who had brought them from New South Wales and used them in good faith before the separation of Victoria on July 1, 1851? The above letter shows that the practice was allowed, and this view of the case would account for their extreme scarcity. That the Tasmanian stamp and the Laureated and Diademed stamps must have been on ship letters and cancelled on arrival in Victoria there can hardly be a doubt. This may have happened to some of the Sidney Views also, but with these latter only the entire original cover could settle the case.

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New York, Nov. 9, 1903.

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58. A. A. Hemphill, 210 4th Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
59. E. A. Andrews, 65 Ewing street, Trenton, N. J.

Dues received: Madtes.
A list of new officers appears at the head of our column. Mr. Madtes resigned in favor of Mr. Dalton as President.

F. L. SMITH, Sec'y-Treas.

New York, Nov. 13, 1903.

New Member.
60. Erwin G. Ward, Springfield, Mass.
Application.

ERNEST F. WURTELE, Quebec, Canada; age, 42; occupation, accountant; references: F. L. Smith, W. Hawkins.

Dues received: No. 45.
F. L. SMITH, Sec'y.

? QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS

EDITED BY

C. A. HOWES, 55 KILBY ST., BOSTON.

12. Under Luxemburg officials following No. 148 in Scott's catalogue they say: "Stamps of 1881 issue with surcharge of type "d" are reprints." Now Gibbons fails to mention this fact. A couple of prominent European dealers with whom I have dealt some insist there are no reprints of Luxemburg officials. I would be glad to know the facts.

Ans. Kohl's catalogue confirms Scott's by saying: "No. 19-28 [issue of 1881 with tall, thin letters "S. P."] with thick surcharge "S. P." should be classed as official reprints. According to many communications from specialists these should really be listed in the catalogue as a new issue."

These stamps of the 1865-72 issue were on July 1, 1875, surcharged OFFICIEL. In December, 1881, this was changed to S. P. (*Service Publique*) in plain sans-serif capitals, (Scott type "c"). On December 1, 1882, the "Peace and Commerce" type was issued and simultaneously appeared for official use with-S. P. in thicker letters with serifs (Scott type "d"). It will thus be seen that the two issues had each its distinct type of surcharge. It was somewhat surprising, then, in 1884 to have the previous set appear with the surcharge of the "Peace and Commerce" type, though the latter was still in use. Writing in the *Philatelic Record* for May, 1900, Mr. Frank H. Oliver, a specialist on Luxemburg, has the following to say about them:

"In 1884 the remainders of the issue of 1874 to 1880 were, overprinted with the small S. P. surcharge. These are the stamps numbered 387 to 396 in Stanley Gibbons catalogue. [They do not appear in the last edition.—Ed.] There is no evidence to show that these stamps were ever used for postage purposes, and I have never seen an used copy. It may be that the postal authorities printed them on their own initiative, to 'facilitate the ecoulement' as Major Evans has it, but it is generally understood that they were made at the request of a stamp dealer. In any case, I cannot see that they can be treated other than as Government reprints."

It will be observed that they were remainders that were operated upon nearly three years after the new issue had appeared, and when there was apparently no need for such action. But it would seem that *reprint* even is a misnomer for them. A reprint is naturally made from the original form or type used; how then can these be "reprints" if a totally different type was employed? The term "Government counterfeit" seems rather more applicable, just as in the case of the so-called "reprints" of Alsace-Lorraine.

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13. Why do the "florin" values of Hungary, 1888 issue, have the abbreviation "ft" after the numeral? This does not seem to be "short" for florin.

Ans. The peculiarities of Magyar spelling are responsible. In Hungary the Austrian *Kreuzer* is spelled *Krajcar* or *Krajcar* and the gulden or *florin* spelled *forint*; hence the abbreviation *ft*. The original florin was a gold coin first issued at Florence, Italy, in 1252 A.D. and containing somewhat over \$2 worth of gold. It attained great commercial popularity and was largely imitated in France, Germany, Hungary and elsewhere. The name "florin" is ascribed both to the city of its origin and to the fact that the obverse of the coin bore a large fleur-de-lis. The Germans, however, knew it rather as a "gulden" (meaning "golden") from which the Austrian and Dutch monetary unit took its name and from which the English "guilder" comes. The term was later applied to the standard silver coins of Germany and Holland, though just how the change came about I cannot say.

While on this subject it may be interesting to note the origin of the other names used. "Kreuzer" (pronounced *Kroitser*) comes from the German *Kreuz*, a cross, which was the original type of the coin. Of the new coinage the crown or "krone" (Hungarian *Korona*) is a term which has been applied popularly to coins of various values and various countries ever since they began to appear with a crown as a prominent feature of the design. The term has now rather lost its old significance but proved a convenient name for the new Austro-Hungarian monetary unit, of which two equal the former florin. For the hundredth part of the crown they resuscitated the name of a coin formerly current in Germany—the "heller" (Hungarian *filler*). The coin was originally struck in Hall, a town in Swabia, whence the name "haller" "haeller" or "heller". Its old value was about a farthing or half cent, but the new heller corresponds to the centime or fifth of a cent.

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BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

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The principal ports are Kingston, the capital, Port Morant, Port Royal and Black River and Savona-la-Mar on the south coast, and Montego Bay, Falmouth, St. Ann, Port Maria, and Port Antonio on the north. Outside the capital, Port Antonio is best known to the Americans, from having long been the headquarters of the banana trade of the United Fruit Co. and its predecessors. It is connected by rail with Kingston and is in the centre of the great banana plantations on the north shore.

The surface of the Island is very irregular, the central range of hills rising to the Blue Mountains on the east with an average altitude of nearly 6000 feet, one called the Blue Mountain Peak, reaching a height of 7360 feet. From this central range there are many branches, with valleys leading to the north and south with many streams and rivers. The most important rivers are the Black and the Minho,

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"Our Eye" . .

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—The new Stanley Gibbons catalogue is with us to the extent at least of Great Britain and her colonies. The other half is promised early in January. The volume before us is a very handy book and a number of alterations will be noticeable. Much valuable information is conveyed in inserting the name of the printer and the method of printing the various issues. Watermarks have been treated with special care. In regard to prices, it is the policy of this firm to base same on stock in hand as the volume goes to press.

—F. N. Massoth has just returned to Chicago from St. Louis, where he has been exhibiting the Schuyler collection, Wolsieffer's next auction sale.

—Drew's 123rd sale consisting of a superb collection of blocks, pairs, strips etc. will be held in this city December 2 and 3. The catalogue is a handsome piece of typography. The cover is printed in silver and black on red, the prefatory remarks are in black on yellow paper, and the body of the catalogue is in blue on white. There are so many fine things in the sale that to mention any would be an injustice to those remaining.

—Two eminent philatelists have passed away, W. E. Image of England and Oscar Berger-Levrault of France. Mr. Image was 96 years of age and Mr. Berger-Levrault 78. The labors of both of these gentlemen have been distinguished by valuable services to philately.

—J. D. Aldrich of Indianapolis, Ind., is reported as having passed away Oct. 11. He was a member of the A. P. A.

—Tuesday evening, Dec. 8, the J. M. Bartels Co. will hold an auction sale strong in U. S. colonial issues, at their salesroom in this city.

—R. A. Millar, London, Ont., has been appointed Sec.-Treas. *pro tem* of the D. P. A. *vice* W. N. Ussher who has either resigned or been deposed if we understand correctly Pres. Holmes' official communication.

Chronicle . .

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The 2c stamp noted in this column, came from Mr. L. E. Richardson of Putnam, Conn. We are indebted to the same gentleman for an early copy of the new stamp, which was mailed at 8 p. m., Nov. 17, and but for a delay in the mail, would have reached us before that shown us by Mr. Legg. They were received at the post office at Putnam, Nov. 16.

Mr. Isaiah Rudy of Pittsburg, Pa., reports having received a copy of the new stamp dated Norristown, Pa., 2.30 p. m., Nov. 17, '03.

Mr. Harold W. Flansburgh of Genesee, N. Y., also sends a 2c stamped envelope with one of the new stamps, marked at Avon, N. Y., Nov. 18, at 9.30 a. m.

Mr. Richardson also submits a 3c 1861, with grill, with double perforations at both top and bottom.

AUSTRALIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that the special Commonwealth design, as typified in the 9d Queensland and New South Wales has been abandoned and will not be used for any more stamps, although these two stamps will of course, continue to be used.

FRENCH CONGO.—The two surcharges chronicled in No. 541 should be reasonably scarce, as only 4000 copies were printed, of which a large part were destroyed according to *L'Eko de la Timbrologie*. Of the 5c on 30c, 1615 were sold, 800 sent to Berne and 1585 destroyed. Of the 10c on 2fr, 2022 were sold, 800 sent to Berne, and 1178 burned. The stamps were issued to meet a genuine postal need; sold only on the presentation of matter at the post office, and destroyed upon the receipt of the regular stamps.

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ITALY.—Mr. Charles de Grave Sells of Ligure, Italy, informs us under date of Oct. 30, that the new express stamp previously chronicled had (at that date) not been issued, only a few specimens had got out unknown to the minister, and got through the post.

PANAMA.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us copies of the stamps for the new republic. They are surcharged "Repubblica de—Panama" in small capitals with a rubber stamp. The surcharge is near the top of the stamp, and quite modest and retiring.

RUSSIA.—The 4k carmine has appeared on vertically laid paper.

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The Stamps of Jamaica.

By FRANK C. YOUNG.

"Jamaica, the land of sunshine," whose many beauties and advantages are now being extensively exploited by a fruit company of the United States with large interests in the islands, is likely one of the least popular of British colonies from a philatelic standpoint. Yet, to my mind, the colony and its stamps do not deserve to be neglected by collectors.

While, truly, there is a certain monotony in the repetition of the same portrait of the good Queen, the same objection obtains in relation to many other more popular British colonies.

To the collector who classifies by watermarks, and, especially to the student of shades, there are very many interesting stamps to be looked for, some of which may for months and years be searched for in vain, particularly if wanted in fine condition, either used or unused.

Scarce as are some of the values and shades, the stamp collector has an easy time of it compared to the gleaner of philatelic information. Though I have had access to complete files of nearly all the leading stamp publications, both English and American, since the beginning of philatelic journalism in 1863, and have diligently searched, I have not, except for a few notes written by myself some two years ago, found an article which pretended to cover the stamps of this colony. Consequently, I have had to depend for information herein contained on my own experiences and the chronicles of new issues in the older magazines. Should the egotistical "I" appear too prevalent, I ask the kind reader to forgive my trespasses as I shall endeavor to forgive his when he attempts the writing of a stamp article.



As the colony, its people and its products have been so thoroughly and so well described in recent issues of the daily papers, I will not attempt to improve on those delineations, but will pass at once to the matter of its postage stamps, starting at the beginning.

Prior to 1857 or 1858, no postage stamps whatever were in use in the colony; prepayment being signified by the use of hand stamps.

In 1858-9 and 1860, and possibly earlier, current English stamps were used, which it is supposed can be recognized by the cancellation "Aor," but little certainty can be felt unless the stamps are shown on original covers. Collected in that manner a certain interest should attach to them, but I know of no collector who has attempted

ed the acquisition of any large number.

This brings to my mind the voluminous acrimonious discussion current some years ago in the English stamp journals, in which the brightest minds in the philatelic field took part, as to whether the stamps of Great Britain used colonially should be classified as British stamps, or as belonging to the colony where used. Many writers, with verbose arguments, claimed them to be colonial stamps and entitled to be catalogued as such, while others urged as a fact that a British stamp was always a British stamp, no matter where used, how and by whom. The English stamps on original covers used from St. Thomas, D. W. I., recently advertised for sale, would be examples. To the best of my knowledge, each of the disputants, settled the controversy to his own satisfaction and I am magnanimous enough to allow the reader to do likewise.

Prior to the issuance of stamps, the postal service of Jamaica, in common with most of the other West Indian colonies, was wholly in the hands of the home Government, even the postmasters being appointed by the Postmaster-General of Great Britain.

The first set of stamps for the colony, printed in London by Messrs. De La Rue, on paper watermarked a pineapple, was issued November 23, 1860. While many of the De La Rue colonial stamps of that period are not noted for fine condition, particularly after having passed through the post, a worse centered, more heavily cancelled and badly faded bunch of stamps than these same pineapple watermarks have seldom been inflicted on a long suffering philatelic public. The two pence value was, perhaps, the worst offender in this respect. Application to half a dozen of the leading dealers of America, a year or so ago, failed to bring to light even one copy of this value in fine used condition.

Indeed, it is to the condition of this first set that many charge the unpopularity of the country with collectors. A leading stamp salesman recently said, speaking on this subject: "After the average collector has for some months unsuccessfully tried to get together a reasonably good set of the first issue, he quits in disgust and wipes Jamaica off the philatelic map."

As all values of this set, except the three-pence, which was not issued until 1863, had a currency of about twelve years, necessitating numerous printings, there are many and various shades, some of which it is difficult to come across. I believe there is a field for study open, to some ardent stamp student with facilities for seeing large numbers of these stamps in attempting their classification into the different printings, and, if a sufficient number could be seen on original covers, it might be possible to fix the order and dates of some of the

more prominent shades. I merely throw this out as a suggestion, for which no thanks are expected.

In the more distinct and catalogued shades there are some, which are not often met with, particularly the deep lilac or purple sixpence and the lilac brown shilling. These are fairly distinct colors, and should their acquisition be simultaneously undertaken by even a small fraction of the many collectors of British colonials, their price in the next catalogue would place them among the most talked about of all stamps.

It can be truthfully said of the whole set that it is not superfluity of supply but lack of demand that makes their present catalogue price.

During nearly the whole of the currency of this set of stamps, Jamaica had a half-penny rates on newspapers and circulars, but no stamps to prepay such a rate. This was met by an official authorization of the use of one-half of a penny stamp. The notice distinctly stated that the stamps must be bisected diagonally and that none but the penny value was to be used. Unlike the procedure in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where under similar provisions nearly every value was cut in nearly every form, the Jamaicans seem to have very strictly followed the notice of the Postmas-



ter-General. One penny stamps divided vertically are known to have passed the post, it is true, but I have never met with a well authenticated use of any other value. Nor have I heard of a case where any but the one penny blue was used, except that half of the large 1d red of 1900, used as a halfpenny on a newspaper, was catalogued in one of the New York auction sales last winter.

The original notice marks the commencement of the longest use (1860-1872, twelve years) of a split provisional as a permanent issue that has come under my notice.

Although the threepence was the last of the set to be issued it was the first to suffer change, as in 1869, the watermark was changed to Crown and CC. Most catalogues give 1871-2 as the date of the CC set, but as *The Philatelist* chronicles this watermark in its issue of February 1, 1870, and in June, 1871, on the appearance of the sixpence and some other values with CC watermark, the editor states that he has had the threepence with this watermark for more than two years, I conclude that 1869 is the probable date of its emission.

By the end of 1872, all values had appeared on the same paper, with the addition of a halfpenny stamp, which rendered unnecessary the use of the split penny stamps. That their use did not immedi-

ately cease, probably from force of habit, is shown by the fact that some copies of the one penny blue CC are known bisected, but they are much more rare than those of the pineapple set.

In August, 1875, was added to the set two higher values, two shilling brown and five shilling violet. The latter seems to be ever present in the stamp auctions in an unused condition, but genuinely used copies are rather scarce and hard to find.

While in this set condition, particularly of used copies, has largely improved and shades are, perhaps, not quite so prolific. The stamp student will while away many an hour in getting together a fine collection.

In 1883 or 1884 the watermarks of the one penny and twopence values were changed to Crown and CA without a change of colors. Gibbons' catalogue gives 1883 as the date of the one penny and 1884 as the date of the two pence, but I find them both noticed simultaneously as new issues in July, 1884, while in April, 1885, I find noticed the changes of colors to 1d rose and 2d gray. This would indicate a currency of something less than a year for the first named colors in CA watermark.

While the stamps are not uncommon in used condition, it is evident that stamp dealers did not sufficiently stock them unused and that few were left in the island when the change of colors occurred, as they are quite the rarest Jamaican stamps in unused condition.

As before, the threepence label was the odd sheep in the flock, not appearing with the new watermark until 1886. I find it first chronicled in April of that year.

In 1889 a change of design was made in the 1d and 2d stamps, the penny being issued in two colors. Here is a pair of stamps which will delight the collector of shades. Being not at all high priced, either used or unused, any collector who cares to search for them may have a dozen or more differing copies in his collection.

The joining of Jamaica to the Postal Union in 1890 necessitated a 2½d stamp to meet the charge for foreign postage. As this rate superseded the old fourpenny rate, the new value was made by surcharging the old fourpenny stamps "Two Pence Half-Penny" in two lines. To the colony's credit let it be said that this is Jamaica's only surcharged stamp.

Several errors crept into the surcharging of these stamps, an inverted, double and triple surcharge being chronicled, as well as "PFNNY" and "PENCK." The two latter errors occurred once on each sheet, I believe. Some time ago it was my good fortune to receive in response to a want list an unused copy of the "PF" error at the price of the regular stamp. I immediately wrote requesting its companion, the "Penck," but have failed to receive it up to time of going to press.

This was succeeded in 1891 by the well-known 2½d, still current.

The one, two and five shilling values did

not obtain the CA watermark until 1897.

In 1900 was brought out the large red postal label (possibly as correctly termed poster label) usually referred to as the Jubilee stamp. This is incorrect, as it was not intended as an issue commemorative of the Queen's Jubilee. As giving nearly all of my information on the stamp, I quote from an article in the *Jamaica Gleaner* in June, 1900:

"This stamp somewhat tardily commemorates the entrance of Jamaica into the era of imperial penny postage, which took place on the birthday of Her Majesty last May. In very recent years it has become the fashion to make the postage stamps of the nations highly artistic. Sombre designs and dull colors have given place to picturesque and brightly colored gems of the engravers' end-of-the-century skill, and in order that there might be more scope for the engraver the size of the newer stamps is double, and often more than double, that of former times.

"Jamaica's new stamp is in keeping with this end-of-the-century development, but, it cannot be said to compare with the many beautiful stamps which have been issued in recent years by other countries. If this is the best that the English engravers can give us, they have allowed themselves to fall behind their competitors abroad, and particularly those of the United States.

"The color of the stamp is vermilion and the centerpiece is a representation of the Llandovery Falls, in St. Ann, showing both vegetation and water. The name is comparatively unknown. The view may illustrate one of the many aspects of Jamaica—the land of wood and water—but it certainly gives no idea of the "wood" with which nature has endowed Jamaican scenery. The view might very well depict a scene—one of the many—in Wales. The photograph is one of a series sold by the local photographers and in the original the charm of the light and shade and almost perfect delineation of tropical wealth of verdure never fail to impress. But these charms have been lost in the representation the engraver has given us.

"Most curious of all the stamp is watermarked 'CC', which really means crown colony. Is this a mistake or an ominous prophecy? The watermark we suppose should have been 'CA', meaning crown agents."

A correspondent writing to the *Gleaner* in relation to the stamp says:

"If changes are contemplated in the other issues, then in the name of common honesty let us have one thing at least representative. Banana groves are numerous, as are natives and amateur photographers, the veriest tyro of whom could, I feel sure, supply something infinitely more handsome than the adhesive in question."

Owing, undoubtedly, to adverse comments of the public, the stamp was, in 1901, printed in red and black, making a decided improvement.

Although Jamaica has not been prolific in surcharges and provisionals, there have been numerous postally used fiscals, not many of which are catalogued. One of the uncatalogued varieties consisted of an envelope hand made from stamped paper, making an interesting cover.

The official stamps afford ample scope for research in filling out the varieties catalogued, including the errors. Many collectors fail to distinguish between the

half-penny officials with surcharge 15½mm. long and those with surcharge 17½mm. long, yet the two varieties should be collected.

Hoping I have been able to add a little to the stock of information of at least a few collectors, I take my leave of Jamaica with regret, as it is to me a most interesting colony.

? QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS

EDITED BY

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14. a. In my collection my unused Columbians show a tendency to crack, i.e. the gum does and eventually the stamps will crack. Am I right in understanding that the best way to prevent this is to destroy the o. g.?

b. Are U. S. revenues that have been used but *not cancelled* worth more than cancelled ones, or more than catalogue price?

c. Is there more than one variety of the 25c blue and black revenue of the 2nd issue? I have same and the shade of the paper approaches a pink instead of a violet.

Ans. a. Yes, the only way to prevent damage from a heavy gum that will crack and will eventually crack the paper of the stamp also is to soak off the o. g. All the really essential parts of the stamp are left.

b. I do not remember that any distinction has been made, at least for many years, between used and unused revenues in our catalogues—I am employing the term "unused" to include those "used but not cancelled." A great many were employed without a cancelling mark being placed on them and I fail to see why such, or even an unused one with full gum, should not be worth more than a cancelled one on the score of condition at least, on the same principle that a cancelled revenue undamaged is worth more than one cancelled by cuts. As to whether it would be worth more than catalogue price that depends on the stamp—and the price.

c. There is but one variety of the 25c revenue of the 2d issue. All the stamps of this issue were printed on a specially prepared paper that contained sensitive coloring matters. One ingredient was affected by alkalis and another by acids, so that if either means were employed to tamper with a used stamp for fraudulent purposes the paper would immediately show it by a change in tint. This is known as the *chameleon* paper. In addition the head was printed in a "fugitive, soluble black," though the blue frame is a permanent ink. The usual tint of the chameleon paper seems to be a faint mauve; if your specimen is a decided pink it has probably been affected by something.

Two French Types.

Translated from *La Cote Reelle* by HENRY A. KIDDER.

In the spirited discussion which followed the discovery of the N under B and the N under U varieties of the stamps of 1876, each writer explained the anomaly in his own way. The battle waged fiercely, but thanks to M. Mouchon, who projected a ray of intense light upon the cause and effect, one knew whom to believe. All became calm again, and there was only left of the battle the remembrance of the wounded vanities and the towering pride of one of the champions.

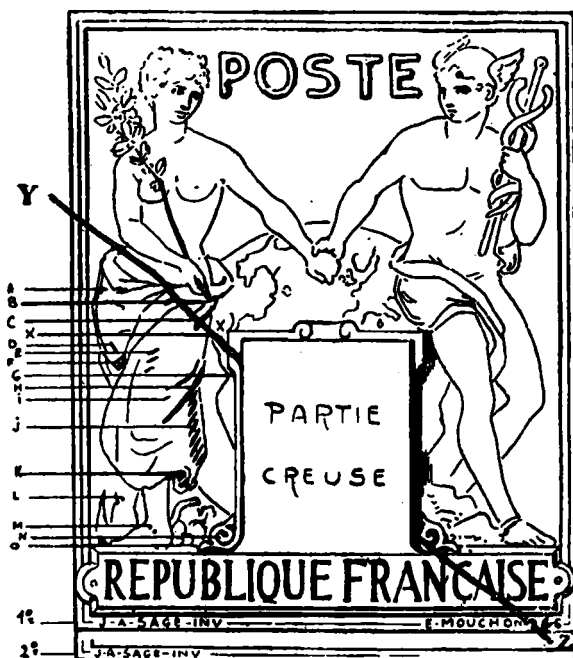
It was established as a result of the intervention of M. Mouchon, that he had made two corners for the stamp, of the type "Peace and Mercury."

It appears that as soon as the first en-

graving was finished, before the plate was hardened, that impressions were taken in gutta percha. These impressions served as moulds from which to make the clichés, which were all of the variety N under B. Later, while being hardened the first corner was broken and the national engraver was obliged to reengrave it, but in part only.

with the broken corner, probably reinforced, which gave another stamp, in a single piece, but in which the lower part was higher than the upper part. M. Mouchon was then obliged to file away all the salient part. He then had a stamp engraved in the upper parts, but completely smooth in the lower portion. It is this part which he was obliged to reengrave.

In spite of all the care which the artist was able to bring to bear, not to depart from the original engraving, it is evident that the new engraving must, at least in the small details, be a little different from the first. Otherwise we should be obliged to claim that M. Mouchon has executed a veritable *tour de force*, because the two



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The enlarged engraving given herewith shows very clearly how the steel plate was broken. From the point Y at the left near the top, the fracture passes under the arm of Peace, and descends as far as the upper corner of the space reserved for the figures of value. It reappears at the lower right hand corner, and ends at the bottom of the frame, at Z, just at the letter "D" which follows the name of the engraver.

In the corner broken off, the lower part was found not to be of the same height as the upper portion, on account of the local expansion of the steel. M. Mouchon was obliged to strike a matrix

works present fewer differences than one would have a right to expect.

To assure themselves, our readers have only to examine the picture which is of the primitive type N under B. We have indicated upon that picture some of the engraved lines which show little differences with the type N under U. With these points in mind, the collector will be able easily to ascertain whether any stamp is of the first or second types, when as it often happens, the obliteration conceals the inscription below or the perforations have cut it away.

Here are the differences which may be found in the second type.

A—This line is more to the left.

B—Shade thinner.

C—Shade less heavy.

D—Line more marked.

E—These three lines are stronger and nearer together.

F—Group of lines lighter.

G—Shade carried by the frame under

the curve of the pediment, strongly indicated.

H, I—All this part is shaded less heavily.

J—The white lines are wider.

K—Difference of form.

L—The ankle is less marked.

M—These points have disappeared.

N—Volute terminates above near the frame in a leaf with thick stalk, while the stalk is very small in type I. Moreover the volute is placed directly upon the line of the base, while in the first type it is separated by a very sharp line forming a shade.

O—This shade has disappeared.

X—It is in this place at the curve of the globe, that the two engravings differ absolutely. Compare the shape of the continents, exactly at the point of fracture, and you will see that the second type is more labored.

The differences which exist between the two inscriptions, "Republique Francaise", are very difficult to describe, because they are very small. Here again it is necessary to compare the stamps side by side. The letters the most remarkable are R U B Q C.

If M. Mouchon gave all his attention to make the second engraving of the design as identical as possible with the first he did not feel so much obliged to use the same scrupulous nicety when he cut the name of M. Sage. He inscribed there the name without in his mind attracting the least importance to it. The inscription was pushed towards the left and the space between the letters was diminished, whence the N under U.

The name "Mouchon", also newly engraved, is nearly the same in the two types, only the "M" is a little taller in the second.

The letters which follow the name of the engraver are "D. & S." (dessinateur et sculpteur) and not "D. A. S." as certain philatelic writers seem to think, who have neglected to put on their spectacles. Besides "D. A. S." would mean nothing.

Another thing distinguishes the stamps N under B from those N under U—the figures of value. In the first type the figures are larger. All the values are in two sizes except the 3c, 35c and 5 fr, which are always N under U. The 2 fr brown on blue, the last issued of the series, is N under B. Notice further: all the stamps of the two types have appeared at first N under B; the 40c olive was issued N under U in March 1878, and became N under B in the month of June following. Concerning the 25c ultramarine, we are able to affirm that the two types appeared together July 20, 1877. Besides the pair with the two types which is known, we have in hand an N under B and an N under U, both obliterated July 22, therefore there is no question upon this point.

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BRITISH STAMPS USED IN JAMAICA.

By C. A. HOWES.

It is well known that in the early days of postal affairs in the British West Indies the management of the post offices was directed by the Postmaster General of the United Kingdom. Not only were the officials appointed from England but British stamps were supplied for prepayment of postage from April 1858. With the supplies of British stamps there was also provided a series of postmarks for the various offices. These postmarks were mostly of the "duplex" kind, with dated postmark and obliterator together. The latter was generally oval in form and consisted of parallel bars enclosing a number. These numbers were part of a series which included all the post offices in England and Wales, as well as the colonial and consular offices in other parts of the world. The series ran from 1 through 999; then 001 through 099; then A01 through A99, B01 through B99, C01 through C99, and so on.

From the numbers in this series which were given to the West Indian post offices, then, we can recognize such British stamps as were used colonially. At the time of the adoption of this system, however, two of the West Indian colonies had taken over the administration of their local offices and had supplied themselves with stamps, viz.: Barbados and Trinidad, so that these colonies are not represented in the series. British Honduras was included and also the towns of Demerara (Georgetown) and Berbice (New Amsterdam) in British Guiana, though just why these two latter should have been included when British Guiana had its own stamps I am unable to say.

About four years later, in 1862 probably, the series was extended to include the consular offices in Central and South America and the other West Indian islands. Additions were made at various times thereafter, but most of the consular offices were closed when the states or colonies in which they were situated joined the Postal Union. When the British colonies took over their own postal affairs they retained in most cases the numbers which had been assigned them.

Coming to Jamaica, then, we find that it heads the list, as the offices at Kingston received the first number given a colonial office, A01. The other smaller offices on the island were supplied at the same time with the numbers A27-A78 inclusive, and these fifty-three numbers are the only ones that will be found, in all probability, on British stamps used in Jamaica as the colony's own series was issued on Nov. 23, 1860. The stamps commonly found with these Jamaica cancellations are the 6d and 1s of 1856 as the letter rate to the United Kingdom was 6d per half ounce. Other numbers were later added to the Jamaica list, viz.: about 1864, E06, E30, E58, F80, F81, F95, F97, F98 and G13-G16 inclusive; after 1870, A79-A83 inclusive; and sometime between 1875 and 1885, 193, 196, 199, 201, 598, 615 (later changed to 596), 617, 622, 631, 640, 642 and 647. These numbers will be found on Jamaica stamps but I doubt if any were ever used on British stamps in the colony.

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Since my last report, dated August 7th, I have received the following renewals to the funds of this Department: Alfred Michael, \$3.29; W. G. Saxton, \$5.00; Dr. Paul Rosenberg, \$4.26; William C. Stone, \$9.65; B. V. Jenkins, \$5.01, and one new subscription from Thomas R. Johnston, \$5.00.

Distribution No. 70 was sent out August 31st, and contained the following new issues: Servia Provisional cards, 5 and 10 paras and letter cards, 5 and 10 paras; Norway, new type, 3, 3x3, 5 and 5x5 ore; Bulgaria, 5x5, 10x10 stot. and 5 stot. on green; Straits Settlements, 1 and 1x1c; Italy, "03" 10 and 7½x7½c; Costa Rica Provisionals, 2 on 3 and 4 on 3c; Rhodesia, ½d; British India, ½ and ¼x¼ anna; Tasmania, 2d letter card and Hungaria, 62 filler, Telegraph letter card.

Distribution No. 71, which will contain the following new cards, will be sent out in a day or two, and will be in the hands of this department before this report appears in print: Canada, 1c King type; Argentine, 6c; Danish West Indies, permanent issue, 1, 1x1, 2, 2x2c; Orange River Colony, ½d King type; Cape of Good Hope, ½d King type; Transvaal, ½x½ and 1x1 King type; Ceylon, 2c King type; Hong Kong, 1, 1x1, 4 and 4x4c King type; Italy (Albania), 10c surcharged "20 PARA 20" only; Western Australia, 1d local print and Greece, 10 lepta, new variety.

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NOTICE.

The 27th regular meeting of the New England Philatelic Association will be held at the American House, Hanover St., Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 1, at 8 o'clock.

The entertainment for the evening will consist of a competitive exhibit for a silver medal which has been offered for the best specialized collection of any country.

The following application for membership has been received and will be acted upon at this meeting, together with the applications published last week.

MR. VINCENT H. LAFORME, Wellesley Hills, Mass.; proposed by John J. Cone, Jr.

The 26th regular meeting of the New England Philatelic Association was held at the American House, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 3rd, President Cone presiding and eight members present. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting and they were declared approved as published in the Official Organ. The report of the Treasurer showing a balance on hand of \$2.94 was read and approved.

The Secretary was then instructed to cast one ballot for the election of the following applicants for membership:

Mr. Francis A. C. Hill, Hyde Park, Mass.

Mons. Ed. S. Estoppey, Lucerne, Switzerland.

And they were declared elected.

The exhibition for the evening was for the stamps of Canada, Postage only, for which two collections were entered. The silver medal was awarded to Mrs. W. D. Smith of Portsmouth, N. H., and the collection of Mr. Geo. F. Waldron of Somerville received honorable mention. The meeting formally adjourned at about 9.30 o'clock and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner.

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About Precancelled Stamps.

By F. L. SMITH.

The cancelling of stamps while in the sheet, which is called precancelling, did not spring into use through any act of the Government, but was a method of saving time and labor in cancelling the stamps on a large amount of mail matter offered at any one time by some prominent business house, that was thought out by a number of postmasters.

In some cities permission was asked of the Department to do this, but in a great many cases it was not. The supposition being that the only necessary thing, was to cancel the stamp effectually, and that being done the incident was closed.

Precancelled stamps were not extensively used previous to 1899, but from that time the practice extended rapidly. The Department decided from the greatly increased inquiry for permission to cancel stamps in sheets, that it was a matter requiring some supervision; and therefore in the early part of 1901 issued printed instructions regarding the manner in which they should be used. In 1902 more detailed instructions was issued, giving a minimum amount that could be over-printed. This was changed in May 1903, and postmasters instructed to print them only for parties using 25,000 per month and not less than 1000 in any one day. Permission was also granted to print a single lot of 5000 stamps upon a request for them. The printing of these stamps must be done by the postmaster or an employee. The name of the post office and state, with a heavy black line above and below, are required to be printed across each stamp. This is not done at present in a great many cases, but if present methods continue we may expect to see it done, and in time we may also have a uniform design for all.

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" " 111, " .05	" " 29, " .30
" " 118, " .05	" " 34, " .85
" " 133, " .05	" " 36, used, .32
" " 174, used, .28	" " 49, 0.2, .14
" " 180, " .48	" " 54, " .15
" " 140, 0.2, .28	" " 74, used, .48
" " 141, " .23	

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Seybold Exhibit at the Brooklyn Institute.

BY JOHN D. CARBERRY.

On Wednesday evening, November 18, 1903, Mr. John F. Seybold, of Syracuse, N. Y., gave a very interesting talk before the members of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, displaying his magnificent collection of stamps on the original covers, collected during the past 30 years. A very enthusiastic body of collectors gathered to hear Mr. Seybold's remarks and view his

exhibit, among whom we noticed Messrs. P. F. Bruner, President of the Collectors Club, Manhattan; W. F. Gregory, A. Krassa, J. Herzog, Percy G. Doane, R. R. Bogert, Professor F. W. Hooper, Director of the Brooklyn Institute, Wm. H. Sussdorf, D. and J. Minaldi, George W. Ring, Dr. T. P. Hyatt, John D. Carberry and many others.

Mr. Seybold is a true philatelist, who has devoted his whole life to the study, pleasure and profit derived from collecting stamps in this original and natural way, and we doubt if there is another collection in any way equal to his in this country, either in quality or rarity. It is quite interesting to note the various stamps that were purchased for a few pennies 30 years ago that are now worth from \$10 to \$100 each.

At the outset we must not omit the great treat that was afforded to us in the display of some of the various Provisional Postmaster's stamps of the United States. We have not here space to give them all the minute description which they deserve, but first let us mention the beautiful Brattleboro, as perfect a specimen as one would wish to see, and which has already been held in two continents, a fine Providence used on original cover, New Yorks galore, both with and without initials, and numbers of others of these interesting early issues.

He has nearly all the issues of the United States, and not content with single specimens, in many instances has pairs, strips and blocks. We noticed a fine pair of the 1c 1851, type I, one strip of 5c 1851, and another of the same of six and a strip of six 12c. We saw a 24 and 90c 1855 on the same cover, and several copies of the 90c on another cover. We have never had the pleasure of seeing so many rare U. S. on covers. The collection is also rich in Departments.

Mr. Seybold has promised on another occasion to exhibit his collection of Confederate States and Provisionals, which ranks probably second to none in this country.

In British North America particularly Mr. Seybold takes great pride, especially in his 12 pence Canada, which is a perfect beauty, and one of the only three known to exist on original covers, while he has many beautiful copies of the shillings of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

While Mr. Seybold collects nearly all countries, it is difficult to imagine a finer display of old German States than has he, being very complete, and also in the fine and rare old Swiss and Wurtemberg.

This exhibition was certainly a most wonderful object lesson as to the natural way of collecting stamps and we should not be surprised if the exhibitor made many converts to his way of collecting. He is a most genial gentleman and made many new friends at the Brooklyn Institute.

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BY GORDON IRELAND.

In the Jamaica Special number of the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA published to-day, I notice that Mr. William C. Stone finds himself somewhat short of references to the stamps of the Island, in his literature index. Doubtless both he and Mr. Frank C. Young, who notes a similar dearth (on page 81), are thinking of leaders and elaborate articles on the country in question; and I may perhaps therefore be pardoned for volunteering the accompanying list of references to articles concerning the month and sometimes the day, of new issues; the number, disposal, and date, of remainders; descriptions of and comments on, designs; market price and financial hints of various kinds; upon the adhesives alone of this colony, in the chance of possibly adding further study. The list is not exhaustive, even for the journals named, but comprises only such paragraphs as I have noted from time to time:

American Journal of Philately; 4:176, 319, 364, 485; 6:9; 11:75; 12:414; 13:186; 14:250.

Boston Stamp Book; 2:66; 3:20, 74; 4:38, 60, 79.

London Philatelist; 6:73; 8:193, 218; 9:177; 10:182, 232, 251; 11:222.

Mekel's Weekly Stamp News; 7:105; 8:156; 9:116; 10:40; 11:65, 159; 13:257.

Philatelic Journal of America; 9:129.

WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA; 13:353, 373.

(Volumes are preceded by semi-colons and followed by colons: all other figures are pages, in the last-mentioned preceding volume.)

Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Lohmeyer sends us a copy of the new 2c stamp which he says was placed on sale in Washington, Nov. 19.

Mr. George F. Duck writes us that he has seen a specimen of the new 2c stamp, postmarked Olmstead, W. Va., Nov. 16. This is a small mining town in McDowell County. Thus far this is the earliest date of cancellation reported.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us three new values of the new surcharges on Indian King's heads.

Adhesives (Regular):
21 violet and black.
3a brown orange and black.
4a olive green and black.

CEYLON.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports having received the 5c King letter card, spoken of in his chronicle of the 2c postal card. It is an exact counterpart of the Queen's head letter card of 1895, LC1 of the 1898 catalogue, except as to the stamp and the absence of the scored line at the fold.

Letter Card (Regular):
5c black on blue, 88x130, perf. II, B.

COLOMBIA.—Mr. W. S. Crittenden reports having purchased Nov. 11, a block of four of the 10c Panama stamps, surcharged "A.R.—Colon—Colombia," in purple ink, evidently done with a hand stamp. The two lower surcharges were inverted, and one had a double impression. Mr. Crittenden says: "I was informed by the dealer from whom I purchased the stamps that there were only three inverted surcharges on the entire sheet, so they must be pretty good."

HONG KONG.—Mr. J. M. Bartels reports having seen the \$30 stamp of the King's head set.

Adhesive (Regular):
\$30 dark blue and black.

HUNGARY.—Ewen's Weekly describes the new postage due stamps just issued. They are oblong, similar in size and shape to the Australian dues, with large figures of value in the centre on plain white ground. "Magyar Kir Posta", and "Filler" appear in the framework above and below in small capitals.

Adhesives (Postage Due):
1f green and black.
2f green and black.
3f green and black.
4f green and black.
5f green and black.
10f green and black.
15f green and black.
20f green and black.
50f green and black.
1kr green and black.

INDIA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us a new rupee value in the current King's head set.

Adhesive (Regular):
2r brown and rose.

MEXICO.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 2c current in the new color, green.

NICARAGUA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us some interesting surcharges and varieties of this country all on the "volcano" stamps of 1900 and 1902. The surcharge is in the type of Scott's Nos. 164, 165 and 166, with the addition of the word "Oficial" in large capitals between the two lines. The lithographed 10c purple has been overprinted 1c as above, the addition of an rule or ornament between "Oficial" and the value creating five varieties. "Contavo" also opens the way for still other varieties. The omission of the figure in the left upper corner is also noticeable. Other surcharges are 2c on 3c green, 4c on 10c purple, and 5c on 3c green, all in the same type, with presumably the same varieties. The 20c bistre brown official stamp of 1900 has been surcharged "10—10—10 ctvos" at top and bottom similar to the others.

Adhesives (Provisional Official):
1c on 10c purple and black.
2c on 3c green and black.
4c on 10c purple and black.
5c on 3c green and black.
10c on 30c bistre brown and black.

PHILIPPINES.—Mr. J. M. Bartels who has been in Washington of late, arranging the Government stamp exhibit for the St. Louis exposition, reports that the 1c, 2c, 5c and 50c stamps of the series of 1902 have received the usual surcharge "Philippines" in black. The new 2c stamps have also received the same surcharge, but thus far have only been used for the stamp books of which a supply is on the way to Manila. The 2c stamp first type of 1902 should be reasonably scarce with this surcharge.

The Washington correspondent of *Maker's Weekly* says the new stamps surcharged recently have been the 1c, 5c, 13c, 15c and \$1, of series of 1902.

RHODESIA.—A letter card (the first) has been issued for this British possession. It bears a 1 penny stamp, inscribed "BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA," and has only one line of inscription in the upper center, "LETTER CARD."

Letter Card (Regular):
1d carmine on blue, 90x140mm., perf. II, B.

SIERRA LEONE.—Mr. Lohmeyer says: "I have received the King's head cards issued in October. They are of the new colonial type. These cards were chronicled in the January (1903) number of *Des Philatelist*, the Official Organ of the Dresden International Society, as having been received by the editor, but it was not stated that they were specimens or advance copies. This practice of chronicling new issues in advance of the actual date of issue has created a great deal of confusion among collectors. From this very chronicle they have evidently been admitted into Senf's 1903-04 catalogue, the forms for

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10 Philippines; 12 Porto Rico; 18 Roumania; 20 Salvador, (4 diff. sets); 11 Serbia; 22 Spain; 8 Sts. Sett.; 25 Sweden; 18 Switzerland; 10 Turkey; 10 Venezuela; 10 Uruguay; 6 W. Australia, etc.
Many other offers equally as good in my price list. Hundreds of customers have found my list of stamps at 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5c each just what they wanted to fill in spaces from. Better drop a line.
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which were closed the latter part of May."

Post Cards (Regular):

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1/2x1/2d green on cream, T.3, 74x112mm.
1d carmine on cream, 89x140mm.
1x1d carmine on cream, T.3, 89x140mm.

ST. LUCIA.—Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us the 15h King's head, chronicled in No. 540. The colors are green and black.

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Nov. 23, 1903.

FELLOW MEMBERS:

A majority of the members have sent in their votes on the amended constitution, and as all were in favor of it, I declare the same adopted.

Yours fraternally,
CLARENCE G. DALTON, Pres't.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

Applicant.

FRANK MCCHESENEY, Elkton, Md.; age, 42; occupation, Manager. Ref.: Dalton, W. H. Smith.

F. L. SMITH, Sec'y.

Written for the ERA.

ICELAND POSTAL CARDS.

BY JOHN N. MORSE.

As the issues of this country are somewhat less known than most others, and information is not so readily at hand I have made a short study of the subject for my own satisfaction, and now submit the following in the hope that if other information is to be had, this list may be the means of drawing it out.

ISSUE OF 1879.

The stamp has white triangle in each corner. The frame is composed of 29x17 sections, and the line beginning Hjernam etc. measures 57½ mm.

1.—5 aur blue (shades) and gray on grayish-white.

A. The upper section of left frame is inverted. The 14th at top and 15th at bottom—both from left, are shortened.

B. The upper left corner ornament is turned thus L. The 15th section at top and 14th at bottom are shortened.

C. The upper left corner ornament is turned thus 7. The 14th section at top and 15th at bottom are shortened and the 20th at bottom is inverted.

ISSUE OF (JUNE?) 1880.

Key pattern frame. Three headlines. Three varieties of stamp.

2.—8 aur mauve (shades) on grayish white.

A. BRJE &c. 54½ mm. In stamp the i of FRIM is directly under center of posthorn.

B. The sixth ornament from bottom in left frame is like a corner ornament. In stamp the "i" is under left curve of horn and A of AUR is under space between first and second points from the wreath.

C. BRJE &c. 55½ mm. The i in stamp is under left curve of horn and A is directly under the second point of wreath.

(The double card appears with a new ornament over "Iceland." Has any one seen it on the single card?)

Frame as No. 2. Five headlines the first beginning ALSH.

3.—10 aur carmine on grayish white.

A. First line measures 69mm., second 23½ with the bracket at end under the left of J and over the right of D.

B. First line 69mm., second 23 with bracket under F and over left of D.

C. First line 67½ mm., second 23½ with bracket like A. Sixth ornament at left like 2B.

ISSUE OF (OCT.?) 1883.

Similar to No. 1, but stamp has no white triangles and frame has 30x18 sections with no errors.

4.—5x5 aur blue and gray. T.3.

A. On grayish white. On reply e of "eins" is over v of "svar."

B. On pure white. On reply e is over "ar."

(This change in paper seems to have been made about Jan. 1893.)

5.—8x8 aur mauve on white. T.3. Similar to No. 2.

A. On grayish white. The ornament over "Iceland" has three diamonds with white centers. The stamp on original as on 2C; on reply as on 2B.

B. On white, but not the pure white like 4B. The ornament over "Iceland" has four solid diamonds. Stamp on original as on 2A; on reply as on 2B.

6.—10x10 aur carmine on grayish white, T.3. Similar to No. 3 but has six headlines, the first beginning ALSH. No accent over I of Iceland on original or over O of Postfjc &c. on reply.

ISSUE OF 1890.

Similar to No. 4. Two varieties of stamp.

7.—5 aur blue and gray on white.

A. Bright blue on pure white. The dotted lines are three different lengths as No. 1. The i in stamp is under left curve of Posthorn.

B. Pale blue on grayish white. Second and third dotted lines are same length (69mm.). The i in stamp is under center of horn.

ISSUE OF 1892.

Similar to No. 6, but heading re-set in seven lines, the first beginning ALLSH.

8.—10x10 aur carmine on white, T.3.

A. Second line (Union P U) is 36mm. on both cards.

B. Second line 37mm. on original and 36½ mm. on reply.

ISSUE OF (APR.?) 1900.

Similar to No. 8, but six headlines. The stamp has been retouched.

9.—10 aur carmine on pure white.

NOTE.—In Aug., 1889, Mr. Watson reports having seen a 10 aur card with first headline in curve "ALLSHERJARPOSTFJELAG." This would seem to be the card that Scott and Gibbons list "without dash". I think it must be an essay.

ISSUE OF 1902.

Surcharge in black over stamp "I GILDI '02-'03" in two lines. There are several varieties of this surcharge.

A. The lines are 7½ mm. apart. The upper point of "2" ends in a blunt point instead of a ball.

B. Lines 5½ mm. apart and upper point of 2 ends in a ball.

Three sub-varieties of B are:

A shorter bar.

No bar.

No period after 03.

10.—5 aur on No. 7A, surcharge A.

11.—5x5 aur on No. 4B, surcharge A.

12.—8 aur A " " 2A, " " A.

B " " 2B, " " B.

C " " 2A, surcharge B, no bar.

13.—8x8 aur on No. 5B, surcharge A.

14.—10 aur A " " 3C, " " A.

B " " 9, " " B.

C same but no period.

15.—10x10 aur on No. 8B, surcharge B.

ISSUE OF 1903.

New stamp with King Christian IX. The plates of the 3 and 5 aur are similar to No. 7, while the 8 and 10 aur are like Nos. 2 and 9.

16.—3 aur orange and gray.

17.—3x3 aur " " " T.3.

18.—5 " green " " " T.3.

19.—5x5 " " " " T.3.

20.—8 " purple " " " T.3.

21.—8x8 " " " " T.3.

22.—10 " carmine.

23.—10x10 aur carmine, T.3.

"Our Eye" • •

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—J. M. Bartels of this city has been appointed counterfeit detector by the A. P. A., vice Geo. L. Toppan resigned.

—The Birmingham (Eng.) Philatelic Society has a stamp collection of over 8000 varieties. At the recent annual meeting the sum of \$100.00 was appropriated to add to the collection. The society has 318 members.

—A movement is on foot to amalgamate the stamp firms of the Dominion of Canada in one company, incorporated. We do not believe the proposition wise or feasible.

—It is reported that David Kaphokohoa-kimoreweonah has been appointed postmaster at a village on one of the Hawaiian Islands. The name will not seem long, if you pronounce it quickly.

—The report of a King's head issue for New Zealand is without foundation.

—Advance sheets of a simplified catalogue have been received from the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo. The sheets before us contain U. S. and colonies and Cuba only, and standard varieties pure and simple are the only ones listed.

—The A. P. A. has funds in the treasury amounting to \$3,300.

—Henry W. Mischler of Springfield, Ill., and A. L. Schuyler, Clinton, Ia., were present at Wolsieffer's sale last Saturday eve. We shall give next week quotations on the Sydney views, of which a fine lot was offered.

—John J. Oesch is slated for the presidency of the C. P. S. for 1904.

—E. M. Carpenter of this city has been elected president of the American Collectors Co.

—A conference of city collectors, one evening last week, considered the feasibility of establishing a local collectors club. The idea was endorsed and a committee appointed to canvass for funds and a suitable location.

—E. L. Warner, Chicago, has purchased the entire stock of stamps and good will of the Dixon Stamp Co. of Dixon, Ill.

—Irving Dickinson and F. P. Vincent have resigned from the A. P. A.; Clarence B. Rice has been expelled by the Board of Vice-Presidents; J. A. D. Park and Wilson C. Emery have applied for membership.

—Makins & Co. have signed a large contract with us for space during the coming year. Jas. N. Makins has retired from active effort and the stockholders will carry on the business under the above name. The ERA has also signed a large contract with Messrs. Sellschopp & Co.

THE LOST MILLBURY

OR,

The Philatelic Sleuth-Hound.

A Defective Story.

BY CHAS. H. FOWLE ("UNDOOLEY").

SYNOPSIS.

John De Horta, sometimes called Baron de Horta, living on the banks of the Hudson loses a valuable Millbury stamp from his collection while giving a stamp soiree. He suspects one Ratigan, a waiter, who leaps out of the window when the Baron orders search. The stamp in reality has blown out of the window and finally landed on the deck of a steamer, bound for New York City, where it is picked up by a travelling man and given to his boy in Harlem. A detective, who has been sent for by the Baron, has just asked how he will know it is the Baron's "Millbury," if he finds it. The Baron explains that all his rare stamps are marked with a very small red H. The detective cannot find the Millbury in N. Y. Ratigan returns the things he took which turn out to be silver ware. Baron is furious and is about to turn a crowd of friends out who have gathered to rejoice with him at the supposed return of his Millbury when the chapter closes.

Chapter III.—"Something Doing."

Let us hie ourselves back to Harlem and see how it is with our lost friend.

Little Johnny Dedeagh wanted a football and as his father was once more off on the road he looked round for some means of raising the cash. Suddenly his eye fell on the stamp collection and grabbing it he started down town to dispose of it.

Now it so happened that in New York there was a stamp dealer who was not above taking advantage of small boys and old women. The only one in the city, and to him, singularly enough, Johnny went. I do not know this dealer's name. Let my readers may fall into his clutches I will state that he was located in a dingy attic room at No. 3007 Selangor St., West.

When Johnny entered the room the occupants were the dealer and one old lady. The dealer was just saying to the old lady, "Well, it's all rubbish but I'll give you two dollars for the lot."

"But," said the old lady, "my poor dead husband said I would get at least fifty dollars for the lot."

"Say, did your husband die in an insane asylum?" cheerfully inquired the dealer.

The old lady burst into tears and fearing a scene the dealer said, "Excuse me, mum, and I'll tell you what I'll do, rather than have you lug that trash all over New York I'll give you four dollars for it, and that's all I can give."

The old lady took the four dollars and after the door had closed, the dealer danced a hornpipe and almost stood on his head for delight. "Visions of St. Vincent," says he, "there's two hundred dollars in that for me if there's a cent." Then noticing Johnny he said: "Want to buy some stamps, boy, I've got some fine one cent ones?"

"No," said Johnny, "I want to sell my collection."

The dealer took the book and opened it. He turned over several pages with a careless glance till his gaze rested on the Millbury. He gave a great start, turned red and then pale and fairly gasped for breath.

He glanced at Johnny and saw he was gazing open mouthed at a big Mexico revenue, worth possibly five cents. For a moment he hesitated to speak. Was he going to offer him one hundred dollars or what? Genteel reader wait and see.

There was a dead silence for some five minutes, then the boy turned away from the display of stamps in the case and, looking at the dealer who had by this time recovered himself, said:

"Mister, I think I order git two dollars for them stamps."

For a moment the dealer hesitated, struggling with the usual impulse to beat the price down, but fearing someone else might enter before he clinched the bargain, he said:

"Well, my lad, you seem like an honest boy, and though I don't think the collection is worth that much I'll give you the two dollars 'cause I'm a square man and I always like to encourage honesty in others, and I'll make you a present of that beautiful stamp you admire so much, so you can start another collection." And he took the Mexican revenue out of the case and handed it and two silver dollars to Johnny.

Filled to overflowing with happiness and in a haste to get away to inspect footballs, Johnny was just leaving, having thanked the honest dealer very politely, when that worthy called after him:

"Say, lad, if you know of any other boys in your neighborhood who want to sell their collections or buy good stamps send them to me, won't you?"

"You bet I will, mister," and Johnny disappeared, and here he drops out of our story.

After the boy had gone, the dealer kicked himself a few times to see if he were really awake, gave a three times three cheers for himself in a subdued tone and then taking a strong glass examined the Millbury critically.

Our little friend never flinched as the honest dealer put him under the glass and stared so rudely at him. He knew he was all right; he was born in Millbury, Mass.; was better than gold, yea worth hundreds of times his weight in pure gold, and as the honest dealer looked him over he returned the gaze with that calm vacant stare which honesty always throws back at guilt.

The dealer very soon made up his mind that the Millbury was "good stuff" and of "the right sort." Then once more he executed a war dance and said aloud, "We are the people and I am it."

Hearing footsteps on the stairs he hurriedly put the collection in the safe, and as the door opened was busily engaged in dusting that dear old motto, which was nicely framed and hung out in plain sight, "TERMS CASH."

Wonders of wonders, it was Detective Vathy who entered. Although personally unknown to the dealer there was something about the detective's looks that instantly put the dealer on his guard.

"Good day, sir," said the dealer, "some-

thing you would like to see in the stamp line?"

"Well, yes," said the detective. "What have you in old United States?"

"A very fine lot, sir," and the dealer opened a stock book to the required place.

The detective scanned them with a show of interest and then with the view of disarming suspicion purchased, after some bargaining, a six and ten, 1869.

"Have you any others or any locals?" he inquired, carelessly. The dealer found a second book, also some loose ones, but there was nothing the detective seemed to care for.

"By the way," said he, "you haven't got such a thing as a Millbury, have you?"

The dealer gave a violent start but the detective did not happen to notice it, and then said:

"A Millbury, why my dear man, I never saw but one in my life. I wish I did have a few. Perhaps I could get you one if you wanted to pay a good price for it."

"Where could you get it?" asked the detective.

"Well, to be honest with you, I don't know, but I might scare up one by visiting the big dealers."

The detective, not doubting the honesty of the dealer, proceeded to unfold to him the tale of the loss of the Baron's Millbury. The dealer listened till the detective was done and then promised, like the honest dealer that he was, that he would keep his eyes open for the lost stamp. After telling him how to know it if it were brought in, the detective took his leave.

As soon as the dealer heard the detective's footsteps die away in the distance, he once more examined the Millbury. Sure enough, with the aid of his glass he saw plainly the private mark in red.

The detective had told him that all the dealers were notified and he knew it would be useless to try and sell it to any of them. His class of trade did not buy Millburys, and for a few moments he felt as if he had a white elephant on his hands of immense value, but something he could not dispose of. The thing, of course, was how to dispose of the stamp and the dealer sat down and thought a long time. When he arose his mind was made up.

"I need a change," he said, half aloud, "I will visit the old country and sell the Millbury in London. Thus I shall combine pleasure and profit, and what is more, I must move quickly before they think of tracing it abroad."

Carefully removing the few stamps of value from Johnny's collection, the honest dealer put the Millbury away in an envelope in the safe and then burnt the book.

In a few days the dealer sailed for Europe leaving a clerk whom he could trust to run the shop, and the Millbury went with him.

Time passed on, and the good ship, always good you know, arrived safely, and our dealer was ere long treading the busy streets of "dear old Lunnun." He sought

out a big dealer and after a little skillful questioning found out that Millburys were very scarce, and what suited him better than there had been no talk about them, or anything doing for some time.

"But," said the London dealer, "I have a customer in Russia, a rich nobleman who wants me to get him one if I ever come across a genuine first class copy."

At this our dealer carefully took from his inside vest pocket the envelope, and as he opened it said, "I have here the last valuable stamp in my collection. I once had a fine collection, bad times hit me and I have sold it all, stamp by stamp, and now I must part with the gem of it all, my precious Millbury," and he handed the Londoner the stamp for inspection.

The Londoner could not help giving a violent start at the sight of so valuable a stamp in such fine condition. He examined it carefully and said, "I will show this to my partner and see what he says. Come with me," and led the way into the private office of the firm. His partner was very much surprised at the sight of it, and was sure that it was genuine, and so, after much dickerings, the stamp changed hands and our honest New Yorker left with a good big check, and a clerk, who went with him to the bank and got it cashed for him.

The dealer had a fine time abroad, and came back safely to New York, but he now drops out of our story and we'll hear no more of him.

After he had left the London dealers' office the partners shook hands, and then one of them wrote to the Russian that the stamp, a magnificent genuine Millbury, awaited his orders and a draft for 400 pounds.

In due time the draft arrived and our little friend was dispatched by registered post to his royal nibs in St. Petersburg. Will he ever see his happy Hudson River home again? Time and the author alone can tell.

(To be continued.)

NOTE.—The author feels glad that he has disposed of Johnny and the wicked stamp dealer in this number. Give him time enough and he will use his characters all up before he gets the stamp home again.

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15. For what is the half cent Canadian stamp used?

ANS. It is intended for newspapers or periodicals mailed singly when not over an ounce in weight and only if addressed within the Dominion. If the United States had a half cent coin still in use perhaps we might have this rate on our third class matter also. As it is our lowest rate is double, being 1 cent for two ounces or less. Although this stamp is issued solely for the rate specified it can be used for regular postage as well, but the Post Office Department frowns on such use and has several times instructed postmasters to discourage the practice adopted by some people of employing large blocks of the half cent stamp on other postal matter where a few stamps of higher denominations would be better.

16. I have several distinct shades of the current 2c U. S. stamps. Will any of them be scarce in the near future do you think?

ANS. It is possible but hardly probable, and it would need the services of a clairvoyant to tell which just now. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has been most prolific in its tint and shade varieties, which can be found in almost every stamp issued since it took the contract in 1894. The 2c stamp being the most used naturally presents the greatest variations, but it seems as if carelessness in mixing the inks must account for some of the extremes. The 1894-5 2c stamps present a wide range from pale pink to dark red and the Series of 1902 stamp has several marked shades. These all have much interest for the American specialist and a good set of shades is readily disposed of; but that any one shade will become scarcer than another in the case of the current stamp can hardly be prophesied at present.

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[116]

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DEAR SIR:

The one hundred and thirty-first meeting of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 15, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

Although only one competition was planned for this meeting in the circular sent out by the Exhibition Committee at the beginning of the year, the presentation of the Silver Cup for an annual exhibition of uncatalogued varieties made it necessary to add this as a feature of the December meeting. It is also expected that Dr. Wm. Henry Allchin of London, an early member of the London Philatelic Society, will be present and favor us with a talk.

Of the competitions for the evening the following remarks will explain:

ORIGINAL ESSAYS. Two medals were offered "for the best two original essays upon subjects having an immediate and practical bearing upon the study of postage stamps. By original is meant that which has required personal study and research upon the part of the author, and not simply an exposition of facts already well known or merely condensed from the labors of others. The only other conditions are that each competitor be allowed to select his own subject, and that the two successful competitors shall read their papers before the Society unless they select a representative to do this for them."

UNCATALOGUED VARIETIES. This is for the Silver Cup offered by Mr. A. H. Weber. It is to be an exhibition of Uncatalogued Varieties, such as very many collectors run across, the condition being that they be not listed in Scott, Gibbons or Sent. The exhibition is open to ALL PHILATELISTS. The cup will be competed for annually and will remain in the winner's possession for the succeeding year, his name and the date being engraved upon it. The interest of all thorough philatelists is assured and all are asked to co-operate in adding to our knowledge.

N. B.—Intending exhibitors may send their collections to or leave them with Mr. J. H. Lyons of the Exhibition Committee at 9 Bromfield St., Boston.

Competitors in the essay contest may send their MSS. to the Secretary if they desire.

The November Meeting.

The 130th regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, November 17, at 8 o'clock. President Lombard occupied the chair and 31 members and friends were present.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

An itemized bill of \$131.51 was presented by the Library Committee. This included a bill of \$89.00 for the catalogue which was issued last spring. An appropriation covering the total was voted.

The Committee appointed to draw up a preliminary program for 1904 made a report containing the following recommendations:

That various gentlemen be invited to address the Society on subjects in which they are specially qualified; the talks to be illustrated as they desire.

That exhibits of original covers and telegraph stamps be given.

That an evening be set apart for general exchange between the members.

That the informal auctions be continued and an exhibit, not necessarily competitive, be made at each meeting.

That diplomas be given in competitions, with a blue ribbon for "first prize" and red ribbon for "second prize."

That the Annual Jollification take the form of a banquet.

That a stereopticon lecture open to the public be held.

The report was received with applause. It was accepted and the Committee made permanent to carry out the scheme.

The following application for membership was posted:

CAPT. F. L. PALMER, Madison Barracks, N. Y.; proposed by J. M. Bartels.

The following were elected members:

No. 383. Mr. Theophile J. Champagne, Springfield, Mass.

No. 384. Mr. J. A. Craig, Yarmouth, N. S.

The Secretary read a statement concerning the winding up of the Sales Department affairs after the death of the late Superintendent. From this it appeared that there was a deficit of \$8.76 and this amount was appropriated to square the accounts.

An informal auction was held and some ninety lots disposed of.

There was no exhibition for the evening as the Committee failed to receive any exhibits of Commemorative stamps, which was the subject scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 10.15 P. M.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Member.

No. 72. W. W. Jewett, 502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

Change of Address.

No. 39. Schachne, S., changed from 16 Walker St., N. Y., to 51 E. 90th St., N. Y.

Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues.

No. 46. Anderson, S. P., Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

Since my last report I have collected \$16.00 dues and remitted same to the Treasurer. There are yet a few delinquent who are requested to forward same at once. The Supt. of our Exchange Department informs me that a new circuit will be sent out soon. Send in your name to him and receive it. Many snaps are picked up in these departments. Every member of our Society should belong to both of them.

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W. P. AGE, Secretary.
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1d drab..... .03 .03
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- A 18 English Harbor (Antigua).
- A 03 Demerara (Georgetown, B. G.).
- A 04 Berbice (New Amsterdam, B. G.).
- A 05 Bahamas.
- A 06 British Honduras.
- K 65 Belize, B. H. (since 1892).
- A 07 Dominica.
- A 08 Montserrat.
- A 09 Nevis.
- A 10 St. Vincent.
- A 11 St. Lucia.
- A 12 St. Kitts.
- A 13 Tortola (Virgin Is.).
- A 91 Virgin Islands.
- A 14 Tobago.
- A 15 Grenada.
- A 93-97 Bermuda?
- C 35 Panama, Colombia.
- C 56 Cartagena, "
- C 62 Santa Martha, "
- E 88 Colon, "
- F 69 Savanilla, "
- C 57 Greytown, Nicaragua.
- C 60 La Guaira, Venezuela.
- D 22 Cindad Bolivar, "
- C 63 Tampico, Mexico.
- C 64 Vera Cruz, "
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- C 61 Porto Rico.
- F 83 Arroyo, Porto Rico.
- F 84 Aguadilla, "
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Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Prof. S. Roy writes from the St. Croix, Danish West Indies: "I had been interested a few years ago by a discussion in the ERA's chronicle about United States stamps on laid paper, and concluded by the authority of Scott's that they did not exist because the mark of the laid paper could not be seen on the margin. However, having bought some stamps on my last trip to the States, I noticed on a small strip of them, evident marks of laid paper." With this letter Prof. Roy encloses a block of four of these stamps. They are of the 1895 issue, watermarked, and taken from the upper right corner of the left upper panel. Attached are two sections of the margin, which show the laid marks very plainly. This block was submitted to Mr. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co., who said that while the appearance of the stamps seemed to very strongly confirm the claim that United States stamps do exist on laid paper, the experts had decided at the time of the previous discussion that the laid appearance only occurred at the end of the roll of paper, and that the marks were the result of some imperfect action of the calender rolls, rather than the wires ordinarily used in making laid paper. Can any of our readers throw any light upon this matter?

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—Several of our exchanges chronicle the 8a stamp in addition to those given in last week's ERA. Several values have also been overprinted "On H. M. S." in addition to "British Somaliland."

Adhesive (Regular):
8a red violet and black.

Adhesives (Official):
½a green and black.
1a carmine and black.
2a violet and black.
8a red violet and black.

DENMARK.—*Ewen's Weekly* says the 8 ore, 12 ore and 16 ore of the current type are now obsolete.

FRENCH POST OFFICES IN CHINA.—A new provisional postage due stamp has been issued, according to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. This provisional was required owing to the 30c postage due stamp, which is usually very little used, unexpectedly running short, as also the stock of lower values which could have been used in combination to make up the 30c rate. This shortage was due to the sudden demand

created by the arrival of large numbers of unstamped letters. Up to June last, soldiers' letters, etc., were carried free, but from July 1, the military letter rate of 15c came into force. Apparently this was not generally known and letters were still sent unstamped. The surcharge is badly printed. The words "A Percevoir" are printed in black on the 30c brown on bistre stamp surcharged "Chine" of 1894.

INDIA.—Our readers will note the discrepancy in the color of the 2r stamp in Nos. 551 and 548. The *American Journal of Philately* gives the color yellow brown and carmine. We have omitted to chronicle the 3p Official on King's head.

Adhesive (Official):
3p gray and black.

Jhind.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* gives the following King's head stamps as recently issued.

Adhesives (Regular):

3p gray.
¾a green.
1a carmine.
2a violet.
3a brown orange.
4a olive green.
8a red violet.

Adhesives (Official):

2a violet.
4a olive green.
8a red violet.

Nabha.—*Le Timbrophile Belge* chronicles two new values, overprinted on King's head stamps, for use in this state in addition to those chronicled in No. 546 of the ERA.

Adhesives (Regular):

12a brown and black on red.
1r carmine and green and black.

Patiala.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* chronicles three new officials overprinted on King's head stamps.

Adhesives (Official):

1a carmine and black.
3a brown orange and black.
8a red violet and black.

PANAMA.—*Mekeel's Weekly* says that the 2c, 5c, 20c and 1p postage stamps, and the registration stamp have received the surcharge "Republica de—Panama" chronicled last week. The 2c is surcharged in black, the others in carmine. The *American Journal of Philately* gives the 1c postage and 5c Too Late stamps as having

also received the surcharges. It also says the surcharge on the 2c is in blue and on the Too Late stamp in rose.

RUSSIAN OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—The *American Journal of Philately* supplements our chronicle, given in No. 549. The 2p on 20k is surcharged in blue. The 7p on 70k and 10p on 1r in black. It also gives an additional value, with red surcharge.

Adhesive (Regular):

5p on 50k blue and green.

SENEGAL.—A lot of provisionals have been issued for this colony claimed by a correspondent of *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* to have been necessary. The overprinting is in black.

Adhesives (Provisional):

5c on 40c red (40,000 printed).
10c on 50c rose (20,000).
10c on 75c violet on orange (30,000).
10c on 1fr olive (15,000).

SEYCHELLES.—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* writes that 24,000 stamps were printed of the 3c on 45c and 12,000 of the 3c on 18c.

SWEDEN.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the new 8 ore stamp of the current type, announced in No. 547 of the ERA.

Adhesive (Regular):

8 ore, mauve.

TRINIDAD.—The New England Stamp Co. has received the ½d retouched die and the 2½d and 4d of the current set. The latter is on buff paper.

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EDITORIAL.

Our "West Australia Special"—Our issue of next week will be given over to this colony of Great Britain. Its stamps will prove an interesting study and we have prepared a very live special. Advertising copy should reach us Monday the 14th; if it arrives later we will use our best endeavor to obtain its insertion. We shall issue these specials quite regularly during the winter believing that grouping matter in this way makes it convenient for the collector to get at desired information very readily. Advertisers will do well to make a strong use of these special numbers for thousands of sample copies will be sent out.

Our appreciation of the unique in advertising calls for a recognition of a very bright thing in the current *American Journal of Philately*. A reference to the issue of the new 2c U. S. adhesive is accompanied by a copy of the stamp in all the radiance of its original shade, perforations and gum. A very taking advertisement certainly.

A provisional stamp has been issued for Chill, 10c on 30c orange. According to an exchange, extreme precaution is to be taken to prevent any printer's errors from getting into circulation. Indeed, so careful are the authorities concerning the sheets containing errors, that such will be destroyed and charged to the printer. This is an heroic attempt at purity in printing that calls for recognition. The surcharge by the way is a very quaint conceit and makes this provisional a worthy companion to the 5 on 30c carmine of a few years back.

The question as to the handsomest stamp has been a much mooted one; decisions will differ in keeping with the individual tastes. We are of the opinion that the Falkland Islands 2sh 6p issued in July, 1898, is the finest production in the stamps of any country. We have expressed this opinion upon a previous occasion and now re-iterate that this stamp has a very strong hold upon our sense of the artistic. The head of Queen Victoria stands out with a clearness that makes it a marvel of workmanship and a great credit to the name of De la Rue & Co. The deep blue is so rich in its shade, that the 5sh, its companion stamp, is robbed of much of its glory.

Our chronicle of new issues will no doubt shortly supplement our exploitation of Jamaican stamps with the details of a new set that was issued late in November. Instead of resorting to the King's head design we are shown specimens with a representation of the seal of the colony—not a very striking or even pretty design.

The American Philatelic Association has paid a distinguished honor to a philatelist of this city in selecting one of its dealers, J. M. Bartels, to be its Counterfeit Detector. Mr. Bartels is well qualified for this very important work and the Association is fortunate in being able to secure his services.

We are the recipient of a very beautiful piece of printing, bearing upon its cover the words "A Gilt-Edge Investment." Everything seems harmonious as the eye wanders from title page through to the end of the pamphlet. Did we say everything? We find ourselves unable to harmonize the beauty of the printer's work with the logic that seeks to demonstrate that an investment in unused English colonials now current will reap such a wonderful reward as the years roll by. So long as English collectors continue their purchases of pairs, blocks, aye, even panes of current issues, it seems ridiculous to declare that investments made a score of years ago will meet with similar profits in the King's heads of the present day. The *Stamp Collector* very tersely remarks: "The buying of quantities of unused colonials as a 'spec' is to be deprecated, as the investor can only come out successfully in a small minority of instances and it should be borne in mind that a printing firm like De la Rue's can keep well ahead of any demand for current issues."

Our Canadian philatelists have considerable cause for self-congratulation in the distinctively original portrait of King Edward that adorns the current set. The press, far and wide, has commented favorably upon the realistic portrait sanctioned, in indeed, the entire design was not suggested, by the King himself.

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	1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l, 1dr.....		.30
*Guatemala 1897	1, 2, 6, 10, 12c.....		.13
	1897, 20, 25, 50, 10c, 20c, 50c.....		.73
	1902, 1, 2, 3, 4c.....		.26
*Liberia 1885	1, 2, 3, 4c.....		.16
*Mexico 1890	1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20c.....		.12
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? QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS

EDITED BY

C. A. HOWES, 55 KILBY ST., BOSTON.

17. What do the letters in the corners of the British stamps stand for?

ANS. They do not "stand for" anything except an attempt to prevent fraud by the use of two or more uncanceled portions of stamps pieced together. These "check-letters" were at first placed only in the lower angles of the stamps. The first stamp of the first row was lettered AA, the second AB, the third AC, and so on. The first stamp of the second row was BA, the second BB, the third BC, etc. The first stamp of the third row was CA, etc. Thus the left hand letter denoted the row to which the stamp belonged and the right hand letter the stamp's position in that row. This affords the collector of British stamps an opportunity for easy "plating" which is often taken advantage of. There seems to be no easier method unless it be with the 1c and 2c stamps of Uruguay, 1882 issue, which are numbered, or of the Spanish issue of 1875 which is numbered on the back.

In 1858 the letters were repeated in the upper corners for greater security, only they appear in reversed order so that the bottom letters are still to be followed in plating the stamps. The practice was dropped with the issue of new designs in 1881, with the exception of the 1d red brown which was soon succeeded by the lilac 1d without them. They appeared again with the 1883 issue but were definitely dropped with the jubilee issue of 1887.

18. I want to ask if you can tell me what the following stamps commemorate:

- Jamaica 1900, "Llandovery Falls."
- Mauritius 1898, "Diamond Jubilee."
- Mauritius, Labourdonnais.
- Labuan 1896, Jubilee.
- Guatemala 1897.
- Shanghai 1893, Jubilee.

Also what historical scenes do the following illustrate?

- Portugal 1898, 2½r, 5r, 10r.
- Salvador 1892.
- " 1893, 2p, 5p, 10p.
- " 1894, 2p, 5p, 10p.

ANS. a. This was answered in Mr. Young's article in the "Jamaica Special" ERA of Nov. 28. He quotes from the

Jamaica *Tri-Weekly Gleaner* of May 3, 1900: "This stamp somewhat tardily commemorates the entrance of Jamaica into the era of Imperial Penny Postage, which took place on the birthday of Her Majesty last May." The stamp was issued on May 2, 1900, whereas Jamaica joined the Penny Postage Union on May 24, 1899.

b. The Mauritius "Diamond Jubilee" stamp commemorates the 60th year of Queen Victoria's reign. Like the Jamaica label it was tardy, for Her Majesty had been on the throne just 60 years on June 20, 1897, while the stamp was not issued until April 15, 1898. The letters V. R. and the dates 1837-1897 show for what it was intended.

c. The Labourdonnais stamp was issued to commemorate the second centennial of his birth which occurred on February 11, 1699. It was intended to issue the stamp on that date in 1899, but it did not appear until six months later. Bertrand Francois Mahe de Labourdonnais was a French admiral and at one time governor of Mauritius, then a French possession and known as the Isle of France. He not only distinguished himself in the navy but in his position as executive.

d. The island of Labuan was ceded to Great Britain by the Sultan of Brunei (Borneo) in 1846. The English established a settlement there as a basis for operations against the Malay pirates who were doing so much injury to commerce in the eastern seas. 1896 was of course the 50th anniversary of the occupation by Great Britain.

e. The Guatemala stamps of 1897 were to advertise the Central American Exposition ("Exposicion Centro-Americana" on the stamps) which was held in Guatemala City in that year.

f. The Shanghai Jubilee stamps of 1893 commemorated the 50th anniversary of the advent of foreigners to the city and of the opening of the port to foreign commerce.

g. The 2½r of the Portuguese Vasco da Gama issue of 1898 shows the three vessels of the expedition to India. The one in the foreground is the "San Rafael," da Gama's flagship. The 5r pictures the arrival of the fleet at Calicut, on the Malabar coast, May 20, 1498. The 10r represents the embarkation of da Gama at Lisbon in July 1497.

h. The central design on the Salvador issue of 1892 represents the landing of Columbus.

i. The 2p of 1893 represents the founding of Isabella, the first Spanish settlement on the island of San Domingo. The 5p shows the monument erected to Columbus by his native city of Genoa. The 10p pictures the departure from Palos for the New World.

j. The 2p of 1894 shows Columbus pleading his cause before the Spanish council of learned men. The 5p portrays the Discoverer protecting the natives on board his vessel from the sailors. The 10p represents Ferdinand and Isabella receiving Columbus on his return from the successful voyage of discovery.

"Our Eye" • •

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—M. D. Senior writes us that the supply of the recently issued Panama provisionals has become exhausted and further surcharging may be resorted to.

—The Illinois Philatelic Society has been organized in Chicago with the following Board of Directors: Marshall H. Hancock, Otto Von Schaezler, F. J. Le-fever and Thomas G. Crosby.

—No less than 45 members of the A. P. A. have been suspended for non-payment of dues. Four of this number are Massachusetts men. Chas. Bachmann of San Francisco has been expelled by the Board of Vice-Presidents.

—J. A. D. Park of Buffalo announces that he will issue his annual Society Directory Jan. 1st. It will be much larger than the previous issue.

—At the last meeting of the Fiscal Philatelic Society (Eng.) among the novelties shown were a 7sh 6d Basutoland and the handsome newly issued fiscals of Orange River Colony, by O. Marsh; a £5 Bechuanaland Protectorate, and £5 violet, surcharge Zululand, by A. B. Kay, and photographs of provisional 2a on 18r Foreign Bill and 2a on 40r. Special papers, India, by W. Corfield.

—Robert Bultman formerly of Chicago is now in Southern California.

—The special Commonwealth design as typified in the new 9d Queensland and New South Wales has been abandoned and will not be used for any more stamps, although these two stamps will, of course, continue to be issued.

H. F. Colman of Washington, D. C., is arranging an auction sale.

—The Western Stamp Co., formerly of Newton, Kans., is now located in Chicago with offices at 36th St. and Wabash Ave.

Mr. W. V. Morten, member of the London Philatelic Society, is assisting in the compiling of the Society's handbook on the stamps of Zanzibar. It would be esteemed a favor and it is to be hoped a help to philatelists generally if readers who have errors, large blocks, and more especially sheets or panes of any value of the Indian surcharged stamps would kindly send particulars of them to him, addressed to 205 Sumatra Road, West Hampstead, Eng., which will be duly and thankfully acknowledged.

—We cannot vouch for its truthfulness but the item is going the rounds that His Majesty the King of Italy, though not a philatelist, takes a very active interest in his kindred hobby: numismatics. His collection of coins is described as one of remarkable interest and value.

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SYNOPSIS.

John De Horta, sometimes called Baron de Horta, living on the banks of the Hudson loses a valuable Millbury stamp from his collection while giving a stamp soiree. He suspects one Ratigan, a waiter, who leaps out of the window when the Baron orders a search. The stamp in reality has blown out of the window and finally landed on the deck of a steamer, bound for New York City, where it is picked up by a travelling man and given to his boy in Harlem. A detective, who has been sent for by the Baron, has just asked how he will know it is the Baron's "Millbury," if he finds it. The Baron explains that all his rare stamps are marked with a very small red H. The detective cannot find the Millbury in N. Y. Ratigan returns the things he took which turn out to be silver ware. Baron is furious and is about to turn a crowd of friends out who have gathered to rejoice with him at the supposed return of his Millbury when the chapter closes. The Harlem small boy sells the Millbury to a dealer in N. Y. City who takes it abroad and sells it to a stamp concern. They send it to a customer in Russia.

Chap. IV.—The Detective Finds a Clue.

We left the Baron beside himself with rage because a great crowd had collected and a big feast had been prepared at the castle to celebrate the supposed recovery of his missing Millbury. The Baron had ordered this, but when he found the real treasure was still lost, he forgot that he had sent out and collected his philatelic friends and when the crowd gathered round him if looks could have killed there would have been a wholesale slaughter.

"Where did you find it, Baron?" asked his old friend Thurn, who had not heard the Baron rave out.

The Baron turned on him and in a furious tone cried out, "Who said I found it? Show me the slave and I'll make an inverted medallion of him so quick he'll think he was born pre-cancelled. Found it! It's a Chile day when I invite this mob to celebrate a *find* with me. The only thing I've found is a crowd of hungry, howling lunatics, and the sooner they disappear the less danger there will be of my committing murder." Then turning on another friend, poor Taxis, who was trying to sneak out unobserved, he said, "Go make a Charkhari of yourself, or by St. Vincent I'll have your heart's blood."

The crowd quickly faded away, and as they passed out, good old faithful Sungel Ujong, the Baron's Sepoy servant explained in a few words the real facts of the case, and asked them to excuse his poor master who was not himself since his loss, and sure to be sorry when he thought it over.

After quiet was restored, the banquet hall closed and the lights lowered, the Baron sat down in his den and once more went to pieces. If he does this many more times the author will have to refuse to get him together again, but a strict love of truth and the promise of spot cash when our story is concluded, compels him to state facts just as they occurred and not to distort them for the sake of the applause of nations yet unborn. Though the heathen rage we will stick to the facts as we remember them,—but we digress, and

as we have started to digress let us leave the Baron in peace, pieces we should have said, and fly to New York city once more.

It was the morning of the day after. After what? Why the morning of the day after the night before. You have all been there and been sorry, as I have, that we didn't refuse that last one. However, that is neither here nor there, you've had it and now you've got to suffer the—but what has this got to do with our story? You can search me, I'm just as much at sea as you are. Well, as I said, Detective Vathy was up and doing this morning; he prowled round the stamp shops for awhile and finally by some stroke of luck stumbled into the shop once more where our Millbury had rested in New York. The clerk was in and as there happened to be no customers Vathy sat down for a little chat.

"Where is the boss?" asked he, in a friendly tone.

"Oh, he's gone to London," said the clerk.

"What for, biz or pleasure?" asked Vathy, more to make talk than for any other reason.

"Well, both," said the clerk, "said he thought he needed a change, but I guess he'll bring back quite a pocket full of change if nothing happens. He took out one or two pretty valuable stamps."

At these words the detective pricked up his ears.

"Yes," continued the clerk, "he didn't let me into his secret, but I happened accidentally to look into an envelope there was in the safe the day he left and there was a real Millbury in it, and after he had gone I couldn't find it."

The detective turned seven different shades of red and made at least half a dozen changes of countenance without leaving the room. He was on the trail at last.

With a mighty effort he suppressed his emotion and asked, "Have you heard from him since he got there?"

"Letter this morning said he had made a good sale and was going to see London for awhile."

The detective waited to hear no more but excusing himself on the plea of a just remembered engagement, he left the room and sought out a telephone at a nearby hotel. Calling up De Horta he told him what he had found out and asked for instructions.

The Baron had somehow or other got himself together, without our assistance, and was looking his collection over to see if anything else was missing when he was summoned to the telephone. His heart gave a great leap and for a moment he could hardly answer the "hullo." When he learned the import of the message he was overjoyed, and quickly instructed the detective to go to London by the next steamer and to search every stamp shop abroad if need be to find the long lost Millbury.

Then, with more of the look of his old

self than he had shown for a long time, he returned to his den and before he had retired to rest that night had dictated letters to all of his philatelic friends, who were at the castle when he drove them forth so unceremoniously, apologizing for his rudeness, and inviting them to a great feast when the stamp should once more return to its ancestral halls.

Aunt Tigua drifted into the parlor and played some old tunes on the piano, and peace once more spread its wings over Castle Horta.

"What tune is that?" asked the Baron as Miss Tigua started on a new one.

The Tunis "Way down on the Oil River," said the servant in waiting.

"Very good," said the Baron, "and now ask Aunt Tigua to play that sweet little ballad I composed the other day." And Aunt Tigua played and sang in a voice worn smooth by time.

"Carry me back to Zululand
Or else to Zanzibar

And when I've cornered all their stamps,
I'll go to Kishengarh."

Upon receiving instructions from the Baron the detective rushed round, secured his passage on the next steamer and packed his grip, not forgetting to put in several volumes of Sherlock Holmes' tales, as he desired to study the highest authority on how they detect anything in London. He was soon on the ocean, and by a diligent course of reading was sure that when he landed he could, a la Holmes, tell where the stamp was by the way the wind blew, or by searching the waste baskets in all the big hotels.

The boat finally docked and Vathy went ashore. He looked around and secured a lodging place and bright and early the next morning started to do the stamp dealers.

Now the Baron was so sure in the beginning that the stamp had gone to New York and would be recovered there, that he neglected notifying any other dealers, so the loss was not known abroad.

Vathy tried several dealers without success. He was careful not to let on that he was in trace of a lost stamp till he had made sure that they really had not seen one. On the afternoon of the second day he was on his rounds when, as he passed a well known restaurant, two fine looking gentlemen came out and one said to the other, "But really I think we could have got more for such a fine specimen of the stamp."

"Yes," said the other, "Millburys don't grow on every bush, especially such fine ones."

The detective was so overcome at hearing these words that you could have knocked him down with a crowbar. For a moment he paused, then started to speak to the men but remembering Sherlock H. he did as Sherlock would and followed them.

For several blocks they walked on and then entered a noted club house. The detective started to enter but a big official

in livery stopped him and inquired, "Are you a member here?"

"No," said Vathy, "but I desire to speak to two gentlemen who have just entered."

"Send up your card, then," said the door keeper.

The detective was non-plussed. To whom should he send it. Then Sherlock came to his aid, and dropping a coin into the door keeper's hands he explained, "that it was very important business but he did not know the names of the gentlemen, could the door keeper tell him?"

"No, they were new members, and he did not know their names yet, but as the gentleman was so kind he would go and tell them himself, and take the card up."

Vathy gave him a card and, calling a servant to tend the door till his return, the door keeper went upstairs. Vathy waited full five minutes, maybe ten, and then the door keeper returned and said, "I am sorry, sir, but they evidently just dropped in for a moment on their way from lunch and they went again directly by the other door, which opens on a back street. No one round the house knows their names. Very sorry, sir."

"Crushed again," murmured the detective, as he started once more to search the stamp shops.

(To be continued.)

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Literature Reference List for Western Australia.

BY GORDON IRELAND.

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Principally and foremost for authority upon the stamps of Western Australia comes of course the work of the London Society upon that colony in "Oceania." Like all the master works from that source, this chapter may well be considered conclusive of matters to the time of its issue, October, 1887. The instalment of the "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors," happily alphabetically late, covers five more issues, but is already incomplete by two: *American Journal of Philately*, May 1, 1900; 13:151. The longest narrative history comes also from the surest source,

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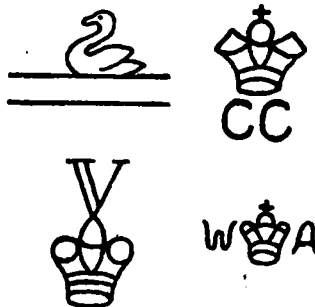
West Australian Watermarks.

Written for the ERA.

By C. A. HOWES.

Western Australia, West Australia or Westralia, as it is variously termed, has had several watermarks applied to its stamps and has even gone without them in some of its issues. When Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. engraved the handsome swan stamps in 1854, they very consistently employed the swan for a watermark also, in the specially prepared paper for the colony's stamps. This watermark was employed for ten years, not only on the stamps that Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. printed but also on those printed in the colony from their plates and on the stamps that were lithographed in the colony. It is thus evident that supplies of the special paper were not only used in London but were sent to the colony for all of its home productions besides. This watermark is shown as the first one in our illustration.

In 1864 the stamps appeared on unwatermarked paper, the plates having been turned over to Messrs. De La Rue & Co., who had been using that kind, but in 1865 they appeared with the now familiar Crown and CC watermark which De La Rue adopted for his stamp paper in 1863. This watermark continued in use down to 1882 when the Crown and CA watermark succeeded it—in all respects similar save for the last initial. The illustration given will therefore do for both.



In 1899 West Australia reverted to a distinctive watermark as Messrs. De La Rue & Co. then made a special one for the colony consisting of a small crown with the initials W and A at either side.

Recent changes due to the formation of the Australian Commonwealth, however, of which West Australia is a State, have resulted in the printing of all the State stamps at the Victorian government's printing office in Melbourne, hence we now find the recent issues of West Australia printed on paper watermarked V and Crown. This was begun in 1902, but if the suggestions of the new Australian Postmaster General, Sir Philip Fysh, are carried out, the stamp printing may be transferred to Adelaide, South Australia, when we may have the present series appear on Crown and SA paper, unless a distinctive Commonwealth watermark is introduced meanwhile.

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In 1898, Richard Wolle, alias Herman Kaiser, alias Paul Fischer, etc., was successfully prosecuted by the *Weekly*, assisted by a number of stamp dealers. Judge Elmer B. Adams, St. Louis, sentenced the defendant to pay a fine of \$500 and to be confined at hard labor in the Missouri penitentiary for a period of eighteen months, the maximum punishment allowed by law. Wolle was an artist by profession and in 1898 appeared to be about 26 years of age. The trial attracted widespread attention, and at its conclusion philatelists congratulated themselves on the good riddance to the hobby. Wolle pleaded guilty and threw himself on the mercy of the court, but the judge said that the prisoner had, according to the evidence, "a dreadful character," and that there was no point that would mitigate against the severest sentence.

The meshes of the law will very shortly encircle Mr. Wolle as a number of persons are hot on the trail.

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BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Joseph A. Cave reports having received one of the new 2c stamps, pre-cancelled "Chicago, Illinois." Messrs. J. J. Cone, Jr., and W. A. Langdon have also submitted specimens of the same surcharge.

Mr. Harry W. Legg shows us a strip of three of the 2c 1895 watermarked stamps, which are apparently on ribbed paper. The edge of the margin, however, is distinctly wove paper, the ribbed appearance ending about half an inch from the edge. Prof. Roy's block noted last week shows the ribbed appearance to the extreme edge of sheet, while Mr. Legg's stamps show the ribbed lines very plainly under the printing, growing fainter towards the edge. These specimens are all on ribbed paper, the cross lines that distinguish laid paper, being absent.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles the new printing of certain Queen's head Indian stamps. They are distinguished from the first printing through having the surcharge at the foot instead of at top, and are of special interest in sheets as they are from a new setting. The overprint is in black.

Adhesives (Regular):

- ½¢ ultramarine.
- 6a olive brown.
- 12a brown on red.
- 1c carmine and green.
- 2c yellow brown and carmine.
- 3c green and brown.
- 5c violet and ultramarine.

CUBA.—We learn from several sources more about the new set of stamps suggested some months ago. The issue will be commemorative of the proclamation of the Republic. They will only be current in the Island, and the number to be printed indicates that they will not be rare. There will be printed 1,000,000 copies of the values 1c to 50c, 500,000 of the 1 peso, and 200,000 of the special delivery. Particulars are lacking as to the design. The colors and denominations are given below. According to *La Cote Reelle*, the 1c is to be in red.

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- 10c green.

HONG KONG.—In regard to our note in No. 551, Mr. C. A. Howes writes: "I note in the last chronicle of the ERA that Mr. Bartels reports a \$30 Hong Kong, King's head, in blue and black. May I suggest that this is probably a new value in the revenue set and not a postage stamp. The King's head revenues were issued on May 1, 1903, and are of the following values and colors (medallion in second color):

- 1c olive and violet.
- 2c red brown and black.
- 3c violet and green.
- 5c dark blue and black.
- 10c brown and black.
- 15c green and violet.
- 20c brown and violet.
- 25c dark green and light green.
- 30c indigo and violet.
- 50c yellow and green.
- 75c brown and green.
- \$1 rose and black.
- \$1 50 olive and green.
- \$2 violet and black.
- \$3 green and sea green.
- \$4 blue and black.
- \$4 brown and violet.
- \$6 blue and green.
- \$10 rose and violet.
- \$20 black and violet.
- \$25 violet and black.
- \$40 orange and green.
- \$50 red brown and black on yellow.
- \$100 red on rose.
- \$200 blue and black on blue.

The highest value of the regular postage set is \$10."

ITALY.—A new 15c stamp will be issued in April, 1904, on the occasion of the International Postal Congress which will meet in Rome at that time. It is reported that the 25c Express stamp was in use only seven or eight days, and was then withdrawn, as no official decree authorizing it had been promulgated.

JAMAICA.—Meeke's Weekly chronicles the first values of the new set for this island, said to have been issued Nov. 16. The design is taken from the seal of the colony, with the value in figures in the upper corners with "Jamaica" between. The value in words occur at the bottom.

Adhesives (Regular):

- ½d green and black.
- ¾d ultramarine and black.

PANAMA.—Mr. J. H. Houston submits for inspection a used copy of the 20c violet stamp of 1892-4, surcharged "Republica de—Panama," in red. Mr. Houston sends with his note a kindly word, and the compliments of the season, which are cordially reciprocated by the writer.

Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the 1c green and 2c carmine of the same issue with the surcharge up the left end and across the top and also the surcharge "Republica de—Panama" on the 5c Retardo stamp, purple on rose and 10c A. R. stamp, blue on blue. The two last are regular Colombian issues, Scott's Nos. 404 and 533.

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A Kindly Attitude—We are pleased with the reception accorded the new ERA, though in some quarters our aim is not understood. *Morrison's Weekly Stamp Collector* in a very kindly notice says: "It has dropped its correspondents entirely and now devotes its attention exclusively to the literary side of philately." This is not true. The ERA still has its correspondents, but groups their news items under a common head "Our Eye" and proposes to give in the future as in the past the news of the day, while it is news. At the same time we shall accentuate the need of philatelic study of our philatelic possessions and give our readers an all around stamp paper.

Our Special Number—As a component part of the Australian Commonwealth

West Australia has been in the foreground of attention in recent months. Our staff has written up this colony in a very effective manner and the contents of this issue will make a reference number of more than ordinary interest. We shall deal with Antigua next, when Frank C. Young will review the postal history of this colony. A symposium "Is Original Gum of Importance?" is being arranged and the leading philatelists of the country will give their views.

Is It Too Bostonese?—The review editor of the *Adhesive* questions as to whether the ERA is not a little "too Bostonese" and "too inconsiderate of outside talent." We must plead guilty to being *somewhat* Bostonese, for in that city is its office of publication. As to its staff of writers, not one is a resident of Boston. On the other hand it is not "inconsiderate of outside talent" if it has a chance of being considerate. This we shall demonstrate whenever we have the opportunity.

A Prince as a Philatelist—A rare treat awaits the London Philatelic Society at its next meeting for the Prince of Wales has promised to exhibit his very choice collection of proofs, essays and stamps of the postal issues of the present reign. This will be a very fine display as the Prince has taken a very keen interest in getting at the data in connection with the submission of the designs for the King's head issues. The Earl of Crawford has a very fine collection of U. S. arranged in the most approved style and containing much of information in the notes seen on every page in the Earl's own handwriting.

At His Old Tricks!—Richard Wolle is indulging once more in the little pastime that put him behind the bars of a Missouri penitentiary some five years since. He is now operating from this same state, Missouri, and numerous complaints are being filed against him. We shall expect to see the law get its hold upon this forger very shortly. As eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, so is it of safety in dealing with some of our fellow men.

An Important Discovery—A *tete beche* pair of the 2p, Sydney View, New South Wales on the original cover, is the sensation of the month. We shall publish in our news columns the particulars of this very interesting find.

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'NEATH WEST AUSTRALIA'S SUN.

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When the Dutch navigator, Willem de Vlaming, explored the west coast of the Australian continent in 1697 and took home stories of the wonderful black swan he had captured at the mouth of what we now call the Swan River, the world held up its hands in ridicule, and with almost universal unanimity declared that the Herr was telling a very big wrong story, for such a thing as a black swan was an impossibility. What that gentleman responded is unknown to the present generation, and since he must have been pretty angry at having his word doubted, perhaps it is just as well his remarks have not been saved for our edification, but time proved his truthfulness, and when in 1829 British colonists began the building of Perth, the present capital, the name "Swan River Settlement" was considered appropriate for the new colony. It seems to be the irony of fate, however, that names shall be as subject to change as most other things, so all too soon the quaint first name gave place to the equally appropriate but less sentimental one of "Western Australia", and this in turn has lately been reduced to "West Australia", or as some prefer to unofficially call it, "Westralia." You see we of the twentieth century are more hurried for time and breath than were our ancestors, and we have therefore fallen into the habit of too often sacrificing beauty to speed, even in our utterances



A black swan on a golden shield is the coat of arms of the colony, so when in 1854 its (about) twenty thousand inhabitants decided to indulge in the luxury of postage stamps that design was selected as for every reason the most appropriate which could be chosen, and its having remained in use for nearly half a century shows that the choice was a good one. Perkins, Bacon & Co. engraved the die for the id of the first issue, and while there is no question concerning the wisdom and ability of the engravers, the fact remains that for some reason, perhaps lack of personal acquaintance with their subject, they very unkindly omitted to show in their work the long white quill feathers which are to the black swan pretty much what a white necktie is to a gentleman in a dress suit. The swan is proud of those feathers; possibly he realizes how well they set off his otherwise somber plumage, red bill and red eyes. The later stamps, prepared by De La Rue & Co., show them plainly, so the absence or presence of those white tail feathers shows at once to which firm a stamp

should be assigned. Another oddity of this first type is that the id of all the issues bear the inscriptions on a ground work of crossed lines, while in all other values the groundwork is solid color.

Since space forbids, it will be impossible to go much into details concerning the numerous minor varieties resulting from the lithograph printings, and the methods of separation, but it would hardly be fair to omit mention of the 2d first issue which was printed too lightly at the first impression, whereupon the sheet was turned over and printed on the reverse, thus giving the variety "printed on both sides", which is worth about \$25.00. Another and greater rarity is the 4d blue of the same issue with inverted center; a fine used copy of this is known, and considered to be worth somewhere about \$160.00. These were colonial lithographs, for Perkins, Bacon & Co. were responsible for only the id of the first issue, and did not make plates for the other values until 1860, this giving the issue of 1861.

In 1865 De La Rue & Co. took the contract of printing, and after using up the few thousand sheets of swan watermark paper turned over by their predecessors, began on that watermarked with the familiar Crown and CC, continuing its use until the "Crown Agents" came to the fore changing the second C to an A. A new value, 3d brown, appeared in 1872, the



familiar swan with bulrushes on either side of the oval containing it, and three years later came the first surcharge, the "One Penny" on 2d yellow. This has been counterfeited with such care as to be exceedingly dangerous, some attempts being better than others though nearly all are hard to detect. Later on more surcharges appeared, one of which, the ½d on 3d brown 1895, gave the stamp folks plenty to talk about. The original impression was in red ink, but as this did not show well on the brown stamp the rest of the supply and also the few (supposed to be about 100) which had already been treated to the overprint were surcharged in green. Someone soon found that the double printed variety would be valuable, so by variously explained methods of official "jobbery" a further supply was printed, ostensibly for the requirements of the Postal Union at Berne, but certainly not all thus printed were sent to Berne, for some speculators held copies and made a good financial thing out of them. The same double surcharge is known on the 3d

CA paper, but this has no claim to credit, an official having them made for his own benefit, and finding to his great chagrin after the deed was accomplished and himself severely lectured by a superior officer, that he had made the fatal mistake of reprinting the surcharge on the wrong stamp, rendering his presumed treasures valueless. Served him right!



In 1901 came the 2½d blue, a new type, and forerunner of the cheap looking series whose appearance has vexed the souls of beauty lovers. The customary swan is still swimming vigorously to the left, (without ever making any perceptible progress), but the side ornaments of bulrushes are replaced by flowers and sprays of what is said to be hibiscus. Why this should have been chosen I am at a loss to comprehend, for the hibiscus of West Australia is not a particularly well known flower, and as far as appropriateness is concerned, it would have been much better to take the Swan River Everlasting, or Swan River Daisy, the former a common wild flower of the colony of which some species are very beautiful, and the latter a wild flower as well, but also to be found in many a well kept garden. Both of these flowers are characteristic and distinctly West Australian, but the hibiscus is neither; probably there was some good reason for its choice, but I cannot state what it was.



Federation made numerous disturbances in the postal issues of all the Australian colonies, but West Australia escaped the stir until 1902 was well along; then suddenly feeling a supposed necessity for a higher value than the one shilling, which had been all that was needed up to that date, and masking the proceeding under a plea that all the States ought to fare alike in the values they had, five new stamps were added, viz.: 2sh, 2sh 6d, 5sh, 10sh and £1. Instead of engraving new dies for these, West Australia economically borrowed some old ones her neighbor, Victoria, was not using just then, and with a slight change of name and value to each, calmly used them, Queen's head and all. This was the first appearance of the name "West Australia", the first issue to drop the swan, and the first issue to which everybody objected with one voice of unanimous accord. Perhaps the insulted swan raised a protest too, at any rate he was rescued from his threatened oblivion a

few months later, and sent out on three new values, 8d, 9d and 10d in familiar type, all on the now fashionable V and Crown paper, whereat the world wondered why those dies couldn't have been used in the first place to save the State the humiliation of using second-hand ones belonging to Victoria. It might be added that the world is still wondering, no satisfactory explanation having presented itself.

Although no official stamps are catalogued for West Australia they yet exist, being the regular issues with a piece punched out, two sizes of holes making two varieties for the specialist. They are of the same class as the "O S" overprints of other States, but are not current now, their use having been discontinued in 1886. The fiscal stamps have also been retired from postal duty, ceasing to be available for that purpose January 1st, 1901.



In 1893 a bicycle service was started between Coolgardie and Southern Cross, 120 miles distant, telegrams and letters being carried at various charges from 6d to 5sh. No stamps were used at first, a "Paid" handstamp serving every purpose, but the next year when the route was amplified and extended to reach a distance of some 140 or 150 miles the "Coolgardie Cycle Express" local made its appearance, and was used for the prepayment of matter carried by the rider, who was sometimes hampered by 80 lbs. of mail. Not a large supply could have been ordered, for in about a year it gave out in spite of the high charges of 2sh 6d and 5sh asked for the service, so a new series of three values was ordered, 6d, 2sh and 5sh, and as the mails and telegrams had grown into too heavy loads for the cyclists, the camel was substituted for the wheel in both the service and the stamp design. The set was ordered in 1895, but did not arrive until June 1896, and as by that time the Government had awakened to the amount of business done by the various routes and had taken them over, there was not long use for the new stamps, the last route being closed to local managers in December of that year. A year or so later, I think early in 1898, another local stamp appeared, issued by the "Lake Lefroy Cycle Mail" proprietors. The design consisted of the name "Lake Lefroy" above on a lined ground, below this was a swan in an oval frame lettered "Cycle Mail" above and "Western Australia" below. At the base was the word "Postage", and "6d" in the two lower angles, the whole enclosed by a scalloped frame. It was roughly lithographed in red on a greenish paper, and duly perforated. Of course these local

issues, whose history has been thus very briefly outlined, are in no way entitled to the place accorded postage stamps, but as mementos of colonial progress and doings they have their own interest.

There are other things besides stamps 'neath West Australia's sun, and it does not seem fair to close this sketch without mention of the aborigines who are natives of the country. Their number is unknown, for it is manifestly impossible to take a census of them or to estimate with much degree of certainty, but one thing is sure, they are steadily decreasing in number, and are destined in course of time to become as scarce (but never as valuable!) as a Post Office Mauritius. Their disappearance is not likely to be regretted, for they are anything but a credit to the country, being of the lowest type of humanity known, and apparently incapable of being taught the commonest rudiments of civilization. They will not work unless forced to, and then only when watched; they steal with such avidity that when a dame hires one to cut a few sticks of wood a member of the household must watch carefully to see that he doesn't disappear with the axe and chopping block to be traded at the nearest store for rum. Houses or homes of any kind they have not; they wander where they please during the day, and at night a few branches stuck into the ground and tied together at the top with a convenient vine forms all the shelter they think necessary, sometimes even that luxury is dispensed with when the man hasn't a wife or two at hand to do the work of making it, for the head of a family never exerts himself much when there are women at hand. Women, he thinks, were born to wait on man, and he lives up to the idea without a murmur. In personal appearance the West Australian aborigine is absolutely repulsive, not only because of his low forehead, small eyes, flat nostrils and thick heavy lips, but also because of his slouchy attire and complete disregard of the laws of cleanliness. A kangaroo skin roughly cured and worn without any shaping, even without a smoothing of the ragged edges, is quite satisfactory to him, and to her too, for both sexes dress alike. I have seen hundreds of them in this costume, strolling leisurely along the streets of Albany or squatted lazily along their margins, but they are not as plentiful as once they were, and soon photographs such as I possess will be the main remembrance of the West Australian aborigine in his native garb. I wish one of those photographs could be used for illustrating this article, for it would give readers a better idea of the tribe than a column of description could do, but that I suppose, is a vain wish.

Sometimes it happens that an unusually energetic native will ship on a vessel which makes frequent calls at his home port, but he never stays long, and there is never any sorrow when he leaves, laziness and filthiness being his main characteristics. One

native who took French leave from a whaler explained to the captain later, "Workum right, eatum plenty good, but too much wash." It may be added that this particular Billy Blackfellow didn't object so much to the daily four o'clock washing of the ship's deck and paint as he did to the vigorous scrubbing his shipmates regularly bestowed upon him after his own lack of cleanliness had forced them to take affairs into their own hands. To wash the

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ship was all right if folks wanted to be so silly, but to wash him! Billy simply couldn't endure it, and so departed at the first opportunity. At the time he thus explained his reason for leaving, Billy's sailor clothes had been replaced by a particularly dirty and ragged kangaroo skin (his sole article of clothing) and Billy himself was almost unrecognizable beneath his coating of dirt and grease, but in spite of all this and in spite of the semi-starvation incident to his mode of life, Billy was happy, happy as he never had been in the days of ease and plentiful food, but of "too much wash" on ship-board. With two wives to obey his slightest order, he was taking full comfort, and after the fashion of his clan seemed to enjoy his lapse into barbarism all the more because of the attempt to civilize him. Poor Billy, but happy Billy, too

(Apropos of the above it occurs to me to ask what, if one wife is the "better half" of a man, what is left of him when he has two wives, or even more? This is indeed a puzzling question.)

The interior of the West Australian continent is practically unknown territory, lack of fresh water and abundance of other difficulties rendering exploration both hard and dangerous. Perhaps settlement will never be as widespread as in the other Australian States, for there is little to attract settlers and the advantages are too few to be worth the effort needed to obtain a foothold. Nature has been niggardly in her gifts to the interior of this, the largest in area but smallest in population, of all the Australian States, even the gold found there hardly balancing the account. Along the western coast are beds of pearl oysters, and here in the season small coasting vessels ply to and fro, their crews eagerly searching for the precious pearls. It is not a very safe search either, for sharks abound in those waters, and are not at all despised by the divers. Again, the storms of the winter season are severe, occasionally sending a sloop to the bottom when it failed to reach shelter in time, or blowing it out to sea so far that the crew, who are not apt navigators out of sight of land, may never get back. One such lost sloop, its crew hungry and despairing, was once picked up many hundreds of miles from land by my father's ship, fed from our stores, and given a friendly tow for some days and nights until the familiar coastline came into view again.

In spite of all disadvantages, sandy desert, salt lakes and waste of "bush" where cultivated land might be, West Australia is still a great place, "the coming colony," it has been called. What it has been in the past we know; what it will be in the future we must wait to know. Let us hope that if greatness is to be its portion its philatelic history may be kept clear and honorable, and the beautiful swan continue to be, as up to the use of the Victorian dies it always has been, the one and only design used for its postage stamps.

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122	8c gray brown, ".....	.08
123	10c vermilion, used.....	.20
124	15c slate green, new.....	.18
125	20c maroon, ".....	.25
125	20c " used.....	.15
126	40c violet, new.....	.30
127	6c black, ".....	.60
128	8c brown, ".....	.60
129	1 peso, yellow green, new.....	.75
130	2c slate blue, new.....	.15
132	6 1/2c green, used.....	.15
137	1r p " new.....	1.25
171	1c on 2 1/2c brown, new.....	.50
172	10c on 2 1/2c blue, ".....	.18
174	2r on 24c blue, used.....	.40
176	10c on 2c carmine, new.....	1.35
177	1r on 2c ".....	4.00
178	1r on 5c gray blue, used.....	.30
180	1c on 2 1/2c blue, new.....	.05
183	1r on 2c carmine, ".....	1.00
184	1r on 5c gray blue, ".....	4.00
188	2 1/2c on 1c green, ".....	.20
188	2 1/2c on 50m bistre, new.....	.60
190	5c on 5c green, new.....	.30
193	5c on 5c blue gray, new.....	.60
194	3c on 5c green, new.....	.30
202	5c orange, used.....	.40
209	8c on 8c blue, new.....	1.00
267	1r on 12 1/2c, ".....	.85
268	1r on 10c bistre, new.....	1.25
269	2c on 20m green, ".....	.85
270	16c on 2r blue, ".....	.75
274	6 1/2c on 12 1/2c gray blue, new.....	.35
277	1r on 10p bistre, new.....	6.00
278	1r on 2r green, ".....	3.25
304	1r on 20c on 250m, new.....	1.75
305	2 1/2c on 1c bistre, ".....	.20
353	2 1/2c on 2c rose, ".....	.05
353	2 1/2c on 5c blue gray, new.....	.06
355	2 1/2c on 2 1/2c blue, ".....	.08
356	2 1/2c on 50m bistre, ".....	.06
357	2 1/2c on 1/2c green, ".....	.03
360	2 1/2c on 2 1/2c brown, ".....	.08
361	2 1/2c on 5c blue, new.....	.03
362	2 1/2c on 10c lilac, used.....	.15
363	2 1/2c on 10c green, new.....	.05
364	2 1/2c on 20c lilac, ".....	.10
365	5c on 20c ".....	.40
367	10c on 20c ".....	.60
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409	40c 40c 1/2c 1m green, new.....	.12
412	5m green, new, fine.....	5.00

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5	25c ".....	.75
6	50c green, ".....	2.00
7	1r brown, ".....	3.50
9	50c ultramarine, ".....	.05
10	1r black, ".....	1.00
15	15c green, ".....	1.25
43	1m violet, ".....	.05
45	4m bright green, ".....	.08
46	6m brown lilac, ".....	.10
47	8m ultramarine, ".....	.25
48	1c gray green, ".....	.18
49	2c lake, ".....	.30
50	3c brown, ".....	.08
64	5c gray blue, used.....	.06
75	1/2c black, new.....	.06
103	8c brown, ".....	.05
103	10c lilac rose ".....	.06
104	20c ".....	.15
105	40c blue, ".....	.40
108	3c dark green, new.....	.05
110	40c claret, ".....	.30
132	40c salmon, ".....	.60
138	4m orange brown, new.....	.20
139-142	5m, 1, a and 3c, ".....	.06
143	4c orange, ".....	.05
144	14c 5c, 6c and 8c, ".....	.12
147	10c vermilion, ".....	.08
151	15c slate green, ".....	.08
150	40c violet, ".....	.20
151	60c black, ".....	.25
152	80c red brown, ".....	.35
155-159	3 varieties, ".....	.10
162	and 163 3 and 4c, ".....	.10
165	and 166 5 and 6c, ".....	.10
171	8c carmine, ".....	.18
173, 174, 176	3 varieties, new.....	.60
177, 179, 180	3 ".....	.08
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Two local issues, the Coolgardie Cycle Express, and the Lake Lefroy Cycle Mail, are quite fully written up in the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* (4:128, 208) and in the *Australian Philatelist* where there are numerous references. The *Virginia Philatelist* also contains an article on the former company (1:104).

I have not given reference to numerous short notes or articles appearing in the several Australian papers but annex a list of the papers themselves. Most of the volumes are provided with fair indexes:

Vindin's Philatelic Monthly. Aug. 1887 to July 1894. 7 vols.

Australian Philatelist. Aug. 1894 to date.

Federal Australian Philatelist. 1900-1. 2 vols.

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British Guiana, 1882, 1c; 1891, 1, 2c; 1900, 2c; 1901, 2c.
Bulgaria, 1882, 10, 15s; 1886, 2s; 1889, 1, 2, 3, 30s; 1895, 1 on 2s; 1901, 1, 2, 5, 10s.
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Austrian Levant, 1890, 8, 20p; 1900, 10, 20p; Lombardy, 1850, 45c; 1858, 10s.
Azores, 1865, 5r, red surch.; 1887, 25r lilac, 25r purple; 1888, 2½r; 1896-87, 2, 2½r bistre.
Baden, 1853, 3k; 1864, 3k; 1868, 1, 3k.
Bahamas, 1864, 1p.
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Bosnia, 1879, 1, 2, 5h; *1900, 2, 3, 25h.
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Cape Verde, *1877, 25r; *1881, 25r; 1886, 5r; 1894, 5r; 1898, 5, 10r.
*Caroline Islands, 1901, 3pf.
Ceylon, 1886, 15c; 1892, 3c; 1899, 6 on 15c, 6c; 1900, 2c.
Chile, 1854, 5c pen.; 1867, 5c; 1877, 5c; 1900, 10c; Revenue, 5c.
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Austria, 1863, 10, 15k; 1890, 24k, 18d; 1896, 18d; 1900, 2k; Unpaid, 1900, imperf., 4h; perf., *5, *6h.
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Azores, 1882, 50r; 1898, 5r.
Baden, 1851, 3k; *Kural, 1, 3k.
Bahamas, 1861, 2½p.
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British Guiana, 1868, 1, 2c.
British Honduras, 1891, 2c; *1892, 1c on 1p; 1895, 1c.
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Baden, 1851, 9k; 1853, 6k.
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Owing to the press of other matter "The Lost Millbury" is itself lost in the maze of MSS. that calls out for recognition. Its publication will be resumed next week.

—The *Fortnightly* tells us of the very distinguished services rendered philately by frequent papers and displays of stamps in which J. E. Heginbottom B. A. of Rochdale, Eng., is the central figure. In addition to the periodical displays of sections of his fine collection before the members of the Junior Philatelic Society, Mr. Heginbottom has entered into engagements to read papers before the Manchester, Plymouth, Liverpool, Leeds, Herts and other Philatelic Societies. His own town of Rochdale is not exactly a hotbed of philately, but it can claim at least one enthusiastic and indefatigable lover of stamps in Mr. Heginbottom.

Benin, *1893, 1c; *1894, 1cc.
Bolivia, *1867, 5c green; 1876, 10c; 1890, 10c; 1893, 2, 5, 10c; *1901, 2c; *Rev., 1871, 10c.
Bosnia, 1879, 20, 25s; *1900, 10h.
Brazil, 1866, 10, 20r; 1878, 50r; 1882, 10r; 1899, 50 on 20r green; Unpaid, 1889, 20, 100r; 1890, 50, 200, 300r; 1898, 200r.
*British Bechuanaland, 1897, ½p.
British Guiana, 1890, 1c on 1d.
British Honduras, 1888, 2c on 1p.
*British New Guinea, 1p.
Bulgaria, 1882, 50s; 1896, 15, 25s; *1901, 5s; Unpaid, 1896, 10s; *1902, 10s.
Canada, 1872, 6c; 1897, 8c.
Cape of Good Hope, 1871, 4p; 1881, C.A., ½, 1p; 1885, 1sh; 1891, 2½p.
Cape Verde, 1886, 10, 20r; 1894, 25, 50r; *1898, 20r.
Cayman Islands, 1pf.
Ceylon, 1883, 4, 2, 4c; 1886, 28c; Service, 1895, 2, 15c.
Chile, 1867, pen, 1, 2c; 1877, 1, 1cc; 1892, 15, 25c; Revenue, 1880, 2c.
China, 1897, 4, 5c; 1898, 5, 10c. *Amoy, 1895, 2c; Unpaid, 1895, ½, 1c. Chefoo, 2c. *Chinkiang, 1895, 2c. Hankow, 1893, 2c buff. *Kewkiang, 1894, 1 type, ½c rose, ½c yellow, 1c; 1896, 2c. *Shanghai, 1893, Jubilee, 2c; 1896, 6c. *Wuhu, 1894, 2c; 1895, 2c.
Colombian Republic, 1883, I issue, 2, 2cc; 1887, 2c; 1890, 2c; 1892, 2c. Antioquia, 1876, 1c black; *1885, 1c green; 1892, 1, 2½, 5c; 1893, 2½c; 1896, 2½c brown, 3c orange, 2½ blue, 3c olive; 1899, 2, 3c. Registered, 1890, 2½c. Tolima, 1881, 1, 2c.
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Benin, *1893, 2, 5c.
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Boston Philatelic Society.

One of the largest meetings of the local society was held Tuesday evening with nearly forty members present. Capt. F. L. Palmer of Sacketts Harbor, N. Y., was elected a member and Richard Williams, W. Roxbury, Mass., proposed for membership. A distinguished guest of the evening was Dr. Wm. Henry Allchin of London, Eng., who accompanied Pres. Alex. Holland of the A. P. A.

The chief business of the evening was the nomination of officers for the coming year as follows:

President, C. F. Rothfuchs.

Vice-President, G. F. Loring.

Secretary, C. A. Howes.

Treasurer, L. L. Green.

Supt. of Auctions, J. H. Lyons.

Supt. of Sales, J. H. Lyons.

Literary Committee, Messrs. Corbett and Nevins.

Governing Board, Messrs. Barrett, Lombard, Batchelder and Burt.

Committee on entertainment reported that H. P. Harris of Salem would exhibit his revenue collection at the January meeting. It was also voted that at the annual dinner, to be held in February, the ladies be invited.

Dr. Allchin, invited to address the assembly, was warmly received. He expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the society. He said that he had been surprised at the extent of hospitality extended him and to which his powers of digestion had scarcely been equal. This cordiality had been accompanied by a request for a gymnastic performance of "saying a few words" to which he was unable to respond as he was not an athlete. His interest in stamp collecting had begun in his early youth and the Dr. related many interesting incidents of early day collecting in Great Britain concluding with a presentation of early catalogues to the library of the society. A rising vote of thanks was extended Dr. Allchin who demonstrated that he was a very interesting speaker.

The literary contest of the evening consisted of a paper on "Siam" by Pres. Alex. Holland (silver medal); "What the Stamps of Hong Kong Revealed After a Week's Study" by L. G. Barrett (bronze medal); "Competitive Exhibits With Suggestions of a Change in the Method of

Awarding the Prizes" by Geo. F. Loring. The magnificent Siam collection of Pres. Holland was shown the membership. Three collections of uncatalogued varieties were entered for competition by Messrs. Rothfuchs, Barrett and Howes, the cup being awarded Mr. Rothfuchs. This was donated by Mr. Weber of San Francisco and will be held by the winner one year. * Thus closed one of the best, if not the best, meeting of the year.

Explorers Pictured on Stamps.

Only ten explorers seem to have been honored by having their portraits placed on postage stamps, the list being as follows:

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Porto Rico, 1893, 3c. Salvador, 1892;

1893, 2, 5, 10 pesos; 1894, 2, 5, 10 pesos;

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1898; Madeira, 1898; Portugal, 1894, 1898;

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Prince Henry of Portugal; "the navigator," Portugal, 1894.

Pere Jacques Marquette; United States,

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'Twas Christmas Eve.

The Specialist's Dream.

'Twas Christmas Eve. My ease I took
Reclining in an old arm-chair,
With pipe and philatelic book,
Pro tem forgetting life's dull care;
When phantoms weird and strange I found
My chair before, behind, around.

And one, their chief, with blazing eye
Fixed mine. Forget his words I shan't:
"You are a Specialist—deny
It if you can!" I moaned "I can't."
My lame excuse did not appease—
"I'm such a little one, sir, please!"

"These ill-used ghosts," their spokesmen
said,
"By you and such as you are raised,
'Tis time that one and all were laid
(When comes that time the Lord be
praised!),
A well-earned rest these shades but seek,
But for themselves they now shall speak."

Spoke first the Stamp-World's Franken-
stein:
"My name is Perfa (then shivered I),
But added 'names,' as rough, machine,
Serrated, wide—you call me by.
Is it not time—pray answer 'his!'
That I'd a rest?" I groaned, "It is."

The Watermark wraith chimed in next:
"In days gone by few men I bored;
Since found by you I've millions vexed,
'Tho' e'en by you I'm oft ignored,
And passed by when I should be seen,
Yet 'found' where I have never been!"

Then forward stepped the Gum ghost grim:
"Say! am I 'brown' or 'white' (or 'blue')?
No stickler I, but I'll stick firm
No more to 'stick it,' sir, with you!
You 'mix' me so—that's true, now come?"
"'Tis true," cried I, "by gum—O Gum!"

His plaint the Paper phantom made:
"O woe is wove, pelure, or ribbed!
My ghost had, but for you, been laid,
O granite heart!" At this I jibbed—
"The Dickinson—?" The ghost cried
"Fie!"

Own to the truth—and let me lie!"

Passed Dots and Hairlines in review,
And Stops (I might in Hades be!),
Then at a signal, off they flew.
Ere went their chief, "Repent!" cried he,
"Repent for time is left you still!"
I shrieked "I do!"—some day I will.

'Twas Christmas Eve. My snooze I took,
Reclining in an old arm-chair,
My pipe was out, and dropped my book,
And those weird phantoms vanished
were.

The bells rang out—the spell they broke,
As, with a shudder, I awoke.

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The following is a list of all Jamaica 1sh, watermarked pineapple, stamps taken from Scott's, Gibbons' and Senf's Catalogues as shown by Mr. Rothfuchs:

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Gibbons No. 11—1sh yellow brown, perf. 14.	
Gibbons No. 12—1sh dull brown, perf. 14.	
Senf No. 6—1sh dark brown, perf. 14.	
Senf No. 6a—1sh violet brown, perf. 14.	

? QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS

EDITED BY

C. A. HOWES, 55 KILBY ST., BOSTON.

19. Enclosed you will find three varieties of Army Franks [in rose, brown and blue]. I don't find them in the catalogue. Will you kindly give me some information in regard to them: what is the value, are they available for postage at the present time, do the colors represent the value, etc.

ANS. The October, 1893, number of *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* published the following letter in regard to the above:

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Office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General
WASHINGTON, D. C.
September 15, 1893.

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Third Assistant Postmaster General.

An attempt was made to sell the "remainders" several years ago as "stamps" that had been at least sanctioned by the War and Post Office Departments, tho' not an official issue. The reply to an enquiry at the War Department was published in *Meekel's Stamp Collector* for Dec. 2, 1901, and in it we find the following: "I have the honor to inform you that this is the first time the stamp in question was ever seen by the War Department; that its issue was never authorized by the War Department or any of its Bureaux, and therefore would not have been recognized by this Department had it ever been observed."

As the so-called "stamps" have thus been repudiated by both the Post Office and War Departments they are not worth further consideration.

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Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—The new 2c stamp is on sale in Boston, has been since Dec. 9.

Mr. G. F. Loring writes that he can verify the item in regard to the 2c 1895 stamp on ribbed paper. He has two that he took from a 25c stamp book, having used all but the last two without noticing the ribbed paper.

Mr. C. P. Sutton submits for examination a cut square envelope of the current issue, carmine or lake on blue, printed on both sides, though of course the reverse printing reads backward. This would be called an offset in ordinary printing, though how it could occur in printing from envelope dies, is not clear to the lay mind.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—Mr. Edward de Z. Kelley has shown us the 1d of the new issue recently chronicled, on cover.

COLOMBIA, *Antioquia*.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles four new stamps for this state. They are long upright rectangles, the 50c having figures of value in centre and the 1, 2 and 3 pesos portraits of Colombian notables. The words are as usual, but the stamps are dated "1903."

Adhesives (Regular):

50c rose.
1p sepia.
3p violet.
3p blue.

Medellin—*Stanley Gibbons'* also announces that two new stamps have been issued for this town, evidently locals, as they are inscribed, "Correos Urbanos—de Medellin" at the top with the value in figures in two small circles at the sides and in words at the bottom. In the centre is a shield, and "1903" above.

Adhesives (Local):

20c red brown.
40c violet.

KOREA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us a variety of the 1903 issue surcharged upon the stamps of 1895. This is the 3ch on 25p maroon instead of 50p purple.

FRENCH OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—The sets for Cavalle and Dedeagh have been completed by the issue of the 30c lilac in the retouched Mouchon type.

FRENCH COLONIES.—*Le Collectionneur des Timbres-Poste* says that the issue of stamps for the French Offices abroad of

the Mouchon type (Droits de L'homme), will shortly cease. They will be replaced by stamps of the "Sower" type. "Poste Francaise" will take the place of "Republique Francaise", and the name of the office will appear in place of the word "Postes."

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. W. D. Arnold of London informs us that the Postmaster General has issued a notice, that owing to the smallness of the demand the issue of embossed envelopes bearing 2½d stamps will be discontinued at the end of this year. Envelopes of foolscap (?) size bearing an impressed stamp of 1d have recently been placed on sale at the post offices.

ITALY.—A correspondent of *Le Collectionneur des Timbres-Poste* writes: "Owing to a reduction in postage upon interior letters from 20c to 15c the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs has ordered printed 80,000,000 15c stamps to complete the series. The new stamps are ready all but the gum, and as the credit available for the purpose has been exhausted, it is impossible to say when the stamp will be issued."

LONG-TCHEOU.—*La Cote Reelle* announces that the French office at this Chinese port has been closed. This action was caused by the death of eleven employees in succession in one year, who had fallen victims while attending to their duty, succumbing to the fearful climate, fatal to Europeans. After these deaths the government decided to close the office, temporarily at least, and has not issued the stamps surcharged Long-Tcheou, of which there had been printed 1500 each of the 1c, 2c, 4c, 10c, 15c and 5fr, 4500 of the 5c and 2000 of the 20c. The editor naively adds: "We are ignorant of what has become of these stamps. Have they been destroyed, or have they been preserved for better days? Only the future can enlighten us."

PANAMA.—The 2c rose and 10c orange (and possibly other values) have been surcharged for the new republic. This issue has been printed, the first surcharges having been made with a rubber stamp. The word "Colombia" at the top has been obliterated by a ruled line, dark rose on the 2c and dark orange on the 10c, while the word "Panama" appears at both ends, that at the right reading up and at the left down. A correspondent informs us that as the printing drew heavily upon the A box inverted Vs were used to supply the deficiency. He reports having seen one stamp with three Vs thus used. A permanent issue is being prepared in New York and will no doubt shortly appear.

PARAGUAY.—A new set has been prepared according to *Ewen's Weekly*, the first two values having been issued. The arrangement of the various features of the design are similar to the current set, though differing materially in detail. The new set has "Año—1903" in the upper corners formed by the top of the oval.

Adhesives (Regular):

1c green.
5c blue.

PERSIA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us some varieties of surcharges not previously catalogued. The surcharge as on No. 255 is printed inverted on the 1k red, No. 145. No. 124 comes with double surcharge and No. 102 with the surcharge inverted, Mr. Legg showing us a tete-beche pair.

SENEGAL.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us the 40c red on straw of this colony, overprinted "5" in black, with the value obliterated with a wide black rule, extending across the stamp. This stamp was chronicled in No. 552.

WENDEN.—The 2k of 1901 (which, by the way, is not illustrated in Scott) has been reprinted in new colors, the frame in blue gray and the centre in red.

"Our Eye" • •

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—At the 27th auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society, which took place at the club room Dec. 19, fair prices were realized, but none deserving particular mention. Collections are evidently in demand as those in the sale brought better prices than usual.

—The *Fortnightly* notes a "J.P." surcharge on the stamps of Hong Kong and, English dependency though it may be, seems ignorant of its significance. Our own papers have given wide circulation to the fact that these letters are employed in the office of the *Daily Press* to protect its stamp supply.

—At the last meeting of the C. P. Society the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, which resulted as follows: For President, John J. Oesch; Vice-President, C. E. Severn; Secretary, Irving Dickinson; Treasurer, Leonard Michael; Members of the Governing Board, P. M. Wolskeller, A. F. Boehm, S. T. S. Doncyson, H. N. Mudge, F. N. Massoth.

—One of our local dealers has very recently exploited the Springfield "stamp den," concerning which we have already given the salient features. A noteworthy example of stamp adorned rooms is found in the Rising Sun Inn at North Benstead in Sussex, Eng. The proprietor is an enthusiastic philatelist and has nearly every room in the house covered with stamps. The parlor of the inn is called the Jubilee Stamp Room, five years being consumed in the decorating of its walls with the stamps of all nationalities. The tables and chairs are decorated in the same manner. A picture of Queen Victoria and another of the Eiffel Tower are both shown in stamps. All in all many thousands of dollars are represented in the stamps used but such methods of collecting or rather dissecting are not to our fancy.

Written for the ERA.

A COMPARISON OF PRICES.

By M. A. K.

"Catalogue des Timbres Rares et Moyens," published by A. La Fare of Paris, and shown me by Messrs. J. M. Bartels Co. of Boston, who are the agents for its sale in this country, is a unique catalogue inasmuch as it compares the prices of all stamps valued at 3 francs each or over, as quoted in the standard catalogues of France, Germany, Belgium, Great Britain and the United States. The "standards" are not mentioned in the work, but appear to be Yvert & Tellier, Senf, Gelli & Tani, Stanley Gibbons and Scott, in the order given.

Each stamp is priced both used and unused (a dash being inserted where no price is quoted) thus allowing a collector or dealer to ascertain at a glance the *real* value of any specimen in his collection or stock. The most valuable feature of the work, or what would be, were it more complete, is the column headed, "Latest Transactions," in which are quoted "the latest selling prices" that M. La Fare is cognizant of. This column is, unfortunately, far from complete, as on the average, but one stamp in twelve is priced, and even some of the quotations are a little less than farcical.

For instance, the last sale of the Philippines error "Corros" is given as \$50, while one sold at auction in this city a short time ago for \$75; and the Hawaiian numeral 2c on wove paper is quoted at \$6.50, while the writer has sold several copies recently at \$30 each, and over. Still, the collector who has access to files of priced auction catalogues, or one who peruses the various philatelic papers, can insert prices for himself, and make sure of their correctness into the bargain.

Turning to our own country it is easy to see that the ideas of the Germans regarding the value of our stamps compare more favorably with our own than with those of any other cataloguers. The German catalogue, if anything, is higher than our own, particularly in quoting used stamps; the standards of Belgium and France are much lower, while Gibbons' quotations present a happy medium.

For example, the 1c 1851, Type III, which is really underpriced at \$10 (most dealers considering a fine copy worth this amount net) is quoted at \$15 by Senf, while the 90c 1869, which Scott quotes at \$15, and which brings usually about one-half catalogue, is quoted at \$12 by Senf, and at only \$9 by Yvert & Tellier.

The German quotations on the Department stamps are almost identical with Scott's, though the used prices are apt to run a little higher, while the French quotations are on the average 25% lower, except in the case of the dollar value States, which, strange to say, are priced higher in Yvert & Tellier than in any other catalogue.

Our ideas of the value of our newspaper stamps seem to be rather exaggerated, all the foreign catalogues being much lower than Scott. Yvert & Tellier price the 1875 newspaper set at 800 francs, while Scott's price is about 1800 francs, an advance of just 1000 francs, or almost \$200. For the information of any collector desirous of purchasing a set of newspaper stamps, I might state that they can always be secured very advantageously across the water, in comparison with the prices usually asked in this country.

Turning to our Colonies; Philippines, Porto Rico and Hawaii, as next in order of interest, we note even greater variations in the comparative prices of the several catalogues, particularly in the colony first named.

The Philippine stamp 1r on 2c black surcharge (Scott's No. 173c) is priced at \$3 by Senf, and at \$30 by Gelli & Tani. A genuine copy of this stamp (of which I have seen less than half a dozen) would be cheap at this latter figure, but a dangerous counterfeit emanating from Barcelona, and being freely offered on the Continent, probably accounts for Senf's quotation.

The Porto Rico errors of the 1877 issue are priced only by Senf: the 5c at \$25, and the 10c at \$20, and the last sale of the latter stamp is given as \$12. Nevertheless, the writer has sold one recently for \$40.

The scarce Habilitado surcharges of 1898, i.e., the 3, 4 and 8c red surcharge, are apparently undervalued in all the foreign catalogues if we are to accept Scott as a criterion. Yvert & Tellier, for instance, price the three stamps in the order given at 80c, \$1.50, \$1.00; Scott's prices are \$4, \$3, \$3.

The "Numeral" issues of Hawaii are naturally priced higher in our own catalogue than in any other; but when the fact is considered that the U. S. is the best, and practically the only market for the sale of these stamps, the quotations of the various foreign catalogues are fairly accurate. The "No period" errors of the 1893 issue are priced only by Gibbons, his quotations being rather lower than the prices we are accustomed to ask in this country, but which, needless to say, we do not always get. The 2c Missionary is priced only by Yvert & Tellier. Any one of the seven known copies, if put on the market today would probably realize their quotation of 12,000 francs.

Of course all countries show interesting fluctuations. The stamps of Great Britain are priced much higher by Gibbons than by the other cataloguers: ditto France by Yvert & Tellier. Gebruder Senf are naturally high in their quotations on Thurn and Taxis, Germany and States, while Scott is high on U. S. and U. S. Colonies.

Here lies the real value of M. Fare's

compilation. By turning to any country a collector may ascertain at a glance the least expensive market in which to purchase his stamps: the most advantageous in which to dispose of them. A collector with duplicates for exchange can thus easily decide which is the most profitable catalogue to use as a basis. Thus one wishing to exchange French stamps for U. S. or Colonies would use as a basis any other catalogue than Scott, preferably Yvert & Tellier. For the same reason a collector desirous of securing British Colonials in exchange would use any other catalogue than Gibbons as a standard, preferably Senf or Yvert & Tellier, and the collector with a quantity of British Colonies for exchange would find Gibbons by far the most profitable catalogue to use. To show this idea more clearly I have subjoined the following tabulation. By it one can readily see that Yvert & Tellier is usually the cheapest catalogue, and Gibbons the most expensive.

Country or Colony	Valued Highest by	Valued Lowest by
United States	Scott, Senf	Yvert & Tellier
U. S. Colonies	Scott, Gelli & Tani	Yvert & Tellier
Gt. Britain and Colonies	Gibbons	Senf, Yvert & Tellier
British North America	Gibbons, Scott, Senf	Gelli & Tani, Yvert & Tellier
Australians	Gibbons, Scott	Gelli & Tani, Yvert & Tellier
France and French Colonies	Yvert & Tellier, Gelli & Tani	Senf
Germany, States and Colonies	Senf, Gibbons	Yvert & Tellier
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Chapter V.—On the Trail.

Vathy left the club house as one in a dream. For a while he wandered aimlessly around, then a bright idea struck him and he started at once to visit Stanley Gibbons, Limited.

Entering the palatial quarters of this great stamp emporium he asked a clerk if he would kindly give him a complete list of all the stamp dealers in London and vicinity, at the same time laying a coin down in front of him. The clerk examined the coin to see if it was genuine, got out a sheet of paper and wrote out a list of all the dealers he could think of.

Putting the list in his pocket, Vathy thanked him and walked out. It is perfectly unnecessary to say he walked out because if he hadn't he would probably be there yet, and how could I finish this over true tale! Of course he could have run out or rolled out or slid out or—but he simply walked out. As the publishers insist on having just about so much copy for each number, I have to inject these desultory remarks to fill in; was intending to work in a column or two on the action of radium on inorganic protoplasmata, but the publishers put up a kick and want that stamp found, so I will merely put in a protest against such undue haste because the stamp can't be lost if we know where it is, and if it isn't lost how can it be found. It's in Russia and—there they've cut me off again. Some blundering idiot's got on my circuit and wants to know if I think a five minutes' talk should last all day. "Back to the woods." What do you suppose they mean by that? Well, we left Vathy in London. If I could only lose him as easy as I can lose the thread of this narrative I'd be all right.

After leaving S. Gib. Limited's the detective entered a nearby saloon, sat down at a table and called for something wet. Then taking the list he examined it closely. Suddenly he rose and started for the door, but as he did so a huge form blocked his exit. Horror, was he to be trapped in this den, just on the eve of success? A cold sweat distinctly manifested itself upon his more or less manly brow, instinctly he reached for his pistol. Am I about to record a tragedy? Heaven forbid that murder be added to the crimes laid at the poor little Millbury's door. As he braced himself for the struggle an honest and kindly voice said: "The gent did not pay for his beer."

The relapse was awful. Vathy looked for a nail hole to crawl through, as he handed the waiter the price and also a cigar as a sort of peace offering.

Leaving the saloon he went directly to a stamp shop he had not yet visited, opened the door and was face to face with—a perfect stranger. Not yet reader, not yet. Wade through a little more an you'll get to it. "Are the proprietors in?" asked Vathy.

"What name?" asked the clerk. Handing him his card Vathy waited while the clerk entered the private office. In a moment he returned and invited Vathy to enter and doing so he beheld the two objects of his search, (slow music now) the same two he had seen enter the club house. He should, of course, say "Ha!" now, but he forgot to in his delight. But he could not help glancing nervously around as if he expected the Millbury would jump at him from some remote corner.

The detective introduced himself as the agent of a rich American who was looking for a perfect Millbury to add to his collection.

"We have none in stock now," said one of the partners.

"Do you know of any one who has one to sell?" asked Vathy.

"Can't say that I do," said the dealer. "We had one quite lately but sold it to a customer in Russia."

"Suppose you had it in stock for some time before you found a purchaser for so expensive a stamp?" asked the detective with a shrewdness for which I had not given him credit.

"No, to tell the truth we had the order on file for months before we could get one, when one day a gentleman, in hard luck, brought one in. I think he came from New York, anyway we never saw him before, and we bought it and sent it to Russia."

"Do you suppose this Russian, Mr.—let me see, you said his name was—"

"Count Ratzevichii," said the dealer.

"Yes, Count Ratsyvichy, as you said before, do you think he would sell it for a good price?"

"I do not think he would part with it at any price, as he is very wealthy and very proud of his really superb collection," answered the dealer. "Do you think he would, Ed?" to his partner.

"No, I don't think you could get that stamp out of his collection with dynamite," answered Ed.

At this both of the partners laughed heartily and Vathy joined in with a merry ha, ha. He was a proud man for the time being, for although he had not got the stamp he was hot on the trail, and wonder of wonders, he, Vathy, an American detective, had detected an Englishman in the act of making a joke.

For a short space a silence fell on the little party as each realized he was in the presence of that solemn thing, an English joke. Then the detective threw off the spell by asking, "If the firm had any objec-

tion to giving him the address of the Russian Count?"

"None whatever, he is a regular customer of ours, and here is his card."

Vathy took the card giving the street address in St. Petersburg, and thanking the partners, left the dear old souls, who once more began to chuckle over the joke.

"Good people, these English, loyal, brave and manly," said Vathy to himself, as he walked down the street, "but I guess we can get that stamp all right without dynamite."

Entering the cable office he sent a message to the Baron, stating that the stamp was in Russia, giving the name of the present owner and asked instructions.

In due time he received word to await in London a letter which would be mailed at once, and so we leave him to do the theatres, the waxworks and the town, while we fly on the "wings of the morning" to Castle Horta.

The Baron, when we left him, had just sent out letters inviting his friends to join him when the Millbury was really "home again," and was listening to Aunt Tigua's singing and playing.

Days passed on till the time when the detective's cablegram arrived. As already seen the Baron answered it, and then at once wrote a letter of instructions and sent it off post haste to New York to catch the next steamer. What was in that letter we will not reveal, but the reader will find out all about it in the next and final chapter of the great and original treatise on political economy.

(To be concluded.)

Springfield Stamp Club.

BY ERWIN G. WARD.

The 62nd regular meeting was held December 18th, at the pleasant home of our genial secretary, T. J. Champagne, No. 54 Hill St., Merrick. Nine members were present. The business meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Haskins. Article VIII, Sec. 1 of the By-Laws was changed so as to read "Five members shall constitute a quorum," instead of "seven." Also a dividend of \$2.00 each was voted to the active, resident members to be used for the purchase of stamp literature, stamps etc. The paper for the evening being omitted, the members spent the time in "talking stamps" and examining the Panama stamps surcharged "Republica de Panama," belonging to Wm. C. Stone. He has 20 of the 31 varieties reported. E. D. Curtis exhibited blocks of the new "Springfield, Mass.," precancelled 1c, a new addition to the albums of collectors of precancelled stamps. Several members of the Club are interested in that branch of philately.

The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock to meet in three weeks with Wm. C. Stone, at No. 384 Union St., Springfield.

OUR EXCHANGES

In the October *Stamp Collector* is a fine half-tone plate illustrating various stamps. Seven cuts under "Our Portrait Gallery" are headed "Presidents of America" and the first one is Benjamin Franklin! The fourth one is Alexander Hamilton! We thought we were "up" on United States history but we have really forgotten the dates of the terms of Presidents Franklin and Hamilton.

The same paper notes a number of U. S. stamps not listed by Scott and asks why? Some of these are the 1847 5c and 10c on grey paper. Says the *Collector*:

The compilers of the Scott catalogue have probably attributed this variety in the paper to chemical action due to the many years exposure which these stamps have undergone. But in listing this difference they would only be following in the footsteps of the British catalogues, which list the One Penny red stamp on blued paper. The change is not so evident, it is true, but it is based upon the same principles. It is a question whether there was some original difference in the papers on which the two varieties were printed which has caused some of them to change and others to remain the same. Certainly Scott's stamp listed "on white" is not to be confused with the grey shade, for the difference is, if anything, more marked than that between the grey and blue.

Also two new varieties of the 10c 1857, with "ornaments erased" and "ornaments partially erased." The 2c of 1862 is noted in a "paper variety" which is not described. The 12c of the 1861 set is given grided 13x6. (Is this meant for 13x16?)

The 5c blue of 1875 is noted on bluish surfaced paper, a variety well known to American collectors, but simply signifying that the plate was not "wiped" as clean as it should have been in printing. Of the 5c Garfield of 1882 the varieties with and without crossed lines in the shading are noted with the following remarks:

Here is an interesting and comparatively common variety that seems never to have been listed in an American catalogue! Few collectors know of its existence and dealers never take the trouble to look for it, probably because of the general distrust in the origin of the die. To the best of our knowledge the stamp was actually engraved twice. A limited number were printed from the first plates, in which the lines of shading about the head were too far apart, giving a certain coarse and unfinished appearance to the stamp. To correct this fault a new engraving was resorted to and the background was darkened and completed by crossed lines running diagonally to the parallel ones.

As a matter of fact the variety was listed in Scott's catalogue for 1898 (the "58th") as well as the 5c indigo of 1888 which also comes in the same variety. The crossed line background was called Type I and the horizontally lined only Type II, the former being priced at 75c unused and the latter 50c for the brown stamp, while both types

were 50c for the blue stamp. Turning to John N. Luff's history of United States stamps we read as follows:

While well aware that there was but one die for this value, the author was at one time led to accept the two varieties on the theory that they represented plates made from two transfers, one of which was not sufficiently deep to bring out the finer lines. It is now understood that the plates are all alike and all have the fine lines. When the diagonal lines are missing on a stamp it is merely because the ink has been removed from them by too much pressure in wiping the plate and by the operation being performed lengthwise of the lines instead of across them. It is probable also that wearing of the plate affects the appearance of the lines.

As this was published in June, 1898, it is easy to see why the variety was omitted from the next edition of the catalogue.

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December 19.

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63. H. D. Pursell, Washington C. H., Ohio.

Applications.

E. B. Fisher, 192 Marietta St., Atlanta, Ga.; Mill Supt. References: Hammerle, J. Sharp.

Clarence H. Eagle, 57 Broad St., N. Y. City; Mfg Stationer. References: Smith, C. Nelson

December 21.

Applications.

Wm. C. Stone, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.; City Library. References: Ward, F. H. Haskins.

E. D. Curtis, 69 New Bridge, Merrick, Mass.; Clerk. References: Ward, Stone.

J. W. Witty, Springfield, Mass.; Merchant. References: Ward, Stone.

Herbert T. Belden, 117 Cedar St., Springfield, Mass.; 18; Student. References: Ward, Stone.

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Washington Notes.

BY A. R. BUTLER.

The date of issue of the new design of the two cent stamp, which has been variously assigned in philatelic papers, is stated by the Department to have been November 12, 1903.

The books of two cent stamps seem to be a success. The total issued during the fiscal year 1903 was 9,829,240; an increase of 38.58% over the previous year.

The First Assistant Postmaster General recommends that the counterfeiting of postmarking stamps be forbidden and a penalty provided for such counterfeiting.

A bill has been introduced in Congress to provide for an experimental parcels post between Washington and either Richmond, Baltimore or Philadelphia, the charges to be six cents for the first pound and two cents additional for each extra pound.

The Woman's Opportunity Company, of Toronto, Canada, has been excluded from the mails for obtaining money by false and fraudulent pretenses.

The department has started a campaign against the practice followed by some firms of sending large quantities of mail out of the jurisdiction where such matter should be mailed to some selected office of the fourth class, thereby either directly or indirectly increasing the compensation of the postmaster at the small office. A recent order provides that no compensation can be claimed for the cancellations in such cases and that full reports must be made of all such diverted matter.

The annual dead letter sale of the Post-office Department has been the interesting feature of the past week. But two stamp lots were noted, one a set of the 1899 reprints of the periodical stamps, which went for ninety cents, the other a mixed lot of uncanceled foreign issues, which would catalogue about \$5.00 and brought \$4.20.

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NOTICE.

The next meeting of the N. E. P. A. will be held at the American House, Hanover St., Boston, on Tuesday evening, January 5th, 1904, at 8 o'clock. All members who can possibly do so are urgently requested to attend.

The following application for membership has been received:

M. C. Fratur, 16 Speedwell St., Dorchester, Mass.; proposed by Geo. H. Dean.

The 27th regular meeting of the N. E. P. A. was held at the American House, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 1st. President Cone presiding and ten members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, also the report of the Treasurer showing cash in his possession to the amount of \$11.35, including insurance fund.

The resignation of Mr. W. W. Neifert was read and it was voted to accept same with regrets.

The Secretary then read the names of the following applicants for membership:

Mr. V. M. Berthold, Boston, Mass.
Mr. F. S. Coffin, Boston, Mass.
Mr. Winthrop B. Jones, Boston, Mass.
Mr. Frank P. Brown, Boston, Mass.
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Mr. Henry A. Kidder, Arlington, Mass.
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Mr. H. Everett Darling, Arlington Heights, Mass.

All proposed by Mr. Harry W. Legg.
Mr. A. P. Brown, Boston, Mass.

Proposed by Chas. H. Stone.
Mr. Vincent H. LaForme, Wellesley Hills, Mass. Proposed by F. A. Wilson.

Mr. King moved that as it was the final

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meeting of the year and in consideration of the fact that many of the applicants were philatelists who were well known to all of the members, that the By-Laws be suspended and that the applicants be balloted upon at once. This motion was carried unanimously and upon its being carried out, all the applicants were declared elected.

A vote of thanks was then passed to Mr. Harry W. Legg for the interest he had evinced in the Society by handing in so large a number of applications.

The members of the Governing Board present then asked that they be allowed a recess of five minutes to act upon a matter upon which in case they made a finding they wished the endorsement of the Association as a whole. This recess was granted and upon its termination the Governing Board made the following report:

"Owing to certain circumstances which have arisen of which no particular mention need be made, your Governing Board deems it advisable for the best interests of the Society to remove the present Chairman of said Board, and have voted to so do in case they have the endorsement of the members present."

It was the unanimous vote of the members present that this action be endorsed and the position of Chairman of the Governing Board was declared vacant. The Governing Board then announced that Mr. Geo. M. Frame had been elected Chairman and that Mr. Harry W. Legg had been appointed to fill the existing vacancy.

The members then proceeded to the entertainment for the evening which consisted of the best specialized collection of the stamps of any country, for which three collections had been entered.

After these collections had been examined, the judges announced that they had awarded the silver medal to Mr. Geo. F. Waldron's collection of U. S.

This collection contained many interesting things being especially strong in entire envelopes.

It was finally voted to adjourn at about 10.30 o'clock.

FRANK A. WILSON, Secretary.

Who Will Be the Fifth Purchaser?

Since making the announcement some weeks ago, that every fifth purchaser of the "Peerless Packet" would receive entirely free of charge a Louisiana Exposition Gold Dollar, four of these packets have been sold, the purchasers being

- No. 1, Mr. C. L. Rideout, of Hudson, Ohio.
- No. 2, Mr. Jas. Stock, of Stratford, Ont., Canada.
- No. 3, Mr. A. D. Mastenbrook, of Kasson, Minn.
- No. 4, Mr. Leo Monasch, of Minneapolis, Minn.

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1894	261, 4c black.....	.75
1894	262, 5c sapphire, used.....	2.00
1894	263, 5c green, used.....	2.25
1895	270, 5c black.....	.25
1895	278, 5c green.....	1.50
1898	291, 5c sage green, used.....	.18

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1738	1884, 3c brown on manila.....	1.00	.40
1839	War 1873, 15c red on white.....	4.50	2.25
1839	War 1873, 3c red on amber.....	10.00	4.50
1839	War 1873, 3c dark red, cream.....	5.00	2.00
1839	War 1875, 3c red on white.....	3.50	1.75
1848	War 1875, 3c red on amber.....	.80	.10
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1875	War 1875, 3c, 5 varieties.....	.48	.20
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Washington Notes

By A. R. BUTLER.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing estimates that the number of postage stamps required for use during the year July 1903 to June 1904 will be 55,749,937.

The cost of designing and engraving postal issues is shown by the statement that the cost for the first McKinley postal card plate was \$401, whereas the 250 plates afterwards engraved in the same design cost but \$750, or \$3 each.

During the past year the Post Office Department was supplied by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing with 85 sets of die proofs of U. S. postage stamps at a cost of \$1702.47. Wonder who got them?

A parcels post convention of the usual form has been concluded with Hong Kong.

The officers of the Treasury do not seem to have heard anything of the alleged proposed new series of Cuban stamps, as in the estimates of work for 1905 (government estimates are far in the future) they submit an item of expense for printing 292,000 Cuban postage stamps.

Is this an essay, a regular compound envelope, or a double strike? A collector here has a used envelope with two three cent envelope stamps, series 1861-64, embossed in the upper right hand corner. From the appearance of the envelope it franked for six cents.

The following are the accepted denominations and portraits for the St. Louis Exposition series, one color, and that the same as the corresponding stamp in the present series:

- 1 cent, Robert Livingston.
 - 2 cent, Thomas Jefferson.
 - 3 cent, James Monroe.
 - 5 cent, William McKinley.
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- Size will be a little larger than the Buffalo stamps.

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Crown and CA Watermark.

2c Pale Brown.

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"Our Eye" • •

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—Jas. J. Carroll, manager of the Chesapeake Stamp Co. of Baltimore, Md., and an advertiser in the ERA of long standing, announces his stamp business for sale, owing to ill-health. Mr. Carroll will take up with a business that will give him more out-of-door exercise.

—C. E. Severn has been engaged as the editor of the philatelic department of the magazine soon to be issued by *Success*.

—Allen A. Brown of this city will sail for Europe today on the Republic. He will be gone four months.

—A correspondent sends us a clipping from *The Plumber* agitating the issuance of the mourning stamp—a project that postal officials are chary in endorsing, and whose good judgment we heartily commend.

—Frank Massoth of Chicago has been spending the holidays with relatives at Hanover Centre, Ind., his boyhood home.

—J. H. Houston was the fortunate purchaser of Lot 5654, in the annual Dead Letter Office sale, mentioned by our Washington correspondent last week. There was about \$15 worth of unused foreign stamps in the lot, the price paid being \$4.50.

—Hobart Parks of Garnet, Kansas, sends us a newspaper clipping with a cut of a postal card that completed a circuit of the globe in seventy-seven days. Mailed from London it traveled via Alexandria, Singapore, Yokohama, Victoria, British Columbia and New York, a one penny stamp paying its carriage of more than 20,000 miles.

—W. Sellschopp & Co. favor us with a calendar that is both neat and artistic. "The Scout," after a celebrated painting, represents a wolf standing in clear outlines on a snowy eminence and is very realistic.

—B. L. Drew & Co. will hold their 124th sale on Jan. 13-14th. The first night will dispose of the property of a local collector and the second night will be offered many Twentieth Century stamps as well as some *thirteen* collections.

—E. C. Dodd of Chicago reports that the volume of Christmas trade in that city did not come up to expectations of the local dealers, counter trade being rather dull, and especially in the line of albums.

—The New England Stamp Co. has favored us with a very neat calendar. Following its practice of recent years, the calendar is adorned with a photographic representation of one of the great rarities that has passed through the hands of this firm. The one before us is a Livingston lightly postmarked, on the original cover and with fine margins. It came from the Thorne collection and is now the property of a local philatelist.

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—At the meeting of the Chicago Branch of the A. P. A. in January, W. H. Adams will interest the members with a paper on the Plimpton issue of U. S. envelopes.

—In Wolsieffer's next sale, which occurs Jan. 16th, and comprising the second part of the Schuyler collection, there will be an unusual number of rarities, all in marvelously good condition.

—Complimentary greetings from Edward W. Heusinger and Herman W. Boers are gratefully acknowledged.

—The receipt of two papers the *Canada Stamp Sheet* and the *Dominion Philatelist* indicates that there is some little unpleasantness in the D. P. A. that needs to be smoothed over. A correspondent writes: "I have paid my dues for 1905 to the Holmes (*Canada Stamp Sheet*) faction and am now informed by the other side that this does not count." We do not intend to discuss the merits of the situation believing that our Canadian brethren are fully capable of settling this little difficulty.

—Franklin Coombs of St. Joe, Mich., is wintering in Chicago. He is again connected with the Imperial Stamp Co.

Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—We learn from the Associated Press despatches that the Post Office Department has decided upon designs for the St. Louis World's Fair stamps, which are to be as follows: 1c, Robert R. Livingston, Minister to France, who conducted negotiations for the Louisiana purchase; 2c, Thomas Jefferson; 3c, James Monroe, who, with Livingston, concluded the negotiations; 5c, President McKinley; 10c, map of the United States, showing the territory purchased from France. The designs are now being made at the bureau of engraving and printing. The colors will be those used for like denominations in general use. The stamps will be about the size of the Chicago World's Fair stamps.

Mr. J. H. Houston also sends us the same information from Washington.

AUSTRIAN OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—*La Cote Reelle* chronicles three new values of the current Austrian stamps surcharged with new values for use in Constantinople, similar to Scott's Nos. 1039 and 1040. The surcharge is in black in all cases.

Adhesives (Regular):
55c on 25h ultramarine.
50c on 50h violet.
15c on 1k carmine rose.

ARGENTINE.—A new value has been issued in the current set. The color brings out the beauties of the engraving finely. Specimens were shown us by Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co.

Adhesive (Regular):
6c black.

BELGIUM.—According to the *Le Soir* of Brussels a series of stamps of a new design is contemplated.

CHILE.—A new surcharge is reported for this country, the second only in its stamp history. The 30c orange of 1901 (*La Cote Reelle* says 30c brown) has been overprinted "Diez" at the top and "Centavos" at the bottom, both being in an odd-shaped, curved engraving. The number overprinted is said to be 650,000.

Adhesive (Provisional):
10c on 30c orange and blue.

FRENCH OFFICES IN CHINA.—Three new postage due stamps have been provided by overprinting the stamps of 1894, surcharged China. This is in addition to the 30c brown on bistre chronicled in No. 553 of the ERA. By the way, this latter

stamp is recorded as having the additional surcharge in black, red and violet. It has not yet been seen here. The three new ones are surcharged in red or carmine. *Ewen's Weekly* says that the surcharge, "A Percevoir," is printed on the stamp diagonally, and that the 10c is on the Mouchon type stamp.

Adhesives (Postage Due):

5c yellow green and red.
10c carmine and red.
15c blue and red.
30c brown on bistre and violet (?).

INDIA, Nabha.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* chronicles some new officials surcharged on India King's head stamps.

Adhesives (Official):

1/4 yellow green and black.
1a carmine and black.
2a violet and black.
4a olive green and black.
8a red violet and black.
1r green and carmine and black.

ITALY.—*Le Timbrophile Belge* reports that two new high value Postage Due stamps have been issued, the design of 1884 being reprinted in new colors. They are to serve especially for money orders, the stamped money order cards having been suppressed.

Adhesives (Postage Due):

50 lire, yellow.
100 lire, blue.

JOHORE.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new surcharge, issued late in October. The overprint is heavier than the 3c on 4c or the 10c on 4c recently issued, and the bar is printed.

Adhesive (Provisional):

50c on \$3 purple and blue and black.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*Ewen's Weekly* illustrates two values of a new series of King's head stamps of which two values have already been issued. The current issue has been in use only a year and nine months. The new stamps have a design which is a radical departure from the conventional Colonial type, yet nevertheless a pleasing one. In the 1c the words "Straits Settlements" in a straight line across the bottom, while the value in figures appears in oblong octagonal tablets in the corners formed by the portrait oval, just above the country. The upper corners are filled with palms which are gracefully arranged down the sides to the top of the tablets containing the figures. The portrait is much larger than on the current stamps but is a profile view, and subject to the same objections as the previous engraving. The inevitable crown fills the center above the portrait oval. The lack of the words "Postage" and "Revenue" is noticeable. The 3c is of the same design as the 1c, except that the name of the country appears in a curved line conforming to the shape of the oval while the figures of value are in ovals in the lower corners. Only specimen copies have been seen as yet.

Adhesives (Regular):

1c grey green.
3c dull lilac.

TRANSVAAL.—According to a correspondent of the *Monthly Journal* the 25h black and brown King's head stamp, withdrawn on account of the similarity to the 4d, has

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A. R. BUTLER,

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been overprinted "Pass" for fiscal use; and that the 25h 6d stamp of 1896 has been surcharged "E. R. I.—Pass—two—shillinge, also for fiscal purposes. The 15h black and green have also been withdrawn from the smaller offices, to avoid confusion with the 3d.

Is Original Gum of Importance?

A SYMPOSIUM.

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

The question of original gum has become a much mooted one and the readers of the ERA will be interested in the views of the eminent authorities who have consented to contribute to this symposium.

JOHN N. LUFF,

Editor of the Standard Catalogue.

My reply is, Yes and No. The majority of stamps of current and recent issues are printed in inks which are very sensitive to moisture. On such stamps the presence of gum is a guarantee that, so far as the action of water is concerned, their colors are unchanged, and this, to all collectors of shades, is a matter of much importance. Many stamps of early issues are found pen-cancelled, and these, being printed in inks which are not affected by acids, have often been washed and offered for sale as unused copies. Here, again, the presence of original gum is of value.

On the other hand, I have seen fine copies which have been stained by impurities in the gum; I have known cracks in the gum to extend to the stamp and have even removed it, at times, to prevent such a threatened injury, preferring a whole stamp without gum to a damaged one with it.

When original gum is held in too much esteem and high prices are paid for stamps bearing it, temptation to imitate it becomes apparent, though I doubt that there are many imitations which will stand expert scrutiny. There are many fine old stamps which are seldom found with original gum. To refuse to place them in our albums because of this defect, would be to deprive ourselves of desirable and valuable additions to our collections.

Other things being equal, a stamp with original gum is more nearly in its pristine condition than one without it, and is therefore more desirable, but, had I to make my choice between a fine copy without gum (that is, well centered, clean and color uninjured) and one having it, but otherwise in less perfect condition, I should have no hesitation in selecting the former.

It seems to me it would be a good rule to insist on gum in modern issues, but not to refuse a fine old stamp merely because it lacks it.

JOHN N. LUFF.

ALEX. HOLLAND,

President American Philatelic Association.

Yes. In fact it is necessary in some cases in order to determine whether a stamp is an original, a reprint or counterfeit. This applies more particularly to early issues. To my mind it is of importance on all unused stamps if they are collected and classed as unused; because if you want a stamp unused you want it entirely so, and not half way so; therefore, provided the stamp in question was issued with gum, it is important that it should have the original gum if you want it unused in the full sense of the word.

ALEX. HOLLAND.

M. H. LOMBARD,

President Boston Philatelic Society.

It is of great importance to me. I collect unused stamps and always try to get them with original gum and I would rather pay a higher price for a stamp with it, than for an equally good copy without it. I want them *as issued*. In many cases the original gum is of great assistance in determining the printing of a stamp, whether it is an early or later issue, or a re-issue. I advise all collectors of unused stamps to collect with gum.

In these days of modern financiering, water is applied in liberal quantities to most everything. Don't apply it to your stamps. After you have had your pleasure in collecting and passed from this world, let your heirs find you have left one asset that was not watered, and they will have good cause to bless your good judgment and wisdom in collecting with original gum.

M. H. LOMBARD.

GEO. L. TOPPAN,

Editor American Journal of Philately.

Yes, wherever it can be preserved without risk of damage to the stamp. It often serves as an important link in the chain of evidence upon which certain specimens are approved or condemned. However, it is necessary "to know your gum."

Not very long ago I sent a valuable stamp to an expert to be repaired. As originally issued it *had no gum*, but when it came back to me it had a beautiful coat of a rich, yellowish gum which was well calculated to attest to genuineness and age.

GEO. L. TOPPAN.

M. P. CASTLE,

Editorial in London Philatelist.

It is better to attach value to a specimen in fine condition without gum than to a poor one with it, and we are convinced that in many cases too much importance is attached to the gum alone. In the case of many old stamps—say the provisional issues of British Guiana or the two first issues of New South Wales—specimens with full gum hardly ever occur, and the collector who declined such issues without gum might wait until the Greek Kalends before completing his series. In these, and doubtless many similar old issues, the gum was frequently very scantily, or even only partially laid on, and even if original is sometimes of so indeterminate a character as to present but little security against imitation. This latter remark applies also to such stamps as the Prussian Head issue with solid background, of which the 2sg, blue, is so rare. This is a bold, well-printed stamp, with plenty of color, and

one that well retains its freshness of appearance, while the gum is a very simple white mucilage; yet we have seen really fine specimens without gum go begging for a fourth of the price paid for a stamp with the gum that otherwise was in no better condition. On the other hand, with such stamps as the first issue of Oldenburg, that often occur penmarked, and some values of which are of great rarity unused, the original gum, if undoubted, is of the greatest importance.

The real truth, therefore, of the matter is that the original gum is like condition generally, as to which every collector can set up his standard. Too much value should not be attached to the presence of the gum unless the other determining facts of condition are all present. A perfect stamp should be as it was on the day of issue, assuming always that it was well printed and correctly perforated. It should be absolutely clean, the colours fresh and clear, the perforations or margins not impinging on the design, and the original gum undisturbed. This is what is understood by the now generally accepted phrase, "in mint condition," but it is hardly felicitous. It may savor of bathos to compare such a humble object as a stamp with the beautiful work of Nature as exemplified in fruit or flowers, but the *bloom* that is their crowning glory really represents that almost indefinite perfection which is the concomitant of true colour and form as applied to a postage stamp.

M. P. CASTLE.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,

The Veteran Dealer-Collector.

Original gum is of importance on some stamps in order to determine the time of issue, whether originals, re-issues or reprints: for instance United States 1869 issue, without grill; but of no importance if the gum is not required to determine the time of issue etc.

A stamp that is as clean and bright as it was when issued, a clear print well centered, with the full original gum showing no signs of cracking and discoloring is the ideal stamp.

A duplicate of the same stamp in as fine condition with the gum removed is the best one to be preserved. I have seen many stamps on which the original gum was discolored and cracked, so much so as to nearly ruin them.

During my visit in London, May 1900, I examined the part of the Tapling collection then on exhibition in the British Museum, and noticed that some of the Austrian stamps were curled, owing to the gum. It seemed to me at that time as it does now, that a stamp to be preserved should have no gum.

I can imagine the twenty-first century student of philately trying to decipher a brown spot, the remains of what was once a beautiful unused imperforate Ceylon 1857, 8d yellow brown, with full original gum; and deploring the fact that his an-

cestors placed so much importance on the original gum, as to ignore the great importance of preserving the stamps for future generations.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS.

L. L. GREEN,

Treasurer Boston Philatelic Society.

I consider original gum of much importance, in as much as it is one of the parts necessary to form a beautiful, perfect and complete whole. I think that even the commonest stamp with gum, showing the state in which it was issued, has an added value over one lacking gum; while it is a well known fact, in the case of certain scarce stamps usually found minus gum, that the gummed copy possesses a value very largely increased in the eyes of careful collectors.

L. L. GREEN.

HENRY W. WOLSELEY,

Examiner of A. P. A. Salesbooks.

In cases where it is difficult to distinguish between original stamps and reprints, and where used stamps have been cleaned, it is of importance. But in all other cases I think it of no importance to the general collector.

For the purpose of collecting, a stamp without gum is preferable as it will lie flat in an album when hinged at the top, and can be raised without removal for examination of the watermark or paper. But there are comparatively few stamps with original gum that will not curl up, unless hinged in such a manner that they must be removed for the same examination, and each removal tends to soil the stamp. I find also that stamps with gum are far more brittle and easily broken than those without gum; and that creases may, by dampening the stamp, be removed from the stamps without gum, whilst such creases cannot be so removed from stamps with gum.

For these reasons I think that the value of a stamp to a collector should depend upon the freshness of its color and its perfect centering, and that whether it has or has not original gum should in most cases be a matter of indifference to him.

HENRY W. WOLSELEY.

J. MURRAY BARTELS,

Specialist in U. S. and Colonies.

In my opinion the question of original gum is largely exaggerated in the requirements of most collectors. It is far more important to have stamps with gum of some countries than of others. I agree with several prominent philatelists that it is decidedly preferable to have stamps which are pretty well centered, and otherwise of fine appearance, than to insist on original gum. If none of the freshness in appearance of a scarce stamp without gum has been lost, collectors should not reject it for this reason; it is about the most insignificant defect a stamp could have. O. G. on U. S. stamps, especially the regular earlier issues,

is of more importance than in the case of many other countries. In early Spanish Colonies gum is of little consequence. In some instances it is so poor that it can be very easily imitated, especially when of a thin white quality. I consider o. g. of importance in most of the old German States, especially Hanover, Thurn and Taxis, and Oldenburg, Denmark and Colonies, old Austrians, and some others.

In many cases the gum varies with the different printings, and is of assistance in determining the issue. Stamps which have been washed and regummed should be strongly rejected. The gum in that case adds a counterfeit feature to an otherwise genuine stamp.

There are very few instances where the gum will in time injure the color of the stamp, or cause it to curl up and become creased. I do not advise any collector to do any soaking in order to avoid this. If such stamps as the 1 and 2 real, first issue of the Philippines, had been soaked soon after they were printed, there would be more fine copies of good color in existence today, but any specimens which have stood the test for nearly fifty years are pretty safe for the future, as far as injury from gum is concerned.

In case the gum has soaked through the paper so as to give the stamps an unsightly appearance, as for instance, many Spain and Colonies of Alfonso XII type, they should undoubtedly be soaked, and are preferable without gum.

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? QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS

EDITED BY

C. A. HOWES, 55 KILBY ST., BOSTON.

20. I have three Mexican stamps catalogued by Gibbons as Unpaid Letter stamps, Nos. 581, 582, 583. Scott does not catalogue these. Are these stamps recognized by United States collectors?

ANS. These stamps as well as a number of other similar ones were catalogued by Scott until the 1897 catalogue, in which they were omitted. A letter to M. Moens, published in *Le Timbre-poste* in 1892, says:

DEAR MR. MOENS,

Information which we have received from Mexico, from absolutely reliable sources, proves that the so-called Unpaid Letter stamps, which you as well as other philatelic journals have frequently mentioned, are absolutely unofficial, and are nothing but a speculative product.

The ingenious inventor of these labels * * * had them printed at his own expense and sent quantities of them to various post offices with the request that they be affixed to unpaid letters instead of the usual handstamp indicating the amount of postage due. Most of the postmasters declined the generous offer, but those of Celaya, Irapuato, Monterey and Vera Cruz fell into the trap and our good friend had the pleasure of seeing his labels duly used and cancelled by the post office.

J. H. ANHEISER,

BARON DE SCHELL,

Editors and publishers of the *Grosses Handbuch der Philatelie*.

The postmaster of the city of Mexico afterwards took up the idea and according to a letter written by him, also published in the *Timbre-poste*, he claims he borrowed 2000 from Irapuato, and 3000 from Celaya after the first quantity was used up. Then he made some for himself, which are the ones that Stanley Gibbons lists. The letter adds:

This issue consisted of 10,000 stamps of 20 centavos, which is the amount usually collected on unpaid letters from the interior, 3,000 of 8 centavos, which is the amount usually to be collected on city letters, and 5000 without value in which the tax to be collected was written in ink when it was neither 8 nor 20 centavos.

As to their legality, I have no doubt that we, the postmasters, have the right to issue these stamps for the Interior Postal Service, although our laws and regulations do not give us the right to use this means for unpaid correspondence.

Mexico did not adopt the system for the entire country and the natural result followed—the few postmasters became tired of printing them at their own expense and their issue lapsed. There seems to be no reason for Gibbons and Kohl retaining them in their catalogues; but if they list these three why should they not include those from the other four cities mentioned, which are of different types?

Some specialists in Mexico may collect these stamps but the generality of American collectors certainly do not recognize them.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

M. H. LOMBARD, President, Winchester, Mass.
C. F. ROTHFUCHS, Vice-President, Boston.
C. A. HOWES, Secretary, 55 Kilby St., Boston.
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J. H. LYONS, Supt. of Sales, 9 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The December Meeting.

The 131st regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, December 15, at 8 o'clock, with President Lombard in the chair and 39 members and friends present.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Loring and Mr. Howes presented resolutions looking toward increased privileges for our members at the Boston Public Library, as far as the philatelic works are concerned. These were passed to be presented to the Trustees through the Library Committee.

The Entertainment Committee announced that Mr. H. P. Harris would exhibit his collection of Foreign Revenues at the January meeting.

It was voted that the ladies be invited to join us at the banquet in February. It was also decided that full evening dress was not required.

The Library Committee submitted a preliminary report upon the Magazine Circuit and the Secretary moved an appropriation of \$20 to carry this on another year. 13 magazines are circulated and there are 17 members on the circuit. The motion was tabled.

Mr. Corbett spoke upon the objects of the Society as expressed in our Statutes and thought the Society was not carrying them out. The Chair ruled otherwise, however.

The resignations of Mr. Wm. Banks, Jr., and Mr. H. J. Rice were read and accepted.

The following application for membership was posted:

R. WILLIAMS, West Roxbury, Mass.; proposed by C. A. Howes.

The following was elected a member:

No. 385. Capt. F. L. Palmer, Madison Barracks, N. Y.

Mr. Rothfuchs moved that hereafter the

appropriation for the Library's needs be limited to \$25 a year and that all purchases be retained for the Society's own use. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Nominations for officers for 1904 were made as follows:

For President: C. F. Rothfuchs.
For Vice-President: G. F. Loring.
For Secretary: C. A. Howes.
For Treasurer: L. L. Green.
For Supt. of Sales and Auctions: J. H. Lyons.

For Library Committee: H. Corbett and C. K. B. Nevin.

For Governing Board: L. G. Barrett, M. H. Lombard, A. W. Batchelder, F. H. Burt.

The amount of \$2.57 was refunded to Dr. C. E. Abbott by vote of the Society in settlement of the Sales Dept. accounts.

President Lombard introduced Dr. Wm. Henry Allchin of London, an early member of the London Philatelic Society, who gave us a very entertaining talk on the early days of collecting in London. He presented to the Society some old catalogues now in his possession. A rising vote of thanks was tendered him at the close of his talk.

Three papers were presented for the original essay competition and their authors read them before the Society. The essay which won the silver medal was a most exhaustive treatise upon "The Postage Stamps of Siam with Special Reference to the Issues of 1899-1900," by Alex. Holland. The essay winning the bronze medal was a very thorough study of the types of the Queen's head issues of Hong Kong, entitled "What the Stamps of Hong Kong Revealed After a Week's Study," by Louis G. Barrett. The third paper was "An Essay on Competitive Exhibits, With Suggestions of a Change in the Method of Awarding the Prizes," by Geo. F. Loring. It contained many suggestions of value along this line.

In the competitive exhibition of uncatalogued varieties for the possession of the Silver Cup for 1904, three collections were entered and Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs succeeded in "lifting the cup." As required by the conditions of the gift of the cup, a list of the varieties exhibited will be published.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 o'clock.
C. A. Howes, Secretary.

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Very truly yours,

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1 " " " " " " " " " "	.08
1 " " " " " " " " " "	.10
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50c 1903.	.07
50c Bond, Cat. 12c.	.03

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The above title is given to a book of nearly 300 pages just issued in England by W. E. Imeson and illustrated by twenty-eight pen and ink sketches. It is entirely in verse and contains much humor and no little truth. We quote a few words from the publisher's prospectus:

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"The story contains no prosy matter—being told in verse—and is sufficiently disconnected to be understood by any reader of extraordinary intelligence.

"The book is the first—and shows much promise of being the last—of its kind."

We are indebted to Horace Cox, London, publisher, for a specimen copy.

The New England Philatelic Association.

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NOTICE.

The next regular meeting of the N. E. P. A. will be held at the American House, Hanover St., Boston, on Tuesday evening, January 5th, at 8 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to attend.

The following application for membership has been received:

Mr. E. D. Osgood, 221 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.; proposed by Mr. H. W. Legg.

FREE!**REVENUES AT HONEST PRICES.**

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2c Certificate, blue	.36	\$25.00 Mortgage	1.60
2c " orange	.30	\$50.00 Internal Revenue	1.30
2c Express, blue	.03	\$200.00 " fine	9.00
2c " orange	.04	\$300.00 " good	7.03
3c Playing Cards, blue	.12		
3c " orange	.30		
3c Proprietary, blue	.04		
3c " orange	.65		
3c U. S. I. R.	.01		
3c Foreign Exchange	.04		
3c Playing Cards	2.60		
3c " fair only	1.30		
3c Proprietary	.08		
3c Telegraph	.10		
4c Inland Exchange	.04		
4c Playing Cards	3.70		
4c " fair	1.60		
4c Proprietary, many shades	.12		
5c Agreement	.02		
5c Certificate	.01		
5c Express	.03		
5c Foreign Exchange	.04		
5c Inland Exchange	.01		
5c Playing Cards	.30		
5c Proprietary	.40		
6c Inland Exchange	.08		
10c Bill of Lading	.03		
10c Certificate	.01		
10c Contract	.01		
10c Foreign Exchange	.14		
10c Inland Exchange	.01		
10c Power of Attorney	.09		
10c Proprietary	.12		
15c Foreign Exchange	.24		
15c Inland Exchange	.09		
20c Foreign Exchange	.42		
20c Inland Exchange	.01		
25c Bond	.06		
25c Certificate	.01		
25c Entry Goods	.05		
25c Insurance	.01		
25c Life Insurance	.08		
25c Power of Attorney	.01		
25c Protest	.12		
25c Warehouse Receipt	.35		
30c Foreign Exchange	.65		
30c Inland Exchange	.03		
40c " "	.03		
40c Conveyance	.03		
50c Entry of Goods	.02		
50c Foreign Exchange	.22		
50c Lease	.30		
50c Life Insurance	.02		
50c Mortgage	.02		
50c Original Process	.01		
50c Passage Ticket	.01		
50c Probate of Will	.35		
50c Surety Bond	.05		
60c Inland Exchange, orange	.06		
70c Foreign Exchange, green	.05		
1.00 Conveyance	.07		
1.00 Entry of Goods	.05		
1.00 Foreign Exchange	.01		
1.00 Inland Exchange	.41		
1.00 Lease	.06		
1.00 Life Insurance	.06		
1.00 Manifest	.25		
1.00 Mortgage	1.40		
1.00 Passage Ticket	2.75		
1.00 " cancelled a holes	1.20		
1.00 Power of Attorney	.04		
1.00 Probate of Will	.55		
1.30 Foreign Exchange	.35		
1.50 Inland Exchange	.05		
1.60 Foreign Exchange	.85		
1.90 " "	.45		
2.00 Conveyance	.06		
2.00 Mortgage	.06		
2.00 Probate of Will	.40		
2.50 Inland Exchange	.05		
3.00 Charter Party	.08		
3.00 Manifest	.08		
3.50 Inland Exchange	.10		
3.50 Charter Party	.10		
3.50 Conveyance	.10		
3.50 Manifest	.10		
3.50 Mortgage	.10		
3.50 Probate of Will	.40		
3.50 Charter Party	.50		
3.50 Conveyance	1.15		

SECOND ISSUE.

1c blue and black	.30
2c " "	.02
3c " "	.15
4c " "	.20
5c " "	.04
6c " "	.70
10c " "	.01
15c " "	.22
20c " "	.08
25c " "	.01
30c " "	.30
40c " "	.25
50c " "	.02
60c " "	.30
70c " "	.35
80c " "	.04
90c " "	.12
1.00 " "	.25
1.10 " "	.20
1.20 " "	.35
1.30 " "	.55
1.40 " "	1.90
1.50 " "	.40
1.60 " "	1.35
1.70 " "	6.00
1.80 " "	8.25
1.90 " "	5.95
2.00 " "	5.95
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THIRD ISSUE.

1c black and claret	.55
2c " orange	.01
3c " brown	.40
4c " orange	.04
5c " "	.50
6c " brown	.30
7c " orange	.15
8c " brown	.35
9c " orange	.40
10c " green	.25
11c " "	.02
12c " vermilion	.18
13c " claret	.38
14c " green	.05
15c " vermilion	.35
16c " green	1.40
17c " orange	6.70

1898-1902.

1c small I. R., unused	.08
1c large I. R., "	.02
2c " "	.03
15c Proprietary, unused	.03
25c " "	.03
35c " "	.06
45c " "	.06
55c " "	.06
65c " "	.06
75c " "	.06
85c " "	.06
95c " "	.06
1.00 Documentary, used	.03
1.00 " "	.10
1.00 " green	.01
1.00 " brown	.04
1.00 " orange	.08
1.00 " black	.32
1.00 " bistre	1.60
1.00 " brown and black	4.50
1.00 " red	.03
1.00 " "	.55
1.00 " grey	.02
1.00 " "	.04
1.00 " "	.10
1.00 " "	.30
1.00 " "	9.50
1.00 " green	.02
1.00 " "	.04
1.00 " "	.10
1.00 " "	.30
1.00 " "	1.50
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3c " " orange.....			.25
3c Proprietary, blue.....	4.00		.05
3c Foreign Exchange.....			.05
3c Proprietary.....			.10
3c Telegraph.....			.12
3c Inland Exchange.....			.04
4c Proprietary.....			.10
5c Playing Cards.....			.35
5c Inland Exchange.....			.10
10c Bill of Lading.....	.25		.03
10c Foreign Exchange.....			.30
10c Proprietary.....			.15
15c Foreign Exchange.....			.30
20c " ".....	.30		.50
25c Bond..... (part perf. 10c)			.06
25c Protest.....	.25		.12
25c Warehouse Receipt.....	.35		.30
30c Foreign Exchange.....			.75

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Written for the ERA.

AKRON PRE-CANCELLED.

By F. L. SMITH.

Akron with her modest number of stamps, cancelled effectually but with no regard for looks, may appear to collectors of pre-cancelled stamps as being unimportant. Such is not the case, however, as stamps with one exception have been overprinted continuously since 1894. The first stamps were overprinted in the summer of that year with two broad horizontal lines by a roller, cancelling two rows of stamps at a time. These stamps, of one and three cent values, were ordered by a firm who sent out two to three hundred thousand circulars twice a year, and the cancelling was done at their office by one of the postal clerks. As the 1c blue of 1894 did not appear until Oct. 10th the printing must have been on the 1890 issue.

The next request for overprinted stamps was made early in the summer of 1895; the design used in cancelling was Akron O between two lines, and impressed only upon the 1 and 3c of 1894-5. This design conforms to the present requirements of the Department, but at that time as there was no authorization for their use, the Postmaster considered the cancellation unlawful and forbade their further use.

In 1897 another Postmaster was appointed; and upon a request for a large lot of overprinted stamps, consented to their issue. As the roller could not be found, the party making the request offered to supply one. This is why the diamond shaped frame, enclosing Akron-Ohio, came to be issued with an initial of the firm: W-&-B-Co in each corner of the frame. Fifty thousand 1 cent blue and 150,000 3 cent purple were overprinted at this time. Later the 1 cent green and 2 cent red were used, and three lots printed, containing in all 250,000 stamps. The 2 cent value, of which only a few sheets were used, was ordered in place of 3 cent stamps, the firm having a number of the 1 cent value on hand. When this die was first prepared, a trial cancellation was made on two sheets of the 2 cent due stamps of 1895; thus showing the normal impression. Larger and thicker ones being caused by spreading of the rubber through use and age.

Panama.

Our stock of Panama is rapidly getting smaller.

We have a very few left of the following, unused, that we will sell at full catalogue.

Scott Nos. 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 51.

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Bavaria 1870-73, 12 kr lilac, mint *..... 6.00

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Bergerdorf 1861, 3s blue on pink, * original.... .8

" " 4s black on brown, * original.... .08

Bremen 1855, 5 gr black on rose (Marken) *... 15

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" " 1896, 80c blue.....	.06
" " 1896, 80c violet.....	.13
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Catalogue on application.

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5c slate green.....	.04	.02
7c gray.....	.10	.05
1898 2c brown carmine...	.05	.03
5c dark green.....	.05	.03

All used, postpaid for 15c. *Postage extra* on single stamps. If desired we can furnish the last two stamps unused, at 3c for the 2c and 4c for the 5c.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

This roller was not long in use, and was superseded by one having Akron—Ohio between two lines, the same design as now in use. With this new roller a few of the 1 cent claret due stamps of 1891-3 were cancelled, they having been found to be on hand. With the exception of three or four sheets of the 4 cent of 1898, which were used with the 4 cent 1902, the issues of this design are too well known to be mentioned here. Up to 1892 the due stamps were cancelled with the dating stamps. Since then, and up to the present time with the above exceptions, two parallel pen lines have been ruled across the stamps on entire sheets. In issuing stamps to the public, the practice of this office has been not to accept an order for less than 50,000 stamps.

Cleveland Active.

By W. H. BARNUM.

The readers of the ERA may be interested in the outcome of the annual meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, of this city, held on the 17th inst.

This Club, organized March 1890, has never missed its monthly meetings and is now one of the oldest in existence. The membership, numbering nearly fifty, is composed mostly of men of mature years, but two members being under 21, and many of prominence.

For its fifteenth year, the first President,

Mr. G. J. Bailey, was selected to govern. Mr. Bailey is member No. 1, the organizer, and for the first ten years the Club met in his offices. The balance of officers selected for 1904 follow: Vice-President, L. G. French; Secretary-Treasurer, W. C. Rhodes; Additional Directors, Alvin Good, Henry Spear, W. S. Field and W. H. Barnum. Fourteen members and one visitor were in attendance.

Washington Notes •

By A. R. BUTLER.

All revenue stamps issued by the Government are engraved and printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, with the exception of tin foil wrappers for tobacco. The special paper on which they are printed is furnished by the New York & Pennsylvania Paper Co. of New York and cost's 4.7 cents per pound, and a total cost of about \$70,000 is estimated on for the coming year. The foil wrappers, of which 20,024,600 were used last year, are printed by John J. Crooke Co. and the Conley Foil Co. of New York, without cost to the government.

The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General calls attention to a curious loss of revenue in the rural service. The carriers are permitted by special provision of law to "conduct an express package business," and large mail order firms are sending packages of circulars and catalogues by express to these carriers and having them distributed by the carrier instead of mailing them.

The experiment of the department with rubber cancelling stamps for the smaller fourth class offices instead of the steel ones is stated to result in a saving of 60% in cost of outfit, besides the results that will be obtained in legible postmarking on letters and complete cancellation of stamps. So far about 2500 of the small offices are using the rubber stamp. The new marks come in several different designs, but they can be distinguished by their legibility and the surface character of the impression.

The definite information as to the portraits which are to appear on the St. Louis series has started gossip as to the probable series for the Lewis & Clarke Exposition in 1905. There is no doubt that a government appropriation will be made in aid of this affair, and the Oregon delegation in Congress will demand anything in the way of advertising (which is what a special series amounts to) that any other exposition has.

The proposed exposition at Jamestown, Va., in 1907 has such dubious prospects (the outside subscriptions, upon which depend the state and possibly the national aids, cannot be raised) that any special issue is conjectural.

THE CASH IS READY.

I want to buy good United States stamps, Postage and Revenue. [5T]
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J. T. STARR STAMP COMPANY,
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50c 1903.....	.07
25c Bond, Cat. 12c.....	.03

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FOR

Collectors, Dealers and Traders.

	* Means Unused.	Cat. Price.	Our Price
United States 1868, 1c grille 9x13, fine..		\$0.75	\$0.40
Average copies.....		.75	.30
1869, 1c buff, fine.....		.60	.30
Average copies.....		.60	.25
*1869, 1c buff, no gum.....		1.25	.50
1902, 50c orange, fine.....		..	.10
Average copies.....		..	.07
*Columbian issue, cardboard proofs, beautiful issue complete, 16 var, splendid space fillers if you cannot afford the originals.....		..	5.00
Envelope 1853, 6c red on buff (No. 1315)		2.00	.90
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Revenue 3c Telegraph, imperf.....		2.00	.50
Same, not so fine.....		2.00	.50
State, 1c green.....		2.50	1.80
24c green.....		8.50	4.00
Revenue 25c Bond, part perf. on piece document, punched, fine.....		.50	.10
Not so fine.....		.50	.05
Per 10, average.....		5.00	.40
25c Life Ins., perf., punched.....		.20	.04
Per 10.....		2.00	.30
25c Protest, punched.....		.25	.05
Per 10.....		2.50	.40
25c Entry of Goods, punched.....		.10	.03
Per 10.....		1.00	.20
25c Bond, punched.....		.12	.03
Per 10.....		1.20	.20
25c Protest, punched.....		.25	.05
Per 10.....		2.50	.40
25c Warehouse Receipt, punched.....		.60	.10
Per 10.....		6.00	.80
\$1.00 Mortgage, punched, fine.....		3.00	.75
Same, good.....		3.00	.50
\$1.00 Passage Ticket, punched, fine.....		6.00	1.50
Same, good.....		6.00	1.00
111 Issue, \$3 black and green.....		1.50	.30
1898 Documentary, \$3 brown.....		.08	.04
" " \$5 red.....		.10	.05
" " \$10 black.....		.50	.16
" " \$3 lake.....		.75	.50
" " \$5 gray.....		.15	.07
" " \$10 gray.....		.40	.18
The above Documentary are cut cancelled.			
*Cuba, Envelopes, Entire and Fine			
*No. 505, 3c green on oriental buff.....		.25	.10
*No. 506, 3c red on amber.....		.25	.10
*No. 508, 3c red on blue.....		.25	.10
Italy 1901, \$1 blue and rose.....		.50	.24
*Guam 5c blue, fine.....		.50	.30
Same, straight edge.....		.50	.25
*Guam 10c brown, fine.....		1.00	.60
Same, straight edge.....		1.00	.50
*Guam, Special, fine.....		1.25	.75
Same, straight edge.....		1.25	.60
*Persia 1899, 50k brown.....		9.00	1.00

STAMPS BY THE 100.

Cuba, palms, 2c carmine, per 100.....	2.00	.80
*Peru 1894, 2c violet, head, per 100.....	5.00	.90
Costa Rica 1892, 20c red, per 100.....	3.00	.65
Jamaica 1901, 1p red and black, per 100	2.00	.40
*Cuba, Revenue, 5c blue, per 100.....	..	.12
100 different damaged stamps.....	10.00	1.00
25 different damaged stamps.....	10.00	1.00
50 different damaged stamps.....	4.50	.50
25 different damaged stamps.....	2.00	.25
100 different damaged stamps.....	2.00	.25

ENTIRE COLLECTIONS.

Over 1900 varieties in Imperial Album, many unused, post paid.....	14.50
Over 1700 varieties in Imperial Album, 90c War, 24c Newspaper, many unused foreign.....	11.00
900 var. in Imperial Album, cat. nearly \$17.00, beside damaged.....	3.90
780 var. in Imperial Album, cat. nearly \$18.00, many 3c to 20c and up, only.....	4.00

New England Stamp Co.,

9 & 21 Bromfield Street,

BOSTON, MASS.

Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

CHILE.—Mr. A. W. Dunning sends us information regarding the new 10c surcharge, chronicled last week. By the way Scott is in error in regard to the color of the 30c, which is not orange, but orange brown (possibly brown orange). The supply of the 10c red and black having become exhausted, the new surcharge was issued to fill the gap.

Mr. Harry W. Legg has also shown us this surcharge.

EGYPT.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a provisional stamp issued at Khartoum owing to a shortage in the lower value. The overprint is "5 Milliemes" on the 5 piastre value.

Adhesive (Provisional):
5m on 5p brown and green.

GERMANY.—Messrs. Senf report that while there are thirty states and institutions entitled to free use of the mails, only No. 21, for Prussia, was printed.

ITALY.—Mr. A. W. Dunning, writing from Naples, under date of Dec. 20, informs us that he has seen the 20c Postage Due stamp of 1894, Scott's No. 176, with numerals inverted. It was postally used, and was offered for 25 francs.

The 25c Special Delivery stamp, Scott's No. 95, Addenda, was in use, as nearly as Mr. Dunning could ascertain, for about 15 days and then was withdrawn. Used copies are offered at 1 franc or 1.20 francs on cover. Unused copies are unobtainable.

Mr. Dunning was informed that the Minister of Posts had offered 1 franc each for the 30c brown, Scott's No. 39, unused. Mr. Dunning adds to his newsy letter, best wishes for 1904, which we cordially reciprocate.

JAMAICA.—Illustrations of the new Jamaican stamps, chronicled in No. 553, indicate a very commonplace design. The arms taken from the seal of the colony appear in the central space with straight sides and curved top and bottom. At the top the value appears in figures on white ground in the corners, while Jamaica is printed between these tablets, in white. At the bottom the value, also in white, appears on a colored tablet extending across the stamp. The words "Postage—Revenue" are printed in very small letters on either side just above the tablet containing the value. In the two stamps thus far

recorded the centre is printed in gray black.

LIBERIA.—We learn from several authorities that various official stamps have been overprinted ordinary, including the 1892, 24c, \$1 and \$2; 1894, 5c, 24c and 32c; and 1898, 5c.

MANGAIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that a correspondent at Cook Islands writes that the New Zealand authorities intend to issue stamps surcharged "Mangaia", similar to those for Aitutaki. Mangaia is the most southerly of the Cook group and is 116 miles southeast from Rarotonga. It has an area of about 30 square miles and a population of 1541, including 10 Europeans. Previously the administration of the Island has been in native hands but a European magistrate, who will also act as customs officer and postmaster, has just been appointed by the New Zealand Government.

MARTINIQUE.—According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* a new provisional has been issued for the parcels post service. The number printed was 1000.

Adhesive (Parcels Post):
5 fr on 60c Postage Due.

MAURITIUS.—According to *Ewen's Weekly* the 3c and 15c may shortly be expected in new colors.

NYASSA.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* reports a second printing of the provisionals, Scott's Nos. 39 to 43. The new overprint is in thicker, bolder type, and in black as was the first printing.

Adhesives (Provisional):
New Type of Overprint. Surcharged "Provisorio."
15r black and orange brown.
25r black and orange red.
Surcharged New Value.
65r on 80r black and lilac.
125r on 150r black and deep orange.
130r on 303r black and yellow green.

PANAMA.—Mr. J. M. Bartels has received the 5c, 10c and 20c with surcharges at left and right and Colombia obliterated as noted in No. 554. The inverted Vs are also noticeable in these stamps. As this is a type-printed surcharge, it may be well to give a new chronicle.

Adhesives (Provisional):
1c green and black.
2c rose and black.
5c blue and black.
10c yellow and black.
20c violet and black.

Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us copies of the printed surcharges on the Map stamp, and calls our attention to the fact that two fonts of type are used in making the surcharges on the 2c rose. The small type is only used on the outside right hand row. The inverted Vs appear in both sizes of type.

We are informed that the new stamps have been shipped from New York to the Isthmus.

PERSIA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us a new series of surcharges, at the same time expressing some doubt as to their genuineness, as all came from the same party in Paris. *Stanley Gibbons*, however, chronicles the issue and states that a

"Specimen" Revenues

I haven't got but can send you fine specimens of U. S. Revenues on approval. Liberal discounts. Exchanges made. [T*

W. F. GREANY,

890 Guerrero St., San Francisco, Cal.

PANAMA.

We have a nice lot of these stamps, old issues as well as the first and a few of the second surcharged Republic sets. The definite series has just been sent from New York. Prices will go up rapidly. We will sell at the present catalogue price and can allow a small discount on a number of stamps. Send for a selection, want list preferred.

J. M. BARTELS CO.,

Old South Building, BOSTON, MASS.

supply was received with some of the same values franking the letter, thus establishing their postal character. The 5 and 10 krans stamps of the 1894 issue are the ones selected for treatment, but their gorgeous printing is effectually disfigured by the overprint, which covers the whole stamp. Diagonally across the stamps from lower left to upper right, are printed the words "Postes Persanes," between double lines. Above this in the upper left corner, also diagonally, is the date "1903" surrounded by ornaments, and in the lower right corner are Persian characters, printed diagonally, and accompanied by similar ornaments. Across the bottom of the stamp is the new value, in ordinary figures and the word "Chahis." All this is in one color, but another surcharge in Persian characters is printed immediately below the Shah's portrait. This second surcharge is in the second color given below. There are two types of the surcharges, differing only in the style of type and ornaments used.

Adhesives (Provisional):

4 chahis, in red and black on 5k violet and silver.
8 ch in green and red on 5k violet and silver.
16 ch in orange and green on 5k violet and silver.
3 krans in blue and lake on 5k violet and silver.
4k in brown and green on 5k violet and silver.
2 tomans, in red and orange on 5k violet and silver.
3t in black and lake on 5k violet and silver.
2t in blue and black on 10k red and gold.
3t in green and blue on 10k red and gold.

SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.—According to *Ewen's Weekly* the stamps for British Somaliland will hereafter appear under the above designation. Specimen stamps have already been seen, the design being similar to the "East Africa and Uganda Protectorate" stamps, the higher values being in a larger size, but with "Somaliland Protectorate" in the tablet at the bottom. The second color below is that in which the portrait is printed.

Adhesives (Regular):

1/4a gray green.
1a carmine and gray green.
2a violet and dull lilac.
2 1/2a ultramarine.
3a green and brown.
4a black and gray green.
6a violet and green.
8a pale milky blue and gray black.
12a orange.
12a green and gray green.
2a violet and dull lilac.
3a black and gray green.
5a carmine and gray black.

WHAT STAMPS COST AND OTHER MATTERS.

Compiled from the Report of the Third Assistant Postmaster General.

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Philatelists, being all good citizens, are naturally interested in all departments of the government; but it must be confessed that the reports issued from time to time by the Third Assistant Postmaster General, has in it more interesting matter from a philatelic standpoint, than those issued by any other Bureau or Department. This report is not of special interest on account of its statement of the finances of the department, important as that is, but rather from its annual contribution to the stamp history of the United States. Such a report is that recently issued by Third Assistant Postmaster General Edwin C. Madden, and received through the courtesy of a correspondent.

The first point that strikes the reader is the relation that the extension of the rural free delivery service has to the question of deficit in the annual revenue of the department, and its effect upon the question of the establishment of one cent postage. Thus it is seen that the increase in the cost of the rural free delivery service for the year ending June 30, 1903, was \$4,104,044.11, while the total deficit for the year was only \$4,560,044.73. Yet can it be said that one cent postage is of more importance to the people at large than the regular and early delivery of the mails in country districts?

The enormous amount of stamp business done by the Department is shown by the fact that 7,024,902,795 pieces of stamped paper were issued to postmasters, valued at \$129,331,880.61, and 9,829,240 stamp books, the total number issued being 7,034,732,035, valued at \$129,430,173.01, an increase for the year of 973,275,908 articles and \$16,764,619.55 in value.

While figures are bewildering and statistics tiresome, it may not be amiss to give some statement of the number of stamps issued, in order that enthusiastic stamp gatherers may better form an idea of the probability of their aggregations possessing philatelic value in the future. There were issued 1,377,294,800 1c stamps, 3,479,529,000 2c, 170,004,720 2c in stamp books, 40,476,800 3c, 48,128,900 4c, 78,668,600 5c, 14,622,800 6c, 22,092,200 8c, 32,495,700 10c, 3,148,000 13c, 3,758,880 15c, 265,270 50c, 52,675 \$1, 5,405 \$2, 5,365 \$5, and 10,180,950 10c special delivery stamps. There were also issued 770,657,950 postal cards, including 738,125,500 1c McKinley cards.

There were also issued the following postage due stamps: 1c, 5,060,300; 2c, 15,746,200; 3c, 347,000; 5c, 876,000; 10c, 2,819,300; 30c, 6,430; 50c, 5,550. The stamped envelopes and wrappers numbered 948,654,000.

There were overprinted for use in the Philippines 3,000,000 1c stamps, 2,214,500

2c, 250,000 5c, 50,000 15c, 50,000 50c, 2,000 \$1, 1,000 \$2, and 600 \$5 stamps, and 313,000 envelopes and wrappers.

An interesting description of the stamps "series of 1902," with the dates of issue. In this connection to note how the official color scheme differs from that given by Scott. The denominations, colors and date of issue are as follows: 1c green, Feb. 3, 1903; 2c red, Jan. 17, 1903; 2c red, revised design, Nov. 12, 1903; 3c purple, Feb. 11, 1903; 4c brown, Feb. 10, 1903; 5c blue, Jan. 20, 1903; 6c magenta, Feb. 20, 1903; 8c dark lilac, Dec. 6, 1902; 10c light brown, Feb. 5, 1903; 10c light blue, special delivery, Dec. 9, 1902; 13c dark slate, Nov. 18, 1902; 15c olive, May 27, 1903; 50c orange, Mar. 23, 1903; \$1 black, June 5, 1903; \$2 steel blue, June 5, 1903; \$5, dark green, June 5, 1903.

It does not come within the province of this article to review the statement of the report regarding the determined effort being made by the Department to reform the abuses in the mailing of second class matter. This movement becomes of interest to Philatelists from the fact that under the decision to exclude from the privileges of pound rates publications "designed primarily for advertising purposes, or for free circulation, or circulation at nominal rates," at least one long established and valuable philatelic publication has been affected.

In the general movement being agitated in all countries, to reduce the use of stamps, and thus do away with the laborious work of cancelling so many single pieces of mail matter, the United States Postoffice Department is evidently taking considerable interest. This is shown by the renewal of the recommendation that large quantities of identical pieces of mail matter might be mailed without the necessity of affixing stamps to the individual pieces. This is a further step in the same direction as the issue of precancelled stamps.

Another recommendation of interest is to the effect that the "post check" proposition be given, at least an experimental trial. The reasons given for this reform are that it would prevent loss to the Department arising from the use of postage stamps for remittances through the mails. The sales of stamps, for that purpose, at the smaller postoffices increases their compensation wrongfully, and imposes upon postoffices in the large cities to which such remittances are generally made, the labor of handling vast quantities of matter the revenues from which are derived by the selling postoffices. It encourages trafficking in postage stamps and thus encourages the robbery of postoffices.

During the year, there were mailed the following pieces of domestic mail: First

class, 4,262,933,677; postal cards, 770,657,950; second class, 2,615,685,614; third class, 1,053,637,057; fourth class, 93,380,005; foreign—first class, 60,001,332; all other matter, 31,171,413; total, domestic and foreign, 8,887,467,048.

The registration division reports 16,567,502 domestic letters and 3,372,703 parcels and 2,112,212 foreign letters and 336,936 parcels registered during the year. This was the paid matter, in addition to which there was registered free 3,561,825 letters and parcels. The report of the losses in the registered mails is of interest, as stamp dealers and collectors are among the most frequent sufferers in this department. The losses from fires and wrecks and minor unavoidable accidents were 1,937; from depredations of postal officials, 359; through postal employees from causes other than theft, 372; depredations by outside parties, 501; losses for which responsibility could not be fixed, 346. Recoveries were made and the value of the lost articles restored to the owners, through the office of the chief postoffice inspector, 1,031; dead letter office, 141; inspectors in the field and postmasters, 1,275; through limited indemnity, 409; total recoveries, 2,856, leaving only 659 cases where recovery was impossible. The rate of loss was 1 to every 57,556 prepaid articles registered.

It is interesting to note the prices paid by the Government for its various issues of stamps. The ordinary stamps, which include all denominations of regular postage stamps, cost 5.742c per 1,000; special delivery stamps, 15.505c per 1,000; postage due stamps, 7.756c per 1,000. The stamped envelopes and wrappers show an average cost of 78.08c per 1,000.

Singularly enough the report is silent in regard to the proposed Louisiana Purchase stamps, nor is there any provision made in the estimates for next year for their manufacture.

TRADE COLUMN.

Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed. Minimum charge 25 cents.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Some good stamps reasonable. U. S. 3c 1847, 35c; 3c pink 1861, \$3.50; 24c 1862, No. 78, 18c; a very fine pair 1c 1851, \$3.00. Boston Penny Post No. 8: 5c on cover, \$6.00; 2c 1867, grided, No. 87, 18c; 1c 1870, No. 134, 20c. New Brunswick 6d, fine except cut close on lower right side, \$8.00. Foreign Revenues are becoming more popular every day, buy while they are cheap. Let me send list. Just as interesting as postage.

W. N. SOUTHER,

Groton, Mass.

Dutch Indies, 18 varieties, cat. 53c, only 20c; Netherlands, 2 varieties of 50, 4 varieties of 1 gulden, the 6 varieties, cat. 63c, only 25c. Stamps on approval at 50% discount. Reference required.

J. R. MARTIN, [58
1707 Hewitt Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

U. S. 1888, 90c, each 46c; 1869 1c, 20c; \$1 on Lease, 3c; Omaha 50c, each 14c; 1871 90c, 38c; \$1.00 Passage Ticket, 4c 90c; 1869 50c, each 78c; \$1 on Mortgage, 70c; \$5 on 3rd Is-ue, each 15c. R. VAN BENTHOVEN, Hudson, N. Y.

Additional Trade ads on next page.

Pre-cancelled Stamps. List No. 9.
Order by number. The 1898 issue is meant unless otherwise stated. Abbreviations: U up, D down, N normal, I invert. All normal unless other mention is made.

1	Danbury Conn	xc,	.02
2	"	1903 xc,	.02
3	New Britain Conn	xc,	.02
4	"	xc I,	.02
5	"	xc, block of 4 o.g.,	.02
6	"	1903 xc,	.02
7	Aurora Ill	xc blue ink,	.01
8	"	xc black ink,	.01
9	"	xc thin line,	.01
10	"	1903, xc,	.01
11	Chicago Ill	xc small type,	.01
12	"	xc,	.01
13	"	3c,	.01
14	"	4c rose brown,	.01
15	"	4c pair,	.01
16	"	4c strip of 3,	.01
17	"	4c chocolate,	.01
18	"	8c,	.01
19	"	10c,	.01
20	"	15c,	.01
21	"	1c 4-1,	.01
22	"	1c 4-2,	.01
23	"	3c 5-1,	.01
24	"	5c 5-1,	.01
25	"	5c pair,	.01
26	"	1c 8-1,	.01
27	"	1c 9-1,	.01
28	"	1c 10-1,	.01
29	"	1c 11-1,	.01
30	"	1c 12-1,	.01
31	"	15c 12-1,	.01
32	"	2c 2-2,	.01
33	"	1c 3-2,	.01
34	"	3c 3-2,	.01
35	"	1c large type,	.01
36	"	1c pair,	.01
37	"	2c,	.01
38	"	3c,	.01
39	"	4c,	.01
40	"	5c,	.01
41	"	6c,	.01
42	"	6c pair,	.01
43	"	8c,	.01
44	"	10c,	.01
45	"	10c pair,	.01
46	"	15c,	.01
47	"	15c pair,	.01
48	"	1c,	.01
49	"	1c pair,	.01
50	"	1c double print,	.01
51	"	2c,	.01
52	"	3c,	.01
53	"	4c,	.01
54	"	5c,	.01
55	"	5c pair,	.01
56	"	6c,	.01
57	"	8c,	.01
58	"	8c pair,	.01
59	"	10c,	.01
60	"	15c,	.01
61	Elgin Ill	xc,	.01
62	"	xc,	.01
63	"	1903 xc,	.01
64	"	2c pair,	.01
65	"	2c strip of 3,	.01
66	"	3c,	.01
67	"	3c strip of 3,	.01
68	"	new 1903 xc,	.01
69	"	2c strip of 3,	.01
70	Rock Island Ill	xc,	.01
71	Attica Indiana	xc large type,	.01
72	"	1c 12-1,	.01
73	"	1c 12-2,	.01
74	"	1c small type,	.01
75	"	1903 xc,	.01
76	Evansville Indiana	xc,	.01
77	Indianapolis Indiana	xc D,	.01
78	Davenport Iowa	xc,	.01
79	"	1903 xc,	.01
80	Decorah "	xc,	.01
81	Topeka Kansas	xc,	.01
82	Covington Kentucky	1903 xc N,	.01
83	"	xc I,	.01
84	Boston Mass	1895 xc	.01
85	"	xc N,	.01
86	"	xc I,	.01
87	"	2c,	.01
88	"	1903 xc N,	.01
89	"	xc I,	.01
90	"	1c,	.01
91	"	1c 8-1 I,	.01
92	"	1c 9-1,	.01
93	"	1c 11-1,	.01
94	"	1c 3-2,	.01
95	"	1903 xc N,	.01
96	"	xc I,	.01
97	Lynn Mass	1c plain,	.01
98	"	1c serif,	.01
99	"	2c,	.01
100	"	1903 xc,	.01
101	Battle Creek Mich	1903 xc,	.01
102	"	1903 xc,	.01
103	Grand Rapids "	Sta H xc,	.01
104	"	1903 xc,	.01
105	Jackson "	xc,	.01
106	"	1903 xc,	.01
107	Minneapolis Minn	1c 4 bars,	.01
108	"	1c Sept 1903	.01
109	"	1c N,	.01

110	Minneapolis Minn	xc I,	.01
111	"	1903 xc N,	.01
112	"	xc I,	.01
113	"	xc N,	.01
114	"	xc I,	.01
115	"	3c N,	.01
116	"	3c I,	.01
117	"	6c I,	.01
118	"	13c I,	.01
119	St Paul Minn	3c D,	.01
120	"	3c U,	.01
121	"	1903 xc U,	.01
122	"	1c D,	.01
123	Binghamton N Y	xc 11-2,	.01
124	"	xc 11-3,	.01
125	"	xc 3-3,	.01
126	"	xc 4-3,	.01
127	"	1903 xc 11-3,	.01
128	Leroy N Y	xc Nov. '01,	.01
129	Lockport N Y	xc,	.01
130	"	1903 xc wide,	.01
131	"	xc narrow,	.01
132	New York "	xc,	.01
133	"	3c,	.01
134	"	1c Dec '01,	.01
135	"	xc Sta H,	.01
136	"	1903 xc Sta H,	.01
137	North Cochecton N Y	xc,	.01
138	Rochester N Y	xc,	.01
139	"	1903 xc,	.01
140	Schenectady N Y	xc,	.01
141	"	1903 xc,	.01
142	"	xc 2 to 4 letters missing,	.01
143	Yonkers N Y	xc,	.01
144	Akron Ohio	6c old roll,	.01
145	"	xc N,	.01
146	"	xc block,	.01
147	"	xc I,	.01
148	"	xc pair,	.01
149	"	xc block,	.01
150	"	3c,	.01
151	"	3c pair,	.01
152	"	3c block,	.01
153	Note.—Nos. 227, 228, 229 have full gum.		
154	Akron Ohio	4c,	.01
155	"	1903 4c,	.01
156	Ashland Ohio	xc U small,	.01
157	"	xc unused,	.01
158	"	xc pair,	.01
159	"	xc block,	.01
160	"	xc D,	.01
161	"	1903 xc U,	.01
162	Cincinnati Ohio	xc oval,	.01
163	"	xc D oval,	.01
164	"	xc U straight,	.01
165	"	xc D,	.01
166	"	1903 xc U straight,	.01
167	"	xc D,	.01
168	Cleveland Ohio	xc small,	.01
169	"	xc large,	.01
170	Columbus Ohio	xc U lines,	.01
171	"	xc D,	.01
172	"	xc D no lines,	.01
173	Dayton Ohio	xc,	.01
174	"	1903 xc,	.01
175	Labanon Ohio	xc U diagonal I,	.01
176	Painesville Ohio	xc,	.01
177	"	5c,	.01
178	Springfield Ohio	xc Sept. '05,	.01
179	"	xc U lines,	.01
180	"	xc D,	.01
181	Toledo Ohio	xc,	.01
182	Harrisburg Penna	xc D,	.01
183	Philadelphia Penna	4c,	.01
184	"	5c,	.01
185	"	1903 xc narrow,	.01
186	"	xc wide,	.01
187	Pittsburg Penna	xc,	.01
188	Scranton Penna	xc,	.01
189	"	xc pair,	.01
190	"	xc short line,	.01
191	"	xc postmarked,	.01
192	"	xc,	.01
193	"	xc short line,	.01
194	"	xc postmarked,	.01
195	"	xc orange red,	.01
196	"	3c,	.01
197	"	3c short line,	.01
198	"	3c postmarked,	.01
199	"	3c defect,	.01
200	"	4c,	.01
201	"	4c postmarked,	.01
202	"	4c defect,	.01
203	"	5c,	.01
204	"	5c short line,	.01
205	"	5c postmarked,	.01
206	"	5c defect,	.01
207	"	6c,	.01
208	"	6c pair,	.01
209	"	6c defect,	.01
210	"	8c,	.01
211	"	8c defect,	.01
212	"	10c,	.01
213	"	10c defect,	.01
214	"	1903 xc,	.01
215	"	xc pair,	.01
216	"	xc,	.01
217	Warren Penna	6c,	.01
218	Chattanooga Tenn	St Elmo xc 2-05,	.01
219	"	xc 8-05,	.01
220	"	xc blue,	.01
221	"	1903 xc black,	.01
222	"	xc blue,	.01
223	Burlington Vermont	xc D,	.01
224	La Crosse Wisc	xc,	.01
225	Milwaukee Wisc	xc D,	.01
226	"	xc D,	.01
227	Racine Wisc	xc U 12-1,	.01
228	"	xc U small,	.01

229	Racine Wisc	xc D small,	.01
230	"	xc U large,	.01
231	"	xc D,	.01
232	"	1903 xc D large,	.01
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Chapter VI.—So Ends this Strange Eventful History.

He who reads this tale must not despair,
Tho' he follows the Millbury everywhere;
For oceans may roll and tempests roar,
But dear little Millie is home once more.

—Anonymous.

The letter reached Vathy in due season and he was much surprised at its contents, which, to sum it up briefly, told him that by the same steamer an invitation had gone to the Russian to visit Baron Horta to see his collection and enjoy New York life for a while, and to bring his collection, or at least his U. S. and any great rarities for comparison with the Baron's. Pending an answer Vathy was to wait in London till he either got the word "come" or further orders.

So Vathy continued to do London and time rolled on.

After a reasonable length of time Baron Horta received an acceptance of his invitation and word that the Count would start in a few days, as he had long wanted to see America, and that he would bring his stamps with him. Receiving in a short time word that the Count had started, the Baron cabled Vathy "Come", and he, too, started for America.

Arrived in New York the Count was met by a representative of the Baron and escorted to the next train up river that night. Once more the Millbury rested safe and secure on its o. g. (original grounds), but could he escape from his keeper? Aye, there's the rub. No, he could not without help, for our dear little Millbury, as you may all know, was born without arms or legs.

The Baron gave the Count the warmest kind of a reception, and after a dinner that would have done honor to a king, they adjourned to the den to smoke. Naturally enough the stamps were brought out and they were soon deep in an examination of the Baron's treasures.

Horta could not speak Russian, but the Russian spoke very fair English and they got along finely together. After quite a lengthy examination and much approval from the Count, he said, "I have brought all my United States and the gems of the rest with me. I suppose, as it is so late now, we better defer looking at them till tomorrow."

The Baron glanced up and saw that it was near midnight. For a moment the impulse to see his Millie was strong within him. Then, fearing to show too much anxiety, he said, "You are right Count, but you had better put them in my safe over night."

"I will get them and do so," answered the Count, and, leaving the room, he soon returned with a package which he placed

In the Baron's hands. After placing it and his own in the safe, the Baron bade the Count good night, as he had expressed a wish to retire, and soon sought his own bed only to turn and twist and dream of a huge Millbury setting on the foot of the bed and waving him a fond adieu as he was going back to Russia with his new friend the Count.

The next day after breakfast the Russian's treasures were inspected, and sure enough there was the Millbury looking as innocent and imbecile as ever. The Russian had some magnificent stamps and it was a great treat for the Baron to see the collection and the forenoon passed very pleasantly.

After dinner they took a train to New York City and saw the sights and took in the theatre in the evening, returning on a late train to the Castle. For a week or more the Baron entertained the Count with drives and trips to the city, during which they visited all the noted stamp shops, and the Count picked up quite a good many stamps he needed. It was during one of these visits that the Baron wanted for a moment to kill a man. This may seem singular, as I have not pictured the Baron as a man of blood. It happened thus: A clerk in one of the large stamp shops, where they were examining some stamps, turned to the Baron and said, "By the way, Baron, you have not found your Millbury yet, have you?"

The Count turned quickly and said, "Why, Baron, you did not tell me you had lost a Millbury!"

The Baron had meantime given the clerk the wink and such a look with it that the clerk saw he had made an awful mistake. The Baron, addressing the Count, said, "The man means that his firm has a standing order from me for a Millbury in case they run across a first class one."

"Ah, I see, if they run over one you are to have it."

"That's it," said the Baron, and the incident closed, but he fought shy of stamp shops after that, and guided the Count toward Central Park, Grant's Tomb, and other noted places when in the city.

After a while the Count said he must leave as he wished to visit Chicago and the West, and he must be back home soon; the Baron urged him to stay, but when the exact date was settled on he telegraphed Vathy to come at once to the castle.

The detective obeyed orders and that afternoon, while the Count was writing a few letters in the den, the Baron and Vathy had a quiet little conference in the Baron's chamber. The result we shall see later.

That evening Vathy was a guest at dinner, and after that they adjourned to the den. The stamps were brought out, as Vathy had been introduced as a collector, and the Russian's collection was again admired. Late in the evening, the Count having expressed a desire to retire, the Baron said, "I'd like to have a farewell game of billiards with you," and the Count

Bargains Galore!

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1890	" 1 gld.05	.03
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1881	Bavaria, 1mk.02	.01
1891	" 2mk.05	.03
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1894	" 500r.04	.02
1894	" 1000r.08	.04
1895	Br. Honduras 5c.15	.08
1892	Canada 20c.12	.06
1898	" 50c.25	.12
1902	" 10c.08	.04
1871	" 7c.05	.03
1893	Cape of Good Hope 4p.06	.03
1893	" 1sh.05	.03
1898	" 4p.05	.03
1888	Ceylon, 2c on 4c.06	.03
1900	Chile, 5c on 3c.08	.04
1901	" 30c.15	.07
1892	" 15c.05	.03
1895	Cuba, 2rp.75	.30
1863	" 1/2rp green on lilac rose40	.20
1902	" 1c on 3c.12	.06
1882	Cyprus, 1pi.12	.06
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1901	Dominican Republic 1c.01	.01
1901	Dutch Indies 1/2c on 2c.03	.02
1902	" 2 1/2c on 3c.04	.03
1900	Germany, 80pf.08	.04
1900	" 1mk.05	.03
1900	" 2mk.12	.06
1902	" 1mk.03	.02
1902	" 2mk.10	.05
1902	" 5mk.35	.20
1902	" 5mk, fine.35	.25
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THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

By C. A. HOWES.

Doubtless most collectors who have paid any attention to Japanese stamps, have noticed the wheel shaped ornament which has a prominent place in the design of all issues since the first square stamps. Probably most of them know, also, that it is a conventional representation of the chrysanthemum. This flower, which is common in our own gardens and homes, is held in particular estimation by the Japanese. To its many varieties such as we are familiar with, they have added not a few strange forms, for it is well known that the Japanese are past masters of the horticulturists' art.

The chrysanthemum is one of the latest flowers of autumn and it makes up, in a



measure, for its tardy appearance by its showy and brilliant effects. The Japanese have a fete of the chrysanthemum in November, as they have of the cherry in April. But although the chrysanthemum is a popular flower, yet its use as an emblem, such as we find it upon the stamps, is restricted to the Imperial family and such objects as may be put forth by Imperial sanction. It has been the emblem of the Imperial family from remote antiquity, but in its use as such it appears in a conventionalized form which is, perhaps, best seen on the 1 yen stamp of 1893.

The conventional form shows the small circle at the center, which represents the small "head" of true flowers (for the chrysanthemum is a composite flower like the daisy and dandelion, and its so called "petals" are but "bracts", according to the botanist), while the branching spokes represent the petals. For Imperial use these petals number exactly sixteen, or thirty-two in case those behind are shown by their tips between the tips of the "front row"; and it is forbidden to ordinary subjects to represent the flower with this num-

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ber of petals. There is supposed to be a death penalty attached to any infringement of this law.

It may be remembered that the Japanese flag is white with a red ball in the centre, symbolising the "Rising Sun," which is our translation of *Nippon* (Chinese *Jih-pen* from which *Japan* comes), literally "the Day's Origin". On the Imperial standard this sun is furnished with sixteen red rays corresponding to the sixteen petals of the chrysanthemum.

It is claimed that counterfeits of Japanese stamps, if made in Japan, can be detected by counting the petals of the chrysanthemum, as they will never be just sixteen. Some Japanese counterfeiters may have observed this rule, but I have seen many counterfeits from Japan which I feel certain were made there and on which this test breaks down utterly. There are many counterfeits, at any rate, that have the correct number of petals, so that this point cannot be taken as a sure guide, but only as one point of detection.

*Written for the Era.***THE "BLOOM OF YOUTH" STAMP.**

By CHARLES A. NAST.

Who has not admired the wondrous beauty of the fair face and form with its luxuriant tresses seen on the George W. Laird 3c black stamps. The picture is not an ideal face, but reflects truly the features of a most beautiful woman, one who in her life time was noted for her exquisite complexion, and queenly air and graces.

The friends of Harriet Hubbard Ayer are building a monument to her that is worth the building. It is a refuge for women. The name of the refuge is "The Seven Poor Travellers Association." What a legacy of love Mrs. Ayer has left behind her when her friends remember her in such a fashion. She was the leader of society in Chicago in her day. She entertained all the visiting notables. She headed all the charity lists.

One morning Mrs. Ayer awoke, a poor woman. Her husband had failed. She sold her clothes, her jewels, her house, her horses, and paid her husband's debts. Then she started out to earn a living, she had the secret of some wonderful face creams, and such perfumes and face creams had never been sold in America before! She made a fortune of some one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Then she broke down, and went to a sanitarium to rest. When she came out the money she had worked so hard to earn was gone. When she tried to force an accounting from the man she had trusted, she was sent to an insane asylum, in Germany. Her children were taken away from her, and none of her friends could find out what had become of her.

After two hideous years in the asylum she escaped and arrived in New York sick, homeless, and without one penny. What did she do? Denounce the people who had served her so? Prosecute them in the courts? Weep over her lost fortune, and her lost faith, and lost years?

Not for a moment discouraged, she went to a big newspaper and asked for work and got it. She wrote then a series of articles on "How to be Beautiful," this woman of brains, of culture and of marvelous beauty herself.

"Ayer's Hair Restorer" and other "Invigorators" made their appearance, and soon this woman, who wrote these articles for \$5.00 a week, was once more a power in her little world, and a force to reckon with outside of it.

Just as she was getting on her feet again, she heard that her husband, who had deserted her to die alone in an asylum, was sick and penniless in the West. She sent for him and took care of him till he died in her arms.

And now that brave heart has ceased to beat, and the friends who knew her and

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*1895 " 1c on 5c, Scott's 55 ..	.04	.02
*1895 " 1c on 5c, " 56 ..	.08	.04
*1895 " 1c on 5c, " 57 ..	.10	.05
*1897 " 2c.....	.02	.01
*1897 " 3c.....	.04	.02
*1897 " 10c.....	.04	.02
*1897 " 100c.....	.30	.15
*1897 " 200c.....	.30	.15
*1897 " 500c.....	.30	.15
*1882 Hawaii 1c.....	.10	.05
*1883 " 1c.....	.06	.03
1883 " 2c.....	.04	.02
1889 " 2c.....	.05	.03
*1893 " 1c green.....	.06	.03
1893 " 2c violet.....	.06	.03
1893 " 5c ultramarine.....	.10	.06
1858 Hungary 3fr.....	.15	.07
1900 " 3kr.....	.20	.08
*1892 Johore, 3c on 5c.....	.60	.25
*1892 " 3c on 6c.....	.35	.15
1894 Labuan 18c.....	.25	.10
1880 Liberia 6c.....	..	.20
1880 " 24c.....	.75	.35
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1897 Newfoundland 2c.....	.08	.04
1897 " 6c.....	.12	.06

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Hungary, 32 varieties.....	1.63	.80
1900-01 Hungary, if to 5kr complete..	1.22	.60
Italy, 42 varieties.....	1.15	.50
Japan, 40 varieties.....	.99	.40
Japan, 44 varieties.....	1.28	.60
Mexico, 20 varieties.....	.68	.30
Netherlands, 25 varieties ..	.50	.25
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Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

COLOMBIA, Tolima.—Mr. Frank P. Brown has shown us a new set for this state, just received. The design is similar to recent issues from this country. The stamps are lithographed and badly perforated.

Adhesives (Regular):

- 2c gray.
- 4c black on green.
- 5c red.
- 2c orange.
- 50c black on rose.
- 5c black on buff.
- 1p brown.

Mr. Brown's correspondent informs him that one of the 50c stamps was an error, though perhaps the only error was in not charging enough for it. Just now Colombia is "taboo" to many philatelists, but later these stamps now despised will not unlikely be in demand.

MEXICO.—Mr. Harry W. Legg has shown us the 1c in the new color, lilac.

ST. HELENA.—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* says that the current pictorial set is intended as a permanent issue, and that the ½d and 1d King's head stamps, small size, will become obsolete when the stock on hand is exhausted.

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NOTICE.

The next regular meeting of the N. E. P. A. will be held at the American House, Hanover St., Boston, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 2, 1904, at 8 o'clock. The exhibit for the evening will be U. S. Colonies, and a silver medal will be awarded the best collection in the competition.

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Washington Notes •

BY A. R. BUTLER.

The models of the Louisiana stamps were submitted to the Third Assistant Postmaster General for his approval, and were returned by him to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing with suggestions for some changes.

It isn't philately, but philatelists with other government employees are wailing over the order issued by the President that beginning with Monday, January 11, the government hours of labor in the executive branches at Washington and in the large cities (Boston among others) shall be from 9 to 4.30 instead of from 9 to 4 as formerly. The law requires seven hours of labor, but to the present time it has been customary to count one-half hour for lunch as part of the working time.

House Bill No. 9304, introduced by Mr. Dalzell, provides for the consolidation of third and fourth class mail matter. In view of the deficiency in the postal receipts, due to the extension of rural free delivery, this proposition with one-cent postage and other schemes for reduced postal rates, is likely to die in committee.

In the notes of January 2, no suggestion of "graft" is necessarily involved in the query "Wonder who got them" following the item *re die* proofs. This explanation is made in view of the construction apparently placed on the item by Mekeel's weekly *Collector*.

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Application for Membership.

Albert P. Jacobs, "University Club," Detroit, Mich. References; Andrew Anderson and Geo. H. Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Election.

The time for the annual election of our officers is near at hand and all members are earnestly requested to send to the Secretary not later than February 1st, their choice for the following officers etc.: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Committee of Three and Official Organ. I hope every member will take a personal interest in this matter and forward his nominations promptly.

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THE QUEENS OF PHILATELY.

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

A list of the "real" women whose portraits have appeared upon postage stamps was recently printed in the *Philatelic West* and copied far and wide. It served, however, only to emphasize the fact that but few of the world's great women have been thus honored. Idealized, woman has occupied a large place in stamp designing, and in all positions; nude, draped or clothed; in heads, busts or full length; sitting or standing—she is the handmaiden of art in producing the more or less beautiful designs, which adorn the pages of the collector's album.

Queen Victoria easily leads the brief list in eminence as well as in the number of stamps and the time covered; while in character she was the peer of any and the superior of most. Beginning with the first government issue of Great Britain in 1840, her portrait appears upon every postage stamp issued by her government until the end of the century. It was also a prominent feature of many of the fiscal stamps of Great Britain, and also of most of the colonial stamps issued during that time. Whether as the young woman, just crowned, whose idealized portrait first appeared, or later as the widowed Queen and Empress, there was always a natural dignity, which was enhanced by the spotless purity of her private character. England might well be proud of her, as wife, mother and queen, and her people rejoice to see her portrait upon an object in daily use by them. Singularly enough it was left to some of the colonies, notably Nova Scotia and the Dominion of Canada, to issue the best and most handsome pictures of the beloved Queen. In proof of this see the 12d of 1851, the 7½d of 1857, the 12½c of 1859-64 and the Jubilee issue, and also the Nova Scotia stamps of 1860-64.

Americans will give the second place to Martha Washington, whose portrait, somewhat tardily it must be allowed, appeared on the 8c stamp of the "series of 1902." Her's is the only American woman whose portrait has adorned the stamps of the United States, though very appropriately Queen Isabella I of Spain appears in various groups upon eight of the stamps of the Columbian issue. It may truly be said that Martha Washington's face is a worthy addition to the list of dignified portraits on the stamps of the United States.

Queen Isabella again appears upon a stamp, this time upon the 10 peso commemorative stamp of 1894, of the Republic of Salvador.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has had an interesting stamp history, beginning with the first appearance of her portrait as a girl upon the stamps of 1891-94. Perhaps the most satisfactory portrait appears upon the 1 gulden stamp of 1898, though all the current set have a good representation of the young Queen with crown and

coronation robes. She was very carefully brought up by the Queen mother and is idolized by the Dutch people.

In its "Royal Family" set Newfoundland has included the portraits of the Princess of Wales, now Queen Alexandria, and the Duchess of Cornwall and York, now Princess of Wales. Their lives are too well known to need special mention here, though it is only fair to say, that in character they worthily sustain the traditions of Queen Victoria's court.

For a brief time the portrait of Queen Maria II appeared on the stamps of Portugal, the first series in fact, while the infamous Isabella II lent her counterfeit presentment to the stamps of Spain, Cuba and the Philippines until she was deposed by the Revolution of 1868. She was the daughter of Pedro I, the first Emperor of Brazil, and grandmother of the present King of Portugal.

The isolated kingdom of the Sandwich Islands contributes no less than five portraits of the women destined to be immortalized by their appearance upon stamps. Queen Emma, the first of these, whose portrait appears upon the \$1 stamp of 1883, was the wife of Alexander Lihohihi, who as Kamehameha IV, reigned for nine years. Her name was Emma Kaleleonalani, though she is generally known as Emma Rooke through her adoption by a family of that name. She was idolized by the natives, but was not pure blooded Hawaiian, as she was a granddaughter of John Young, a sailor and a trusted and faithful lieutenant of "Kamehameha the Great." She is described as being "both by her character and talents worthy" to be the queen.

Princess Victoria Kamamalu was a sister of Kamehameha IV and Kamehameha V and granddaughter of the first of the line. She was premier for a time in the reign of each of her brothers.

Queen Kapiolani was the wife of King David Kalakaua, both of whom were well known in this country from their frequent visits. She was the granddaughter of Kaumualii, the last King of Kauai. Her portrait is on the 15c stamp of 1882.

King Kalakaua died in 1891, and was succeeded by his sister, Lydia Kamakaeha. As Queen Liliuokalani she was well known in this country and Bostonians will especially remember her last visit here as queen, from the famous junket which attended her entertainment by the city. Her attempt to force the cabinet to grant a new constitution giving greater powers to the sovereign and the natives, resulted in the overthrow of the monarchy in 1893. Her picture appears on the 2c of 1889-91.

Princess Miriam Likelike, another sister of King Kalakaua, younger than Liliuokalani, appears on the 1c of 1882 and 1883. She was the wife of Archibald S. Clyhomb,

and their only daughter, Princess Victoria Kaiulani, would have been the successor of Queen Liliuokalani had she lived and the monarchy endured.

Queen Makea, is the name of the woman whose portrait is a prominent feature of the stamp issues of the Cook Islands. Her name is Makea Takau. She is not properly Queen, but rather Chief of the Government of Cook Islands. Mr. Howes has an interesting sketch of her in the *American Journal of Philately*, from which we learn that she is a "portly old lady of about sixty-five years of age, who has held the Arikiship of Avarua (the principal district of Rarotonga) for about forty-five years. Although she cannot speak a word of English she is a very intelligent, commonsense woman for a Maori. The elderly married native women of Rarotonga have a custom of plaiting their hair into two long tails which they sometimes carry over either shoulder; one of these tails can be seen over the right shoulder of Makea on the stamps. She has, like all Maori women, a fine head of hair. The selection of her portrait to appear on the stamps caused some heartburning among the other Arikis, but was carried in Parliament by a vote of ten to two.

A brief list, surely, but who shall say that it suffers by comparison with longer but not more interesting or more worthy list of men whose portraits have likewise been printed on the stamps of their different countries.

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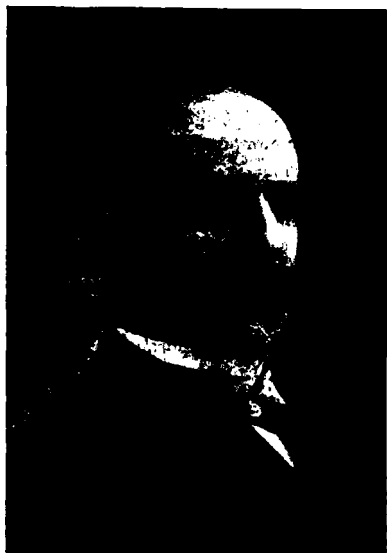
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PHILATELISTS WE ALL KNOW. No. 1.

M. H. LOMBARD, President of the B. P. S.

By C. A. HOWES.

We feel that many readers of the ERA would be very glad to see, from time to time, the features of those whose names have become familiar to them through the news columns, and it is our purpose to present a portrait and sketch occasionally of "Philatelists We All Know."



Our introductory presentation is very fittingly that of Mr. M. H. Lombard, President of the Boston Philatelic Society, who is now closing his second term as presiding officer of the most important and active society in this country. He previously served for three years as Secretary, with marked ability and success, and the present flourishing condition of the Society is due in no little part to his earnest efforts and hard work. As a painstaking and energetic philatelist he has not confined himself to local interests but has joined hands with the members of the London Philatelic Society, the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie, the International Philatelic Union, American Philatelic Association, Collectors' Club of New York and Chicago Philatelic Society. He has served on the Board of Directors of the A. P. A., and is a corresponding member of the

Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Lombard says he "caught the fever" in his boyhood but lost his interest as he grew older, which is very often the case. About twenty years later the "relapse" came, as it sometimes does, and then the malady became "chronic." His collection was general and he has kept it along those lines, adding the new issues unused as interest and opportunity offer. But his particular interest has centered around a favored few countries and in these he has become a thorough specialist. His especial favorites are France and Hawaii, of both of which he has remarkable and famous collections. When the Thorne collection was sold he bought the French portion intact, and has since added two other special collections which, with his own stamps, have given him one of the great French collections of the world. A notable feature of this collection is the large number of *tele-beche* pairs, there being about forty in all. This collection was awarded one gold and two silver medals at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences in 1899, and received two silver medals at Paris in 1900.

In Hawaii he can claim a no less remarkable showing, particularly in the numeral stamps. Of Missionaries he has a 5c on piece of cover, and of the numerals, where plating has been a chief delight, he has not only many of the reconstructed sheets but several unsevered sheets. The Hawaiian collection gained a silver medal at Chicago and bronze medal at the Boston exhibit, when some \$50,000 of Hawaiians were shown in competition.

Besides these two prime favorites Mr. Lombard takes special interest in United States Colonies, Netherlands and Colonies, Denmark and Colonies, Luxemburg, Argentine, Brazil and Uruguay, in all of which he has fine showings and which have captured various honors both at the Boston and Chicago competitive exhibits.

Mr. Lombard has in addition an excellent philatelic library, which he believes in using, for he is a philatelist in the true sense of the word and his treasures are not only collected but studied. In conclusion we have but to add that he who meets Mr. Lombard finds a pleasing personality and a thorough gentleman.

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17b. U. S. New York, 1845, 5c black on white, diagonal line at upper right corner.

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267. U. S. 1895, 2c pink (same tint as pink of 1894).

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63. Bavaria 1890, 5pf light yellow green.

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86. France 1877, 1c on white.

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4. German East Africa 1893, 10p blue on rose.

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10. Korea 1897, 5p green, surcharge at bottom only.

11. Korea 1897, 10p blue, surcharge at top only.

35. Korea 1903, 1c on 25p maroon, surcharge inverted.

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272. Spain 1900, 2c bistre brown, diagonal half used (as 1c) with a pair for 5c.

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99. Switzerland 1900, 25c blue, shield broken at upper right corner.

63. Trinidad 1882, 1d on 6d green, 1 of 1d inverted.

35. Uganda 1896, 5r white paper (no L).

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"Our Eye" • •

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—The Year Book of the A. P. A. is promised the members at an early date. Secretary Eaton writes that he has been severely handicapped in its publication.

—B. L. Drew & Co. held their 124th auction sale this week, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, at Elks' Hall. On Wednesday evening the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. held their 160th sale in N. Y. City. The collection of Capt. F. M. Schreiner was sold.

—The "Postage Stamps of the Philippines", a hand book edited by Messrs. Bartels, Palmer and Foster, is promised for early in February.

—Frank P. Brown has an auction sale slated for the latter part of the month.

—Geo. L. Toppin of the American Collectors Co. has been sojourning in South Framingham. An enforced vacation, due to illness, but we believe he is now convalescent.

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ANTIGUA.

BY FRANK C. YOUNG.

Island.

British Colony.

In the West Indies.

Antigua is one of the most eastern of the group known as the Leeward Islands, one of the most important in the archipelago, the seat of government and the residence of the Governor-in-Chief. It is about 40 miles north of Guadeloupe and 25 miles northeast of Montserrat. It has a length of 20 miles and an area of 108 square miles.

Included within its dominion are Barbuda, 30 miles to the north, with an area of 75 square miles and an approximate population of 1,000, and the Isle of Redonda, one of the Virgins.

Barbuda is a flat and fertile island, producing good crops of corn, cotton, pepper and tobacco. Redonda is but a rock, leased to and occupied by a phosphate company.

Historically only a few places in the western hemisphere can claim precedence over Antigua, having been discovered and named Santa Maria la Antigua by Columbus on his second voyage. Redonda was also named Santa Maria la Redonda by the same famous navigator on the same voyage.

Columbus and the earlier voyagers found these islands peopled by the aboriginal Caribbees, a race of man-eaters. From one form of the tribal name we derive Caribbean sea and archipelago, and from another form, Canibales, we derive cannibals, the term used in the lexicons of today to designate those who devour human flesh.

Antigua is essentially an agricultural community, manufactures of all kinds being conspicuous by their absence. The island is divided into numerous small holdings and most of the area is under cultivation. Up to within a few years almost the sole industry was the growing of sugar cane and the exports were principally molasses, raw sugar and rum. The depression in the sugar business during the last decade has driven the Antiguans, in common with other West Indians, into the growing of other crops, and we find them now exporting more of fruits, particularly

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1305 (3) 3c red, die 5..... \$0.18 \$0.00 \$0.06
1316 (11) 6c red, die 5..... 1.50 1.25 .75
1307 (13) 6c green, die 5..... 4.00 4.00 2.50
1309 (17) 11c green, die 4..... 8.00 7.00 3.75

Buff Paper.

1310 (2) 3c red, die 1..... 1.50 .. .50
1319 (10) 3c red, die 3..... 5.00 .. 8.50
1314 (4) 3c red, die 5..... .25 .10 .05
1315 (11) 6c red, die 5..... 2.00 1.50 1.00

1316 (14) 6c green, die 5..... 4.00 3.50 1.50
1317 (16) 10c green, die 2..... 6.00 4.00 2.00
1318 (18) 10c green, die 4..... 4.00 3.00 1.50

1857-61 White Paper.

1319 (19) 3c red..... .75 .60 .35
1320 (20) 4c blue and red..... 10.00 9.00 6.00

Buff Paper.

1323 (23) 3c red..... .35 .25 .15
1324 (24) 4c blue and red..... 10.00 9.00 ..

Orange Paper.

1327 (27) 1c blue..... 15.00 12.75 7.50

Buff Paper.

1328 (28) 1c blue..... .60 .45 .25
1329 (30) 1c blue, no period..... 5.00 4.50 2.50
1330 (31) 1861, 3c pink, white..... .30 .25 .15

1331 (32) 6c pink on white..... 7.50 5.00 3.00
1332 (34) 3c pink on buff..... .35 .30 .17

1333 (35) 6c pink on buff..... 2.00 1.00 .75
1334 (36) 3c pink on blue..... 1.00 .65 .50

1335 (33) 1c green on white..... 1.00 .75 .50

1861 Buff Paper.

1337 (37) 1c green..... 1.00 .75 .50
1338 (39) 10c brown and red..... 5.00 4.00 3.50
1339 (40) 2c blue and red..... 7.00 5.00 3.50
1340 (41) 2c green and red..... 7.00 5.00 3.50
1341 (42) 4c red and black..... 8.00 7.00 4.00

1863 "U. S. Postage" above.

1342 (43) 3c black on buff..... 1.00 .50 .40
1343 (44) 3c black on buff..... 1.00 .50 .40

1864 "U. S. Post" above.

1346 (48) 3c die 1 on buff..... .50 .35 .25
1347 (49) 3c die 2 on buff..... .50 .35 .25
1348 (50) 3c die 3 on orange..... .30 .25 ..

1349 (51) 3c die 3 on orange..... 8.00 .75 .50
1350 (52) 1864, 3c pink, white..... .15 .12 .06

1351 (53) 6c pink on white..... .75 .70 .50
1352 (54) 3c pink on buff..... .15 .12 .06

1353 (55) 6c pink on buff..... .60 .50 .40
1354 (56) 3c pink on buff..... 2.00 1.00 .75

1355 (57) 3c orange..... 2.00 1.00 .75
1356 (58) 3c yellow..... 6.00 5.00 3.00

1357 (59) 1c red brown on buff..... 2.00 1.75 1.00
1358 (60) 1c red brown..... 5.00 4.00 ..

1359 (61) 1c red brown..... 1.50 1.25 .65
1360 (62) 4c blue..... 1.25 1.00 .60

1361 (63) 4c blue..... 1.50 1.00 .75
1362 (64) 3c brown on white..... 1.00 .75 .40

1363 (65) 6c purple on white..... .60 .50 .30
1364 (66) 3c brown on buff..... .50 .35 .25

1365 (67) 6c purple on buff..... .50 .35 .25

1870 White Paper.

1366 (72) 1c blue..... .30 .20 .15
1367 (73) 3c brown..... .25 .20 .12
1368 (74) 3c green..... .08 .06 .04
1369 (75) 6c carmine..... .30 .25 .15

1371 (77) 1c blue..... 2.50 1.75 .85
1372 (78) 1c blue..... 2.50 1.75 .85

1373 (79) 1c orange..... 2.50 1.75 .85
1374 (80) 2c purple..... 2.50 1.75 .85

1375 (81) 3c black..... 3.00 1.50 .85
1376 (82) 6c carmine..... 3.00 3.00 2.00

1377 (83) 1c blue on amber..... 1.40 .45 .35
1378 (84) 3c brown..... .30 .25 .15

1379 (85) 3c green..... .10 .08 .05
1380 (86) 6c carmine..... .30 .25 .15

1381 (87) 7c vermilion..... 1.00 .75 .50
1382 (88) 1c brown..... 1.50 1.25 .75

1383 (89) 1c plum..... 3.50 2.50 1.25
1384 (90) 1c plum..... 3.50 2.50 1.25

1385 (91) 1c orange..... 2.50 2.25 .85
1386 (92) 4c purple..... 2.50 2.00 1.25

1387 (93) 3c black..... 4.00 3.00 ..
1388 (94) 6c carmine..... 5.00 3.50 ..

1389 (95) 3c green on cream..... .12 .10 .05
1390 (96) 6c carmine..... .50 .35 .25

1391 (97) 1c plum..... 4.00 3.00 1.75
1392 (98) 1c orange..... 3.50 3.00 ..

1393 (99) 2c purple..... 3.50 3.00 ..
1394 (100) 3c black..... 7.50 4.50 ..

1395 (101) 6c carmine..... 7.50 4.50 ..
1396 (102) 1c blue on orange..... .25 .20 .12

1397 (103) 3c brown..... .15 .07 .05

1874-82 White Paper.

1398 (106) 1c blue, die A..... 3.00 2.00 1.50
1400 (108) 1c light blue, die B..... .06 .03 .02
1400a (107) 1c dark blue, die B..... 1.00 .50 .30

Cat. No. **UNUSED.** Catalogue My Price for Price. Fine. Good

1874-82 White Paper.

1401 (109) 1c brown, die A..... \$2.00 \$1.75 \$1.00
1402 (110) 1c brown, die B..... .75 .60 .35
1403 (111) 2c brown, die B..... 3.50 3.00 ..
1405 (112) 2c brown, die C..... 3.00 2.50 1.50

1406 (116) 3c green, die A..... .60 .50 ..

1407 (117) 3c green, die B..... .08 .04 .03
1408 (121) 6c carmine..... .25 .15 .12

1410 (123) 10c brown, die A..... 1.50 1.35 .75
1411 (124) 10c brown, die B..... .30 .15 .12

1413 (126) 15c orange..... 1.25 .75 .50
1414 (127) 4c purple..... 7.50 5.00 ..

1415 (128) 3c black..... 1.00 .75 .45
1416 (129) 90c carmine..... 2.00 1.25 .90

1417 (133) 2c vermilion..... .08 .07 .04
1419 (139) 5c blue, die A..... .30 .20 .15

1420 (140) 5c blue, die B..... .15 .08 .06
1421 (193) 3c red, Centennial..... .40 .20 .15

1422 (194) 3c green, "..... .20 .20 .15
1423 (195) 3c green, "..... .20 .20 .15

1426 (196) 1c brown..... .15 .08 .06

1874-82 Amber Paper.

1427 (130) 1c blue, die A..... 5.00 4.00 ..
1429 (132) 1c light blue, die B..... .06 .03 .02
1430 (133) 2c brown, die A..... 1.75 1.50 .85

1431 (134) 2c brown, die B..... .60 .50 .20
1432 (139) 3c green, die A..... .40 .35 .20

1433 (140) 3c green, die B..... .08 .04 .03
1434 (144) 6c carmine..... .30 .25 .15

1435 (145) 7c vermilion..... 2.25 2.00 1.12
1436 (146) 10c brown, die A..... 2.75 2.50 1.25

1440 (147) 10c brown, die B..... .30 .15 .12
1441 (149) 15c orange..... 10.00 7.50 ..

1442 (150) 4c purple..... 10.00 7.50 ..
1443 (151) 3c black..... 2.50 1.75 ..

1444 (152) 90c carmine..... 4.50 4.00 ..
1445 (153) 2c vermilion..... .12 .08 .06

1446 (142) 5c blue, die A..... .30 .15 .12
1447 (143) 5c blue, die B..... .15 .07 .06

1451 (197) 5c brown..... .20 .08 .07

1874-82 Cream Paper.

1454 (157) 3c green, die A..... .65 .50 .30
1455 (158) 3c green, die B..... .25 .10 .07
1456 (160) 6c carmine..... .75 .60 .35

1457 (161) 1c plum..... 3.00 .. 2.25
1458 (162) 15c orange..... 10.00 10.00 ..

1459 (163) 2c purple..... 4.00 4.00 ..
1460 (164) 3c black..... 10.00 10.00 ..

1461 (165) 90c carmine..... 12.50 12.50 ..
1462 (166) 1c blue, die B..... .15 .07 .06

1463 (150) 2c vermilion..... 1.00 .35 .25
1464 (159) 5c blue, die A..... 2.00 1.50 .80

1874-82 Orange Paper.

1465 (180) 1c dark blue, die A..... .20 .20 .15
1466 (180a) 1c light blue, die A..... 1.00 1.00 ..
1468 (182) 1c light blue, die B..... .06 .03 .02

1469 (183) 2c brown, die B..... .40 .50 .35

1874-82 Blue Paper.

1470 (169) 3c green, die B..... .10 .07 .05
1471 (171) 5c blue, die A..... .25 .25 .20
1473 (166) 1c blue, die B..... .20 .15 .10

1474 (168) 2c vermilion..... .50 .40 .25
1474a (167) 3c pink, die C..... .60 .50 .30

1477 (199) 3c brown..... 3.00 1.50 1.35

1874-82 Fawn Paper.

1478 (173) 1c blue, die B..... .25 .12 .10
1479 (174) 2c vermilion..... .08 .06 .04

1480 (175) 3c green, die B..... .10 .07 .05
1481 (177) 5c blue, die A..... 10.00 7.00 3.75

1482 (178) 5c blue, die B..... 4.00 3.00 1.75
1483 (179) 6c carmine..... 1.50 1.00 .75

1883 October.

1486 (200) 2c red on white..... .08 .04 .03
1487 (201) 2c red on amber..... .10 .07 .05
1488 (202) 2c red on fawn..... .12 .10 .06

1489 (203) 2c red on blue..... .15 .12 .07

1883 November.

1490 (205) 2c red on white..... .06 .03 .02
1491 (206) 2c red on amber..... .12 .08 .06
1492 (207) 2c red on fawn..... .12 .05 .04

1493 (208) 2c red on blue..... .15 .10 .05
1494 (210) 4c green on white..... .10 .06 .05

1495 (210a) 4c green, die B..... .10 .07 .05
1496 (211) 4c green on amber..... .10 .06 .05

1497 (211a) 4c green, die B..... .10 .10 ..

1884 May.

1498 (212) 2c brown on white..... .08 .05 .03
1499 (213) 3c brown on amber..... .20 .15 .10
1500 (214) 3c brown on fawn..... .20 .15 .10

1501 (215) 3c brown on blue..... .25 .15 .12

1884 June.

Retouched Die.
1502 (217) 2c red on white..... .12 .10 ..
1503 (218) 2c red on amber..... .12 .10 ..

tamarinds, limes and pineapples, some coffee, cotton, cocoa, spices and tobacco, though sugar continues the mainstay of the colony.

So poor was the sugar crop and so low the prices of raw sugar in the colony for 1896-7-8 that actual and widespread destitution and suffering was the lot of the poor of Antigua.

In the language of Mr. Henry M. Hunt, United States consul to Antigua, "Cases of sickness as well as deaths, due primarily to starvation, were so numerous as to furnish material for an appalling mortuary record, which would have been greater but for the public relief afforded by the government and supplemented by systematic private charity."

Conditions have since, I believe, improved somewhat, but the colony is not in the prosperous condition which its location would seem to warrant, at least from a commercial point of view.

The imports in 1900 were valued at \$583,699, while the exports totaled only \$512,063, a balance of trade against the colony which if persisted in year after year, as it has been, would soon impoverish the colony except for aid from the mother country and the kind assistance given by stamp collectors. That the philanthropic philatelists do help to some extent is witnessed by the set of stamps brought out for the colony last year.

The colonial government is administered by a Governor, a Council and an Assembly which is partly elective and partly appointed.

The capital is St. Johns, a well laid out city of some 9,000 or 10,000 inhabitants.

The population of Antigua, including Barbuda, was by the census of 1901, 34,718. Of this number not more than 2,500 are whites, the balance being of various shades, ranging from buff to yellow-brown, black-brown and black, with an occasional maroon or red-brown to be discovered.

I note that St. Johns has many merchants and business places and boasts of two weekly newspapers; but, although it is the seat of government for the Leewards, the Official Gazette seems to be published in Dominica.

There is a branch of the Colonial Bank, which issues bank notes. Though the legal currency of the colony is stated in pounds, shillings and pence, as may be seen by the postage stamps, the bank notes are of a value of \$5.00 and United States and Canada money is in much more common use than English and is readily accepted at par.

The customs duty laws place on the free list books, engravings and pictures. This should include stamps, but it is not unlikely that these are more often included among the exports.

In the matter of steamship lines and mail facilities the colony has not had its just deserts, especially with the United States, but gradual improvement in this respect is evidenced.

The schools of the colony are denominational, there being practically no public

school, as we understand the term in the United States.

But, though I might mention many more interesting things in connection with the colony, I fear this is not philately and I must be getting on.

The first stamps for Antigua, ranking high among the world's beautiful stamp productions, were printed in the autumn of 1862 by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. in London. The first lot of sixpence, probably a small one, was on unwatermarked paper. Later, printings of both the sixpence and one penny values were on paper watermarked with a six pointed star.

Various perforations have been found on these stamp, mostly 14 to 16 and nearly always compound. Such abnormal perforations as $11\frac{1}{2} \times 14$, $15\frac{1}{2}$ at left and bottom and 11 at top and right, 12 all around and various others are known, a copy of the first mentioned being in the Tapling collection in the British Museum.

Though Gibbons' catalogue professes to believe that these stamps were never issued imperforate, it is certain that some sheets escaped denticulation, and that they are considered genuine varieties is shown by the prices which they have brought when placed on the market. An imperforate pair of 1d rose, wmk. star, sold in the De Coppet sale in New York in 1893 for \$91.50, while a like pair of the vermilion shades brought \$78.00. Fairly good prices for unissued stamps in a year of panics!

As long ago as June, 1869, that most studios of philatelists, Edward L. Pemberton, gave in the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine* the following information and advice relative to the perforations of the star watermarked Antiguas:

"I have come to the conclusion that there are but two perforating machines used, but which from being of inferior make, perhaps, vary a trifle, causing these bewildering combinations. The two machines, I take it, are: $14\frac{1}{2}$, varying from 14, and 15, varying to $15\frac{1}{2}$. In addition to this, I conclude that these two are used in combination for the perforation of all the Antiquan stamps; and from unsevered part sheets I can positively affirm that this is so. I am not publishing this in the expectation that it will give earnest philatelists unmitigated delight to collect these varieties, simply to deter them from wasting valuable time in seeking to make into separate sets the perforations as given by previous catalogues; it is impossible to do it. Only one conclusion can be arrived at, which is that in the case of Antiquan stamps the perforations are of no assistance to classification, and that, as they occur in combinations, their study is to be deprecated as a waste of time and as productive of no good results."

Much as I admire the late Mr. Pemberton and his knowledge of stamps, I can hardly allow that two perforating machines made all the perforations of the Antiquan first issue.

In the matter of color the earlier sixpence comes in beautiful, rich, dark blue-green shades, which gradually faded out and lost tone until the later printings were rather of a washy yellow-green shade.

In the one-penny value the opposite was

C. F. ROTHFUCHS, 38 Munroe Street, Roxbury, Mass., U. S. A.

UNITED STATES STAMPED ENVELOPES. Unused, Cut Square.

Cat. No.	UNUSED.	Catalogue Price	My Price	Price for Fine. Good	Cat. No.	UNUSED.	Catalogue Price	My Price	Price for Fine. Good
1504 (219)	1884 June. Retouched Die.				1608 (321)	1890-1900 Oriental Buff Paper.			
1505 (220)	1c red on fawn.....	\$0.40	\$0.15	\$0.10	1609 (322)	1c green.....	.03	.03	.02
1506 (221)	1c red on blue.....	.40	.30	.20	1610 (323)	2c rose, die A.....	.25	.12	.10
1507 (222)	2c brown on white.....	.08	.06	.04	1611 (324)	2c rose, die B.....	.05	.04	.03
1508 (223)	2c brown on amber.....	.20	.15	.10		1890-1900 Blue Paper.			
1509 (224)	2c brown on fawn.....	.40	.30	.20	1612 (325)	1c green.....	.03	.03	.02
1510 (225)	2c brown on blue.....	.65	.30	.20	1613 (326)	2c rose, die A.....	.50	.50	.50
	1884 July.				1614 (327)	2c rose, die B.....	.05	.04	.03
1511 (226)	2c brown on white.....	.05	.03	.02	1615 (328)	1c green on manila.....	.03	.03	.02
1512 (227)	2c brown, die B.....	20.00	17.50	..		1861 WRAPPERS.			
1513 (228)	2c brown on amber.....	.05	.03	.02	1700 (272)	1c blue on yellow.....	1.50	1.00	.75
1514 (229)	2c brown, die B.....	.25	.20	.12	1702 (29)	1c blue on manila.....	.75	.60	.35
1515 (230)	2c brown on fawn.....	.10	.04	.03	1863	"U. S. Postage" above.			
1516 (231)	2c brown, die B.....	.75	.35	.25	1704 (45)	2c black on manila.....	1.75	1.50	.85
1517 (232)	2c brown on blue.....	.10	.04	.03	1864	Light Manila Paper.			
1518 (233)	2c red on blue.....	25.00	12.00	..	1706 (54)	2c black, die A.....	5.00	.35	.25
	1886 Oriental Buff Paper.				1864	Dark Manila Paper.			
1522 (238)	2c brown, die A.....	.10	.05	.04	1707 (52)	2c black, die B.....	8.00	.75	.50
1524 (240)	4c green, die A.....	6.00	4.00	3.00		1890 Manila Paper.			
1525 (241)	5c brown.....	6.00	3.00	2.50	1709 (104)	1c blue.....	.20	.15	.10
1526 (242)	10c brown.....	.30	.18	.15	1710 (105)	2c brown.....	.40	.35	.20
1527 (243)	30c black.....	3.50	2.00	1.50		1874-82 Manila Paper.			
1528 (244)	90c carmine.....	6.00	4.00	3.00	1711 (124)	2c dark blue, die A.....	1.00	..	.80
	1886 Blue Paper.				1712 (127)	2c brown, die A.....	3.00	..	1.50
1529 (246)	4c green, die A.....	6.00	4.00	3.00	1716 (180)	2c brown, die B.....	1.25	1.00	.50
1530 (247)	10c brown.....	.30	.18	.15	1717 (182)	2c brown, die B.....	2.00	1.50	1.00
1531 (248)	30c black.....	3.50	2.00	1.75	1718 (190)	2c brown, die C.....	.25	.25	..
1532 (249)	90c carmine.....	6.00	4.00	3.00	1719 (191)	2c vermilion, die C.....	.08	.04	.03
	1886 Manila Paper.					1883 November.			
1533 (186)	1c blue, die B.....	.05	.04	.02	1722 (209)	2c red on manila.....	.10	.10	..
1534 (230)	2c brown, die A.....	.08	.06	.04		1884 May.			
1535 (231)	4c green, die A.....	.20	..	.20	1723 (216)	2c brown on manila.....	.15	.10	.07
1536 (232)	4c green, die B.....	.15	.12	.10		1884 June.			
1537 (233)	10c brown.....	.30	.25	.15	1724 (225)	2c brown on manila.....	.30	.15	.10
1538 (234)	30c black.....	3.50	2.00	1.75		1884 July.			
1539 (235)	90c carmine.....	7.00	5.00	3.50	1727 (235)	2c red on manila.....	17.00	8.50	7.50
	1886 Amber Manila Paper.				1728 (236)	2c brown, die B.....	1.00	.50	.30
1540 (236)	1c blue.....	.75	.50	.35	1733 (239)	1890, 2c rose.....	.05	.04	.03
1541 (237)	2c brown, die A.....	.10	.05	.04		1750 Letter Sheets 2c green.....	.05	.05	.03
1542 (238)	4c green, die A.....	.15	..	.15		OFFICIAL ENVELOPES.			
1543 (239)	4c green, die B.....	.15	.12	.10		1873 Post Office.			
1544 (240)	10c brown.....	.36	.20	.15	1800	2c black on lemon.....	.10	.10	.05
1545 (241)	30c black.....	4.00	2.00	1.75	1801	3c black on lemon.....	.08	.04	.03
1546 (242)	90c carmine.....	7.00	3.50	3.00	1802	6c black on lemon.....	.15	.15	.10
	1887 White Paper.				1803	1874, 2c black on lemon.....	.05	.05	.02
1547 (261)	1c blue.....	.03	.03	.02	1804	1874, 3c black on lemon.....	.04	.04	.02
1548 (262)	2c green, die A.....	.40	.35	.20	1805	1874, 6c black on lemon.....	.10	.04	.03
1549 (263)	2c green, die B.....	.05	.03	.02	1806	1878, 2c black on white.....	1.00	.65	.40
1550 (264)	4c carmine.....	.10	.04	.04		1878 Postal Service.			
1551 (265)	5c blue, die A.....	.10	.08	.06	1810	black on white.....	.08	.03	.03
1552 (266)	30c chocolate.....	.75	.50	.37	1811	black on amber.....	.40	.20	.12
1553 (267)	9c purple.....	2.00	1.50	1.25	1812	blue on amber.....	.25	.25	.12
	1887 Amber Paper.				1813	blue on blue.....	.08	.03	.02
1554 (268)	1c blue.....	.03	.03	.02		WAR DEPARTMENT.			
1555 (269)	2c green, die A.....	.70	.50	.35		1873 White Paper.			
1556 (270)	2c green, die B.....	.05	.03	.02	1816	3c dark red.....	.20	.15	..
1557 (271)	4c carmine.....	.10	.08	.06	1819	12c dark red.....	1.25	1.00	..
1558 (272)	5c blue, die A.....	.10	.07	.06	1820	15c dark red.....	1.75	1.25	.85
1559 (273)	30c chocolate.....	.75	.50	.37	1821	24c dark red.....	8.25	1.75	..
1560 (274)	90c purple.....	2.50	1.75	1.50	1822	1c light red.....	4.00	3.00	2.00
	1887 Oriental Buff Paper.				1824	2c light red.....	6.00	5.00	..
1561 (275)	2c green, die A.....	12.00	5.00	4.75	1825	3c light red.....	.20	.20	..
1562 (276)	2c green, die B.....	.05	.04	.03	1826	6c light red.....	.60	.60	..
1563 (277)	4c carmine.....	.20	.08	.07	1827	10c light red.....	10.00	8.00	6.00
1564 (278)	5c blue, die A.....	.15	.08	.07	1828	12c light red.....	1.50	1.00	..
1565 (279)	30c chocolate.....	.75	.50	.37	1829	15c light red.....	4.50	3.00	2.75
1566 (280)	90c purple.....	2.00	1.50	..	1830	24c light red.....	8.00	6.25	..
	1887 Blue Paper.				1831	30c light red.....	4.00	3.00	2.00
1567 (281)	2c green, die B.....	.05	.04	.03		1873 Amber Paper.			
1568 (282)	4c carmine.....	.15	.08	.07	1833	3c light red.....	10.00	6.00	4.00
1569 (283)	5c blue, die A.....	.15	.08	.07		1873 Cream Paper.			
1570 (284)	30c chocolate.....	.75	.50	.37	1834	3c dark red.....	5.00	2.50	1.50
1571 (285)	90c purple.....	2.00	1.50	..	1836	3c light red.....	.08	.07	.04
	1887 Manila Paper.				1837	6c light red.....	18.00	12.00	..
1572 (286)	1c blue.....	.03	.03	.02		1875 Issue. All Light Red.			
1573 (287)	2c green, die B.....	.05	.04	.03	1838	1c on white paper.....	2.50	2.00	1.25
1574 (288)	4c carmine.....	.15	.10	.07	1839	2c on white paper.....	3.50	2.00	1.50
1575 (289)	5c blue, die A.....	.10	.07	.06	1840	3c on white paper.....	.15	.10	.07
1576 (290)	30c chocolate.....	1.00	.60	.50	1841	6c on white paper.....	.40	.25	.15
1577 (291)	90c purple.....	2.00	1.50	..	1842	10c on white paper.....	7.50	6.00	..
	1887 Amber Manila Paper.				1843	12c on white paper.....	.75	.65	.35
1578 (292)	1c blue.....	.03	.03	.02	1844	30c on white paper.....	5.00	3.50	..
1579 (293)	2c green, die B.....	.05	.04	.03	1846	1c on amber paper.....	75.00	..	35.00
1580 (294)	4c carmine.....	.15	.07	.06	1847	2c on amber paper.....	.25	.20	.12
1581 (295)	5c blue, die A.....	.10	.07	.06	1848	3c on amber paper.....	.20	.10	.07
1582 (296)	30c chocolate.....	1.00	.60	.50	1849	6c on amber paper.....	2.00	1.50	1.00
1583 (297)	90c purple.....	2.00	1.50	1.25	1850	3c on cream paper.....	.08	.03	.02
	1893 Columbia Issue.				1851	6c on cream paper.....	8.00	6.00	..
1584 (298)	1c deep blue.....	.03	.03	.02	1852	12c on cream paper.....	15.00	12.00	..
1585 (299)	2c violet.....	.04	.04	.02	1853	15c on cream paper.....	20.00	17.50	..
1586 (300)	5c chocolate.....	.10	.06	.04	1854	30c on cream paper.....	30.00	22.50	..
1587 (301)	10c slate brown.....	15.00	12.00	10.00	1855	2c on orange paper.....	.25	.25	.12
1588 (302)	30c slate brown.....	.30	.15	.12	1856	3c on blue paper.....	.10	.03	.02
1589 (303)	Similar to 1887 Issue.				1857	1c on fawn paper.....	.10	.04	.03
1590 (304)	1c dark blue on white.....	.08	.04	.03	1858	1878, 2c on manila paper.....	.25	.20	.10
1591 (305)	1c dark blue on amber.....	.40	.30	.20	1859	1873, 2c on manila paper.....	6.00	4.00	2.50
1592 (306)	1c dark blue on manila.....	.15	.15	.12	1860	1875, 1c on manila paper.....	.05	.03	.02
1593 (307)	5c blue, die B on white.....	.15	.15	.12	1861	1875, 2c on manila paper.....	8.00	1.50	.75
1594 (308)	5c blue, die B on amber.....	.15	.15	.12		SPECIAL NOTICE: For spaces in the Stamp Album numbered (186) (230) (287) (289) (306) and (328) I supply manila paper envelopes or wrappers, those which I happen to have.			
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1596 (310)	2c rose, die A.....	.06	.05	.03					
1597 (311)	2c rose, die B.....	.05	.04	.03					
1598 (312)	2c dark lake.....	5.00	3.00	2.00					
1599 (313)	4c brown, die A.....	.10	.08	.06					
1600 (314)	4c brown, die B.....	.08	.07	.06					
1601 (315)	5c blue.....	.10	.08	.07					
	1890-1900 Amber Paper.								
1602 (316)	1c green.....	.03	.03	.02					
1603 (317)	2c rose, die A.....	.25	.20	..					
1604 (318)	2c rose, die B.....	.05	.04	.03					
1605 (319)	4c brown, die A.....	.10	.08	.07					
1606 (320)	4c brown, die B.....	.08	.08	..					

the case, the rather chalky and insignificant looking violet-rose shades being the earlier printings. The color gradually improved taking on more of the carmine and more of brightness until we come to the almost dazzling orange-vermilion of the later editions.

While the paper of the earlier printings varied considerably from thick to medium, only those stamps printed after 1868 are found on thin paper, and some of these are very thin, approaching the pelure in texture.

In 1873 the Perkins, Bacon & Co. plates were taken over by De La Rue & Co., who subsequently printed the stamps of the colony. The first lot printed by the De La Rues was from the P., B. & Co. plates on Crown and CC paper. The shades of ink vary considerably from the star watermarked set and I do not think the printing so good. A portion of these were perforated 12½, but the larger part of the issue were perforated 14. I have also seen 12 perforation chronicled, but these probably came from the same machine as the 12½.

About 1879 De La Rue & Co. brought out in their regular stereotyped (literally and figuratively) colonial design, 2½ (red brown) and 4d (blue) values. The 2½d is a scarce stamp.

In 1882, a ½d value was added and the watermark changed to Crown and CA.

Later, in 1884 and 1885, the 1d and 6d from the Perkins, Bacon & Co. plates were printed on CA paper and the colors of the 2½d and 4d were transposed. In 1886, a one shilling value was added. Any good catalogue will furnish details.

The matter of gum on the De La Rue stamps is one which I do not think has been touched on by cataloguers. There are two distinct varieties of gum used on the 1882-6 set, yellow and white, both being found on the ½d and 2½d values, but I have never seen or heard of the white gum on the 4d and shilling values.

The stamps of Antigua were superseded by the set brought out for the whole of the Leeward Islands, October 31, 1890.

After this consolidation of stamp issues the islands comprising the Leeward group suffered a decrease in revenue, which was assigned generally to the postoffice department. When each colony had a separate issue of stamps, the stamp collector was a person to be considered by the treasurers of the different administrations. After the amalgamation but one set of stamps was sold and the deficit had to be made up, as the Colonial Secretary said in one of his reports, by "a more systematic and vigorous collection of the revenues, aided by the amended customs and road ordinances."

That this method of raising the revenue was more strenuous than "getting money in a letter from home" or—same thing—filling orders for stamps from collectors and dealers, is shown by the fact that the Virgin Islands went back to the old plan in 1899 and the other component parts of the Leewards followed the example last year.

Previous to the supercession of the Antiguan stamps the neighboring island of St. Christopher had the misfortune to run out of one penny stamps and on February 25, 1890, eight sheets of that value were borrowed from Antigua, and on March 11 eight more sheets of 240 stamps each. The official notice, signed by W. F. Haynes-Smith, Governor, is in part as follows:

"It shall be lawful, until further ordered in this behalf, to denote one penny postage on all letters and other postal packets posted at or in the Presidency of St. Christopher and Nevis, or any part thereof, by means of Antigua one penny postage stamps. * * * And it is further ordered that this order shall come into operation and be in force and effect from the 15th day of February, 1890."

The stamps used in St. Christopher can only be recognized by the cancellation "A12," that of St. Christopher, instead of "A02," that of Antigua.

Naturally there was a considerable quantity of stamps for the colonies comprising the Leewards, and on the 20th of August, 1891, the Colonial Secretary invited tenders for the purchase of the entire stock, giving a list of the values and numbers of each, which for Antigua, were as follows:

1 shilling,	1,387
6 pence,	6,309
4 " "	38,464
2½ " "	26,009
1 penny,	110,749
½ " "	41,064

In addition there was a quantity of 2d and 3d postal cards.

The face value of the lot to be sold was given as £4,788. As a matter of fact, the face value proved to be £4,539, 5s, 2d, but the catalogue value at that time was about £30,000. The only large error in the numbers of Antiguas was in the 1d value, of which there were only 74,989 instead of the 110,749 claimed.

The whole lot was purchased by T. H. Thompson & Co. of Bishop Auckland, England, for the sum of \$5,800 and by them distributed to the trade. Mr. Thompson had the good sense to make sure that the plates from which these stamps had been printed were effectually cancelled and destroyed, so that there will never be any reprints.

Soon after the sale of remainders the question was raised as to whether these stamps had been demonetized or were still good for postage, which was decided by the various local postmasters adversely to the stamps and their use was not allowed.

By a decision of the Attorney General to the Colonial Secretary for the Leeward Islands, made March 7, 1897, however, we learn that the stamps of Antigua or any of the other colonies whose stamps were superseded by the Leeward Island set are still good for postage in the colonies where issued. Consequently I cannot see how any of these stamps can be worth more used than unused, catalogues to the contrary notwithstanding, unless cancelled with a perfectly legible date, an obliteration seldom used before 1890, or on original cover.

I have never heard of but one provisional,

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5c black surcharge, error.....	5.00
10c black surcharge.....	.50
Same, surcharged horizontally, error.....	2.50
20c red surcharge.....	.50

Third Issue. Bar and "Panama" in Red.

1c green.....	.02
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5c blue.....	.15
10c orange.....	.20
20c violet.....	.35

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and that an unauthorized one. In the Tapling collection is a cover with two one penny CA stamps and half of a one penny stamp, used as 2½d.

The subject of postal fiscals is a trying one. In the Tapling collection there are of these only:

1d blue, CC, perf. 14, forged postmark.
1d blue, CA, bogus surcharge "Postage and Revenue" and forged postmark.

If a collector who had attained the eminence of the late Thomas K. Tapling, M. P., could be taken in by forged postmarks on these stamps, it is probably better for us common mortals to let them severely alone. Certainly none should be collected except upon entire original covers, showing postmarks of both dispatching and receiving postoffices.

Thinking it might interest some collectors of fiscals I append a list of Antigua revenues up to 1890, with which I will close my attempt at portraying Antigua and its stamps.

All of the design R1 in Scott's catalogue: Watermarked Crown and CC sideways, two watermarks to each stamp, perf. 14:

1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, blue and indigo.
18, 28, 38, 48, 58, blue and indigo orange, Crown and CA, perf. 14:
1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d and 18, same colors as above.

In addition there is a ten shilling, blue and deep orange; whether CC or CA I am unable to state, but there has likely been both.

Written for the ERA.

FISCAL STAMPS OF ANTIGUA.

BY WILLIAM C. STONE.

The earliest mention that I find of Antigua fiscals is in *Le Timbre Fiscal* for January 1875, which states that "there exists a set of fiscals bearing the inscription STAMP DUTY and destined without doubt for all the fiscal uses as is customary in the other English colonies."

The stamps are rectangular in shape, 22 millimetres wide and 58 millimetres high. They are typographed in color on glazed paper, watermarked CC and Crown twice on each stamp.

In the center of the stamp is a diademed head of Queen Victoria, facing to the left in a circle. Above and below the circle are rectangular frames containing the value in surcharge. At the top of the stamp is ANTIGUA, and at the bottom STAMP DUTY. The stamps are perforated 14. The pence values have the value surcharged in dark blue and the shilling values in orange.

The following were the denominations issued: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 pence; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 shillings.

About 1882 the watermark was changed to CA and Crown and probably most of the values have been issued with it. All the pence values and the 1 shilling are listed by Moens and the 10sh has been reported since. I have also seen note somewhere of the 3 shilling but can not verify the rumor at the time of writing. A note in *Mekel's Weekly*, by A. Preston Pearce, states that the 2, 4 and 6 pence come only on CC paper. The new catalogue by the Fiscal Society will probably contain an accurate list of all the known varieties.

In all probability these stamps were withdrawn at the time the Leeward Islands "Postage and Revenue" set was issued in 1890.

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18	" 1886, 1/2p blue.....	.18	.12	2	Niger Coast Prot. 1892, 1p lilac....	.25	.18
19	" 1886, 4p brown orange.....	.25	.15	11	" 1893, 1/2p carmine.....	.45	.45
20	" 1885, 1sh violet.....	6.00	4.00	19	" 1894, 1p deep violet.....	.25	.20
63	Barbados 1882-85, 3p magenta.....	.35	.25	30	Niger Coast Prot. 1894, 1sh black..	\$0.75	\$0.60
65	" 1882-85, 4p brown.....	.25	.18	65	No. Borneo 1893, 12c blue and black	.50	.35
66	" 1892, 1/2p on 4p brown..	.12	.08	66	" 1893, 18c green.....	.50	.35
151	" 1882, 1p rose.....	.20	.10	47	Orange River Colony 1900, 2 1/2p ultramarine.....	2.50	1.75
15	Bermuda 1880, 1/2p brown.....	.10	.07	107	Queensland 1895, 1/2p green.....	.15	.10
13	Br. Bech. 1887, 3p lilac.....	.20	.15	114	" 1898-99, 1/2p green.....	.20	.12
33	" 1882-94, 1p lilac.....	.10	.07	2	Rhodesia 1891, 1p black.....	.20	.15
36	" 1892-94, 6p violet rose..	.45	.30	23	St Christopher 1884, 2 1/2p ultramar.	.25	.18
16	Br. East Africa 1890-91, 2a vermilion	.25	.18	14	" 1884, 4p gray.....	.25	.15
113	Br. Gambia 1889, 4c lilac.....	.35	.25	54	St. Lucia 1883-85, 1p rose, Die A..	1.25	.80
29	Br. Honduras 1888, 10c on 4p violet	.25	.18	57	St. Vincent 1885-91, 6p red lilac...	.50	.35
33	" 1891, 6c on 10c violet.....	.20	.13	57	" 1884-91, 5p on 6p deep lake.....	.35	.25
141	Ceylon 1890-92, 5c on 15c olive....	.18	.12	4	Seychelles Is 1890, 12c blue & brown	.20	.15
145	" 1899-97, 3c on 25c slate.....	.12	.08	10	" 1892, 12c slate & black.....	.25	.18
9	Dominica 1897, 1sh deep lilac rose	5.00	3.25	20	" 1892, 12c on 16c orange	.50	.40
13	" 1886, 1p on 1sh deep lilac	.60	.40	18	Sierra Leone 1876-85, 6p violet brown	1.40	.90
15	" 1886, 1p on 1sh deep lilac	.50	.35	25	" 1884-92, 1 1/2p violet.....	.15	.10
19	" 1883-90, 1p carmine.....	.12	.08	26	" 1884-92, 3p slate.....	.25	.15
21	" 1883-90, 2 1/2p ultramarine.....	.35	.25	28	" 1884-92, 3 1/2p ultramar.....	.25	.15
22	" 1883-90, 4p gray.....	.30	.20	28	" 1884-92, 3p yellow orange.....	.20	.12
23	" 1883-90, 6p orange.....	4.00	2.00	29	" 1884-92, 4p bistre.....	.25	.16
3	Falkland Is. 1878-79, 6p green.....	1.00	.65	52	" 1897, 2 1/2p on 6p lilac and green, Type I.....	.40	.30
4	Fiji Is. 1880-83, 2p on 3p green....	.50	.35	88	Straits Settlements 1898-99, 4c on 5c brown.....	.15	.10
5	Gambia 1880, 1/2p orange.....	.18	.12	26	Straits Settlements, Johore, 1892-94, 3c on 4c lilac and black.....	.15	.10
13	" 1887-89, 1p carmine.....	.18	.12	27	Straits Settlements, Johore, 1892-94, 3c on 5c lilac and green.....	.60	.30
14	" 1887-89, 3p orange.....	.18	.12	28	Straits Settlements, Johore, 1892-94, 3c on 6c lilac and blue.....	.35	.30
15	" 1887-89, 2 1/2p deep ultramar.	.20	.15	15	Straits Settlements, Negri Sembilan, 3c on 8c lilac & blue.....	.25	.15
16	" 1887-89, 3p slate.....	.25	.17	32	Tasmania 1864, 6p red lilac.....	.50	.35
17	" 1887-89, 4p brown.....	.35	.25	33	Tobago 1883-84, 1p red brown.....	.60	.60
1	Gibraltar 1886, 1/2p green.....	.15	.10	35	Tobago 1883-84, 1p red brown.....	1.40	.65
14	Gold Coast 1884-91, 2p gray.....	.15	.10	101	" 1883, 2p brown.....	.40	.25
15	" 1884-91, 2 1/2p blue and orange.....	.15	.10	69	Trinidad 1883-84, 2 1/2p ultramarine	.25	.15
16	" 1884-91, 3p olive.....	.25	.18	72	" 1883-84, 1 sh orange brown.....	1.00	.65
17	" 1884-91, 4p red violet.....	.20	.15	54	Turks Is. 1882-84, 4p gray.....	1.00	.70
18	" 1884-91, 6p orange.....	.85	.50	54	" 1889, 1p on 2 1/2p red brown.....	.25	.18
101	Grenada 1891, 1p black.....	.35	.25	1302	Victoria 1875-81, 1/2p carmine.....	.20	.12
32	India 1874-79, 9p lilac.....	2.25	.25	1622	" 1886-87, 2p red lilac.....	.18	.12
39	Mauritius 1865-72, 6p green.....	1.85	1.00	5	Virgin Is. 1883-88, 1p rose.....	1.25	.75
97	" 1890, 15c on 36c yellow brown and ultramarine.....	.25	.20	15	" 1883-88, 2 1/2p ultramarine.....	.60	.40
21	Nevis 1882-83, 1/2p green.....	.18	.12	16	" 1883-88, 4p brick red.....	1.50	1.00
28	" 1884, 1p rose.....	.35	.25	17	" 1883-88, 6p violet.....	1.50	1.00
29	" 1884, 2 1/2p ultramarine.....	.60	.40	48	" 1887, 4p on 1 sh deep rose and black, violet surch.....	10.00	7.00
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98a	" 1897-99, 1p rose, Die I.....	.75	.45				
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313	" 1880-90, 1p red.....	.50	.25				

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ANTIGUA IN OUR LITERATURE.

BY WILLIAM C. STONE.

The number of references to Antigua in the literature of the philatelic world is rather limited. The greater part of them are found mainly in the chronicle of the various varieties as they appeared, with a few notes on varieties.

The most important work on the subject is that of the London Society on the stamps of the West Indian colonies which covers the ground very fully. The fact that Antigua never possessed an Official Gazette renders the collection of official data rather difficult.

Next in importance comes the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors which, however, does not include the postal cards as the London book does. Those who do not possess the catalogue in book form will find the part relating to this colony in the *American Journal of Philately*, Vol. 2, page 381. The Philatelic Catalogue by Major E. B. Evans is also quite good. It appeared in the *Philatelic Journal of America*, Vol. 3, page 297.

The sheet arrangement of Antigua stamps is treated of by R. R. Thiele in the *Adhesive* 2:173.

An article entitled "Antigua for Beginners" appeared in *Mekeel's Weekly*, 11:64. It is a good elementary article.

The following references treat of the various issues as noted:

1862. *A. J. P.*, 5:28.
 1863. *A. J. P.*, 6:634.
 1882-5. *A. J. P.*, 6:69. *Amer. Phil.*, 7:49.
 1886. *A. J. P.*, 1:60, 215; 3:35, 6:150. *Amer. Phil.* 5:228.
 1903. *A. J. P.*, 15:264, 16:231, 272. *London Phil.*, 12:201. *ERA*, 17:25, 237, 381, 397, 421. *Mekeel's Stamp Collector*, 16:270. *Mekeel's Weekly*, 17:284, 300, 340. *Ewen's Weekly*, 9:381, 10:453, 11:545, 570.

The postal cards of the island are well written up in *Stamps*, the English magazine, 3:50, and in the various catalogues issued by Watson, Fry and others.

One or two notes on frauds will be found in *Morley's Journal* 2:52, 59. *Amer. Phil.*, 7:117. *Mekeel's Weekly*, 12:67.

Articles on the fiscals may be found in *Le Timbre Fiscal*, 2:8, 4:7, 10:21, and *Mekeel's Weekly*, 14:168.

Numerous other items can of course be found in the chronicles of the various journals of the times but the above will contain all the information needed and are to magazines more easily accessible to the average collector.

I desire to express my thanks to Mr. Gordon Ireland for a number of references sent me by him which were not in my own index.

"Our Eye" • •

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—The annual meeting of the Springfield Stamp Club was held on Jan. 8th at the home of Mr. Wm. C. Stone with a large majority of the members present. All the reports for the year were very encouraging, and proved in a very substantial way that the Club is in a flourishing condition. At this meeting the officers for the ensuing year were elected. Mr. Stone was unanimously elected as President; Mr. Monroe as Secretary and Treasurer and Mr. Provost for Auctioneer. The annual social feature, the banquet, will be held in about a month.

—The 3rd Edition of Bartels' U. S. Envelope Catalogue edited by V. M. Berthold will be issued in the early spring.

—Very grave charges are made against C. W. N. Ussher of Toronto, Can., an erstwhile philatelic publisher and dealer.

—A new price list has been received from Wm. v. d. Wettern of Baltimore, Md.

—The *Manchester Guardian*, (Eng.), poking fun in a sly manner at the Sower type suggests that "a French stamp is always French and of little profit to the collector of it." We believe that some of our readers, notably Mr. Lombard, would scarcely subscribe to this sentiment.

—The election in the Canadian Philatelic Society resulted in the choice of C. H. Goulden of Montreal as President. C. H. Fowle, our only "Undooley" was elected Vice-President for the U. S. and the *Adhesive* Official Organ.

—We are indebted to the A. B. Chase Piano Co. of Norwalk, O., through R. G. Roberts, for a handsome calendar.

—A press dispatch from London tells us the fate of Puttick and Simpson's Mauritius. The highest price on record paid for any postage stamp was \$7250 for a 2p blue Mauritius "Postoffice" stamp of the issue of 1847, just sold in the auction room after some exciting bidding. It is rumored that the stamp was bought for the Prince of Wales, who possesses a fine collection. An agent of the German Postal Museum at Berlin bid unsuccessfully for the stamp.

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NOTICE.

The next meeting of the N. E. P. A. will be held at the American House, Hanover St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday evening, February 2, 1904. A silver medal will be awarded the best exhibit of U. S. colonies, provided more than one exhibit is received. All members are urged to enter this competition and a large attendance is desired at the meeting.

The 28th regular meeting of the Society was held at the American House, Boston, on Tuesday evening, January 5, 1904, with 11 members and proxies present and Mr. H. W. Legg in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, also the report of the Treasurer showing a balance on hand of \$13.59 including Insurance and Medal accounts.

An invitation was received for the officers and members of the Society to be present at the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith of Portsmouth, N. H., and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Smith for so kindly remembering the Society in this happy event.

The following resignations were read and it was voted to accept them with regrets:

No. 130. Mr. Horace S. Hernan, Malden, Mass.

No. 16. Mr. W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me.

The following proposals for membership were then read:

Mr. C. Fratus, 16 Speedwell St., Dorchester, Mass.; proposed by Geo. H. Dean.
Mr. E. D. Osgood, 221 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.; proposed by H. W. Legg.

The entertainment committee then announced that as there was but one exhibit entered, there was no competition and therefore no prize was awarded. The thanks of the Association are due, however, to Mrs. W. D. Smith of Portsmouth, N. H., for sending in this one exhibit.

The meeting was then adjourned at about 9:30, the remainder of the evening being spent in a social manner.

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BAY CITY, MICH., Jan. 9, 1904.

To my fellow members:

It is with a feeling of gratitude and an appreciation of the honor conferred upon me twice during the past two years, that I now contemplate the close of my career as President of your society. But, not being a supporter of the "third term" idea, I take this opportunity of stating that I do not wish my name used in connection with that office at the coming election, deeming it best that some other member be elected to that high position. I shall be proud to work in the ranks in the future in supporting and building up our society, and trust that whoever is elected President, will feel the responsibility and will work for the advancement of our particular science.

Your President,
H. E. CARPENTER, JR.

Washington Notes •

By A. R. BUTLER.

The designs for the new stamps have not as yet been approved. The plate for the domestic reply card is in course of engraving.

Bills introduced in the House of Representatives provide that it shall be lawful to accept for transmission in the mails quantities of not less than two thousand identical pieces of third and fourth class matter without postage stamps affixed; that regularly issued publications not coming within the legal requirements for admission as second class matter, shall be admitted to the mails as "fifth-class" matter at a bulk rate of six cents per pound, provided that there shall be four issues a year at regular intervals, each copy shall weigh not less than 1½ ounces, and not less than 500 pounds shall be presented for transmission at one time.

House Document No. 383, "so much of the report of the fourth assistant postmaster-general on the investigation of the post-office department as may be made public without harm to the public interest contains much interesting matter, especially a description of the various cancelling machines in use with cost and numbers.

The report of the Postoffice Department, which will probably be issued during the coming week, contains also much information on the manufacture and use of postage stamps, and should be in every philatelic library.

The Mail Depredations division have been informed of the arrest of August C. Brucker, a postal clerk in Chicago, charged with removing stamps of large denominations on mail addressed to foreign countries. He was the last person to handle the foreign mails before it was tied in packages, and, it is said, states that he wanted the stamps to fill up his collection.

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January 14.

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70. J. H. Wilme, 2424 W. Madison St., Louisville, Ky.

Application.

John D. Hubel, Detroit, Mich.; Letter Carrier. References: Fenton, W. T. Shaughnessy.

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Written for the ERA.

By C. A. HOWES.

The recent sale in London of an unused copy of the 2d blue "Post Office" Mauritius for the record price of \$7250 has again brought these famous stamps to the fore. Curiously enough there are stamps which are rarer, but there are none which attract the philatelist with the force that one of these blue (or red) roses of our hobby can exert. But little is known of their history and that little, together with the record of each known specimen, was presented in an interesting article in *Le Timbre-Poste* several years ago. It may not be uninteresting to recall some of these facts at the present time.



In 1865, in a short monograph on the stamps of Mauritius, M. Herpin said that among the 12 varieties of the fillet head of 1859 there was one copy which had the legend "Post Office" in error instead of "Post Paid." He had confidence in the story of his correspondent and reproduced the type and its "Incorrect" inscription. Eight months later M. Moens had both the 1d and 2d in his possession and could vouch for the truth of the "error" but was unable to tell the cause of it. It was not until 1878 that the light of history was thrown upon these stamps and their true status became known through Maj. E. B. Evans, at that time in the garrison at Port Louis. He found a letter from the postmaster to the Colonial Secretary which ran thus:

To the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, etc.

Referring to Articles 9 and 10 of the Postal Ordinance, No. 12 of 1846, I have the honor to inform His Excellency, the Governor that the necessary postage stamps are about to be issued. 700 stamps have been printed and, as the organization of the service may require the addition

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FRANK P. BROWN.

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Old Col. Rep. (Panama) stamps surcharged "Republic of Panama." Just secured a very few which I will sell as follows while they last. Get them while you can.

1c red surcharge, 1st issue.....	.20
2c black surcharge, ".....	.20
3c 3rd Issue.....	.05
3c ".....	.10

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W. C. PHILLIPS, GLASTONBURY, CT.**PANAMA.**

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Second Issue.

1c gray black surcharge.....	\$0.20
Same, the 15 varieties.....	7.00
2c deep indigo surcharge.....	.40
2c same, violet bar.....	.60
5c red surcharge.....	.15
5c black surcharge, error.....	5.00
10c black surcharge.....	.50
Same, surcharged horizontally, error.....	2.50
20c red surcharge.....	.50

Third Issue. Bar and "Panama" in Red.	
1c green.....	.02
1c rose.....	.04
5c blue.....	.15
10c orange.....	.20
20c violet.....	.35

Selections sent on approval. Have also many other issues.

J. M. BARTELS CO.,
Old South Building, BOSTON, MASS.

of some other government officer, besides myself, to certify to the number of stamps furnished the post-office, I respectfully await His Excellency's instructions before proceeding to print more stamps.

I have the honour, etc.,

J. S. BROWN RIGG,
Colonial Postmaster.General Post Office,
20 Sept. 1847.

According to this letter, then, the stamps had not been issued but were ready on the date mentioned. Seven hundred had been printed and the postmaster waited only an authorization to print a further supply. This was forthcoming if we are to believe the letter of the same postmaster addressed to the same Colonial Secretary on the 2d May, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to His Excellency's notice that the improved plates, containing 12 impressions of each stamp, (one or twopence) are now finished and ready to be put in use as soon as it shall please His Excellency to give me his instructions.

2d. It is true that there has been a necessary delay in the delivery, the engraver having been for some time undergoing medical treatment for weak eyes. This delay, however, would have made no trouble

nor occasioned any disappointment to the public if I had been permitted, while waiting, to make use of the original plates. The only objection against their use, as I understood it, being that there was only a single impression for each label and that it would have taken too much time to produce a sufficient quantity. This objection, however, cannot be made against the new plates, the engraver assuring me that in an hour he can produce from 1000 to 1500 copies.

3d. When these stamps were first issued 1000 copies were prepared and the public was so desirous of using them principally for city letters that they were exhausted in a few days.

The rest of the printing, therefore, evidently brought the number up to 1000, but it cannot be asserted as some do that there were 500 of each value. It is very probable that the 1d was in excess. The restricted quantity seems to indicate that their use was reserved exclusively for the correspondence of the island where the tax on single letters was 1d for local use and 2d for the districts. As to foreign correspondence, it was certainly stamped with figures and PAID as it was almost everywhere at that time. It is in foreign parts, however, that the best discoveries have been made. In Bordeaux especially have been found 13 "Post Office" of which Mme. Desbois of Brussels has unearthed ten; two have come from Bombay and two from Marseilles. Finally, in spite of what the postmaster said about their local use, there have been found in Mauritius only five copies of which three had stamped invitations to a ball given by Lady Gomm, wife of the Governor, and were cancelled with the date 21 Sept. 1847.

The letter of the postmaster informs us that the introduction of the stamps was not accomplished on Sept. 20, 1847, and the Governor's invitations show they were in use on Sept. 21, which is, therefore, the exact date of their issue. By his second letter quoted above, the postmaster informs us that the first stamps were exhausted in several days. It is probable that these invitations to Lady Gomm's ball, which must have amounted to quite a respectable number, must be the cause of it in large part. That will explain, in a way, the rarity of the 1d, as the covers would not be likely to be kept; but it does not suffice for the 2d, even supposing they were printed in smaller quantity, for they cannot be found in Mauritius.

Of the 1000 stamps there have re-appeared, to M. Moens' knowledge, only 24 (including the finds of 1903). His account of the first known copies is most interesting philatelic history. Says Mr. Moens: "The first two known *Post Office* (1 and 2 pence) came to us from Bordeaux in October, 1865. They came from the collection of a youth of 20, M. Albert Couretures, now dead, which sold for 3000 francs, a colossal figure for those days, through the means of M. E. Gimet, a Bordeaux merchant. The two *Post Office* were sold us for 200 francs.

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10.....	.07	35, o. g.....	.05
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Borchard (the house of Burchard had considerable business with Mauritius in 1847-8) of Bordeaux who exchanged them with M. Coutures for two Montevideos which had, in the lady's eye, the supreme advantage of having a place in her Lallier's album in which the *Post Office*, like so many others, was not noted! The two copies shared the cancellation illustrated. The 1 penny lacked the upper left corner.

PAID

"Feb. 15, 1866, we sold these two stamps to Mr. F. A. Philbrick for 500 francs the pair. We thought they would remain forever in his unrivalled collection, but in 1881 he suddenly sold it to M. La Renotiere for 100,000 francs. It is in the latter's collection that they still remain and it will not be easy to dislodge them."

M. Moens gives a most interesting array of data for twenty copies which are positively known—a sort of pedigree for each one. During the past year there has been the remarkable record of three copies discovered, so that a summary of these *rare aces* and their condition stands thus:

1 penny, unused,	2 copies.
1 " used,	11 "
2 pence, unused,	4 "
2 " used,	6 "

As for the location of these stamps we present below a list, believed to be fairly accurate, which shows what collections are adorned by their presence.

Collection.	1d.	2d.
Renotiere (Ferrari), France,	2	2
Avery, England,	1	1
Rothschild, England,	1	1
Mirabaud, France,		1
Bernichon, "	1	1
Mors, "	1	1
British Museum (Tapling),	1	1
Lentz, Russia,	1	
Duveen, England,	1	1
Vernon Roberts, England,	2	
Earl of Kintore, "	1	
Berlin Museum, Germany,	1	
? (recent sale),		1

They therefore appear to be placed as follows: 11 in England, 9 in France, 1 in Russia, 1 in Germany, and the resting place of the 2d recently sold is unknown.

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BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Mr. H. J. Douglass submits for examination an interesting old letter which he suggests "ought to be listed with the postmaster's stamps. If not, why not? It was stamped '5 paid' at or before mailing, and countersigned by the Postmaster, which, as I understand it, makes it an O.K. stamp." The letter was dated May 7, 1847, and was sent from Wadham's Mills (?) by W. L. Wadham. The writer was also postmaster and as such countersigned the outside. Under the name of the postmaster appears a large "5" and "Paid" in small capitals, stamped one over the other. It certainly is an interesting entire, though stamps, or rather franks, of this nature have been denied a place by the cataloguers.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—*Ewen's Weekly* is informed that new 1c and 20c stamps and 1c post card for island use are in contemplation by the authorities. The 20c value will take the place of the 24c which will be discontinued. In fact, the 24c is already obsolete, the stock of the Queen's head stamps of that value being already exhausted.

DUTCH INDIES.—A new design has been prepared for the high value stamps of this colony and also for Curacao and Surinam. It is similar in size to the gulden values of the Netherlands. The name of the colony appears at the top in a straight line. The triangular spaces at the top around the portrait show emblematic figures of commerce and navigation, and those at the bottom sailing vessels. The outline of the stamp is wavy. This description is given in *Ewen's Weekly* from a photograph taken in November from a die proof. The plates were expected to be ready this month. The values and colors are expected to be 1 gulden violet, 1½g maroon, 2½g steel blue.

HAYTI.—This distracted republic has repeated the recent history of Servia, in that a new series of postage stamps was prepared for issue but owing to political changes were held back until they had received a surcharge more or less disfiguring the design. The new set has been shown us by Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. The 1c has the Arms of the Republic, the 2c and 5c a portrait of Toussaint L'Ouverture, the 7c and 10c that

of J. J. Dessalines, and the 20c and 50c that of A. Petion. It is understood that these stamps are not to be had without the surcharge. This is roughly printed diagonally across the face of the stamp in black ink, apparently with a hand stamp. The surcharge reads "Poste—Paye," in two lines, separated by a piece of type border, the date, "1904," being printed at each end, reading up on the left and down on the right. The whole is included within a plain rule border, about 12x19mm.

Adhesives (Regular):

1c green.
2c rose.
5c gray blue.
7c red violet.
10c orange yellow.
20c blue gray.
50c olive bistre.

ITALY.—We learn from English papers that a new series of stamps is to be issued shortly. The change was initiated by King Victor Emmanuel himself, who was not at all satisfied with the artistic merit of the postage stamps hitherto in use. His Majesty is a well known numismatist, and his collection of coins, ancient and modern, is one of the most wonderful in the world. As the difference from the esthetic point of view of coins and stamps is slight, it is not surprising that the Italian sovereign should have turned his attention to the postoffice. The new stamps have been designed by the eminent Italian painter Michetti, and for each stamp of different value there will be a different design. On some the King's effigy will be in full face, while in others it will be in profile, but all will be embellished with some daintily drawn landscape or maritime sketch. The above is taken from the *Newcastle Chronicle*. Upon this same subject the *Morning Post* says that Signor Michetti has completed his designs for the new stamps. The 1c stamp is dedicated to Volta, depicting the birth of new industries, and is ornamented with a luminous crown of electric sparks. The 2c stamp is devoted to Marconi, and shows electrical waves crossing the celestial spaces, while wires henceforth useless hang from a telegraph post. The 5c stamp re-

veals a flight of swallows, surmounted by the Italian coat-of-arms. The 10c stamp shows the Alpine chain crowning the portrait of the King. That of 15c bears the portrait of the King in the centre of a maritime horizon; that of 15c the portrait of the King in profile breaking into the meridian of Italy; and that of 40c represents a full face portrait of the King surmounting the shield and star of Italy. The 11 stamp has a portrait of the King, with an eagle and a fortified castle as supporters.

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EDITORIAL.

A Good Advertisement—It has been a long day since stamp collecting has received the quantity of free advertising that has marked the past few weeks. Many branches of journalism have contributed of their space in reporting the sale of the famed 2p Mauritius and several newspapers have made editorial references to the price realized at the London auction. Many of these references are uncomplimentary to stamp collecting, indeed, they bear the earmarks of the Philistines, but faddists are unworthy their pursuits unless they can bear up under the fire of criticism. It is the penalty of having a hobby but, singularly enough, no man can discern his own failing, for every man rides some kind of a hobby.

A "Hub" Opinion—No less a paper than the *Boston Herald* devoted a leader to the price paid for the 2 pence Mauritius. Among other things it says that "this postage stamp was but a tiny scrap of paper of no intrinsic worth, valuable only for its place in a series, or a link in an unessential record." We attest the truth of this statement though the record of a country's postal issues is more essential than many other so called essentials of our present day. In writing of "essentials" one is very apt to judge from a personal standpoint. The *Herald* says: "No one but a philatelist would be able to discover any particular value in it." This is a truth, assuredly, but not a very profound one, and it is closely followed by a pat observation. "The payment of this high price, however, is an evidence that the stamp collecting mania is not yet extinct." All

In all, the *Herald's* editorial makes that fact clear, especially when it records \$7250.00 as the price realized. The large sum mentioned, paid for a single stamp is not only eloquent in its silence, but more powerful than a musketry of words defending the sanity of its devotees.

Justifiable Criticism—It is true that stamp collecting run mad brings philately into reproach and makes questionable indeed the sanity of *some* of its devotees. A philatelist should be more than a mere aggregationist. It ought not to be a question of pocket-book or fame in building up a collection. We must pay a measure of respect to the wealth that has made it possible to bequeath us a Tapling collection, but no less a critic than Major Evans suggests that in this great exhibit there is much that shows nothing of the philatelic student. The wild race after Panama provisionals belongs to this reprehensible phase of stamp collecting.

"Undooley" Visits Panama—It is the fashion now for great newspapers (and others not so great) to send correspondents to the various points of the compass for live news, not to be outdone in enterprise the ERA will report very fully from the pen of Charles H. Fowle, the complete story of the Panama provisionals. It will tell the truth in Undooley's inimitable manner, and appear in the issue of Feb. 13.

Our "Valentine" Special—Such will be our issue of Feb. 13th, filled with bright things and a business bringer for the firms that use it. It would not be wise to explain St. Valentine's message in full, so we will only whet the curiosity by the mere mention of Undooley's visit to Panama. The ERA has large plans for 1904.

Postal Progress League—The press brings us news of the activity of California's above named organization and we are led to observe that Boston saw the birth of this movement. The local league celebrated its anniversary on the 28th at the rooms of the 20th Century Club, and should show the people of this city that it is alive to needed postal reforms.

"*What's Commonwealth?*"—Australians philatelists are at variance on this question. Where should one begin with a Commonwealth collection? Some even go so far as to say that all stamps in issue in the various states at the declaration of the Commonwealth government properly belong in such a collection. We are of the belief that all stamps with a state inscription should be placed under the state name and the stamps bearing a *Commonwealth* designation in a Commonwealth collection. This logic seems unanswerable.

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 Austria, 1850, 3, 6, 9kr; 1858, 5k; 1861, 5, 10, 15k; 1864, 5, 10, 15k; 1867, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15k; 1868, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20k; 1870, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20k; 1871, 20, 24, 30k; 1900, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50k; News, 1869-67, 1k; 1900, 2, 6k; News, Del., 1880, ¼k; News, Tax, 1880, 2k; 1880, 1k; 1891, 1, 2k; Unpaid, 1893, 1, 3, 5, 10k; 1900, imperf., 1k; perf., 1, 5k.
 Austrian Levant, 1867, 10k; 1883, 10k; 1886-88, 1p on 10k; 1890-92, 1p on 10k; 1900, 1p on 25k; Lombardy, 1850, 15, 30; 1858, 5k.
 Barbados, 1882, ½, 1p; 1892, 1f, ½, 1p.
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 *Dominica Rep., 1900, ¼, ½c.
 Dutch Indies, 1870, 20c; 1883-88, 1, 2c; 1889, 3, 5c; 1892, 10, 15, 20c.
 Ecuador, *1881, 1, 2, 10, 20c; *1887, 1, 2c; *1892, 1, 2c; *1894, 1, 2c; *1895, 1, 2c; *Official, 1892, 1, 2c; 1894, 1, 2c; 1895, 1, 2c.
 Egypt, 1879, 5p, 1p; 1884, 1p, 5p; 1888, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40c; 1890, 15, 25, 40c; 1891, 2, 5, 10, 15, 30c; 1896, type II, 15, 25, 40c; 1897, 1, 2, 4, 10, 15, 40c; 1899, 3, 25, 50c; 1892, 5c; 1899, type I, 5, 10c; 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25c; Unpaid, 1894, 5, 10, 30c; *Canton, 1, 2c; *Alexander, 1, 2c; *Port Said, 1, 2c.
 French Colonies, 1881, 5, 15c.
 *French Congo, 1892, 1, 2c; *French Guiana, 1, 2c; *French Guinea, 1, 2c; *French India, 1, 2c.</p> | <p>*French Oceania, 1, 2c; *French Soudan, 1, 2c.
 Funchal, 1896, 2½, 5r.
 German No. Postal District, 1868 roul., 1, 2g; perf., 1, 2g; Empire, 1871, 1, 2g, 3k; 1872, ½, 1, 2g, 3k; 1875, 3, 5, 10, 20; 1880, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50, 50p, 2M; 1889, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50p; 1900, 2, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 40p; 1902, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50p.
 Gt. Britain, 1841, 1p; 1881, ½, 1p; 1887, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 6p; 1901, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6p; I. R. Off., 1, 1p; Army Off., 1p.
 *Great Comoro, 1, 2c.
 Greece, 1882, 20l; 1886, 5, 20l; 1889, 1, 5, 10, 20l; 1891, 5, 20l; 1896, 1, 2, 20l; 1901, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25l; *Unpaid, 1, 2l.
 Guadeloupe, 1892, 1, 2c.
 Guatemala, 1887, 1, 5, 6c; 1900, 1, 2c.
 *Guinea, 1898, 2½, 5r.
 *Honduras, 1876, 1c; 1890, 1c; 1892, 1c; 1893, 1c; 1895, 1, 2l.
 India, 1860, 2½, 5r.
 Hungary, 1872, 5k; 1874, 5k; 1888-98, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 50k; 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 25, 30k; 1901, 6p; News, 1871, 1k; 1874, 1k; 1877, 1k; 1888, 1k; 1898, 1k; imperf., 1k.
 India, 1874, ¼a; 1881, 1a; 1883, ½, 2a; 1900, 3p, ½, 1a; 1902, 2p, ½, 1a; On H. M. S., 1883, ½, 1, 2, 4a.
 Italy, 1862, 5, 10, 15, 30, 40c; 1865, 20 on 15, 20, 30c; 1879, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c; 1889, 5, 40, 45, 60c; 1k; 1891, 5, 10, 20, 25, 45c; 1897, 5c; 1901, 5, 10, 20, 25c; News, *1881, 1c; 1878, 2 on 20c, 2 on 1k; 1896, 1, 2c; *1901, 1, 2c; Unpaid, 1869, 5, 10, 30, 50c, 1k; Official, 20c.
 *Ivory Coast, 1, 2c.
 *Indo China, 1, 2c.
 Jamaica, 1885, ½, 1, 2p; 1889, 1p; 1900, 1p; 1902, 1p; Official, ½, 1p.
 Japan, 1876, 2, 4k; 1879, 1, 25; 1883, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25; 1899, 5r, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10; 1901, ½a.</p> |
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1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c. Thousands of Stamps at ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR and FIVE CENTS EACH! 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c.

TWO CENTS EACH—CONTINUED.

*Seychelles, 1900, ac.
Siam, 1899, 1 on 12a; 1900, 1, aa.
Somali Coast, 1902, 1, ac.
South Australia, Official, 1896, ap; 1900, 1, ac.
Spain, 1855, 4c; 1860, 4c; 1862, 4c; 1873, 4c; 1876, 5c; 1889, 75c; 1900, 30, 50c, 1p.
Straits Settlements, 1892, *1 on 8c green; 1894, 8c.
Federated Malay States, 1901, 1c; Johore, 1896, 1c; Pahang, 1c; Perak, 1c; 1900, 1 on 2c; Selangor, 1, 3c.
Surinam, 1890, 1, 2c; 1902, 4c.
Sweden, 1888, 6, 24 ore; 1886, 2, 3 ore; Unpaid, 1, 3, 5 ore; Official, 1884, 3, 12, 24, 50 ore, 1k; 1891, 50 ore.
Switzerland, 1882, 3, 12, 20, 30c; 1887, 50c; 1881, 15,

40, 50c; 1889, 15c; 1890, 30c, 1fr; 1900, 5, 10c; Unpaid, 1878, 1c; 1884, 5, 10, 20, 50c.
Tasmania, 1892, 4c; 1900, 1p.
Timor, 1887, 5r; 1895, 12 on 5r; 1898, Jubilee, 4a; News, 2 1/2r, 4a on 2 1/2r.
Togo, 1900, 3pf.
Transvaal, 1888, 4 1/2p; 1895, 1p; 1896, 4 1/2p.
Trinidad and Tobago, 1883, 2 1/2p; 1896, 2 1/2p.
Tunis, 1888, 1 type, 1c; 1893, 5c; 1899-01, 5, 10c; Unpaid, 1c.
Turkey, 1876, 1r, 20p, 1pi; 1880 84, 1c, 20p, 1pi; 1886, 5p, 1pi; 1888-90, 5, 10, 20p, 1, 1pi; 1892, 1pi; 1897, 5 on 10p.

Uruguay, 1886, 5c blue; 1889, 5c; 1891, 2, 5c; 1894, 2c; 1895, 2c; 1897, 5c; 1899, 5m blue, 2, 5c; 1900, 5m, 5c.
Venezuela, 1883, Correos, 5, 10c; Escuelas, 50c, 3b; 1893, surch. Correos, 5, 10c; Escuelas, 5, 10c; 1893, Correos, 10c; 1896, 5, 10c; 1899, 5, 10c.
Victoria, 1884, 4 1/2p; 1886, 4p; 1891, 2 1/2p; 1899, 1p.
West Australia, 1882, 4 1/2p; Revenue, 1p.
Württemberg, 1875, 25, 50 green; 1890, 1pi; Official, 1875, 5, 10pf.
Zambesi, 1898, 10r; News, 2 1/2r.

THREE CENTS EACH.

Angola, *1870, 20r; *1881, 25r; 1894, 10, 50r; 1898, 10, 15, 20r.
Angra, 1892, 10r; 1896, 20r; 1899, 15r.
Argentina, 1873, 1c; 1881, 10c; 1899, 10c.
Austria, 1883, 10, 15r; 1890, 24r; 1 gld; 1896, 1 gld; 1900, 2k; Unpaid, 1900, imperf., 4h; perf., 5, 6h.
Austrian Levant, *1883, 2, 3; 1886, 10 on 3k; 1900, 2 pia; Unpaid, 1902, 10r; Lombardy, 1858, 15s; 1861, 5s.
Azores, 1882, 50r; 1893, 5r.
Baden, 1851, 3k; Rural, 1, 3k.
Bahamas, 1884, 2 1/2p.
Bavaria, 1862, 9k; 1867, 1k; 1875, *7k; 1876, 25, 50pf; 1881, 25pf; 1891, 2M.
Belgium, 1875, 50c; 1883, 20c; 1894, 5, 10c; Packet, 1879, 80c; 1fr; 1895, 20, 60, 80c.
Benin, *1893, 1c.
Bolivia, 1887, 10c; 1893, 1c; 1897, 1, 2, 5, 10c; 1899, 2, 5, 10c.
Bosnia, *1900, 6h.
Brazil, 1862, 9k; 1867, 1k; 1875, *7k; 1876, 25, 50pf; 1881, 25pf; 1891, 2M.
British Guiana, 1898, 1, 2c.
British Honduras, 1891, 2c; *1892, 1c on 1p; 1895, 1c.
*Brunswick, 1865, 3k; 1866, 4-4g.
Bulgaria, 1882, 30s; 1885, 12s; 1892, 15 on 30s; Unpaid, 1887, 5s; 1896, 5s.
Cameroon, 1900, 5pf.
Canada, 1859, 5c; 1868, 3c; 1882, 6c; 1892, 8c lilac; 1898, 8c.
Cape of Good Hope, 1881, CA, 3p; 1893, 1 on 2p, 2 1/2p, 1sh; 1898, 3, 4p.
Cape Verde, *1881, 20r; 1886, 25, 50r; 1894, 10r; 1898, 10, 15r.
*Caroline Islands, 5pf.
*Cayman Islands, 4 1/2p.
Ceylon, 1885, 5 on 8c; 1888, 1 type, 2 on 4c lilac, 2 on 4c rose; 1892, 30c; 1900, 3, 4c.
Chile, 1860, Revenue, 1c; *Unpaid, 1898, 1, 2c.
China, 1864, 1c; 1897, 4, 1, 2c; 1898, 4c; *Chefoo, 1c; Chinkiang, 1894, 1c; Foochow, 1895, 1c; 1896, 1c; *Hankow, 1893, 3c lilac; *Ichang, 1895, 4c.
Kewkiang, 1896, 4 1/2 on 2c; Unpaid, 4 1/2 black, 4 1/2c orange.
*Shanghai, 1893, 5c; Jubilee, 4 1/2c; 1896, 2c; Unpaid, 5c; Wuhu, 1894, 2c; 1895, 1c; 1896, 1c.
Colombian Republic, 1881, arms, 1, 2, 5, 10c; 1881, head, 1, 5c; 1883, 11 issue, 2, 5, 10c; 1890, 1c; 1892, 5c. Antiqua, 1889, 2 1/2c; 1893, 1, 5c; 1896, 2c; 1899, 1c.
Santander, 1887, 1c; Tolima, 1888, 5c.
Congo, *1887, 10p, 50c.
*Cook Islands, 4 1/2p.
Corea, *1886, 25, 50, 100m; 1895, 10p; *1901, 2ch.
Costa Rica, 1883, 2c; 1889, 50c; 1901, 10c; Official, 1889, 2, 5, 10c.
Curacao, 1880, 3, 5c; 1892, 25c; Unpaid, 1889, 2 1/2c; 1892, 2 1/2c.
Cyprus, 1896, 1pi.
Denmark, 1882, 5 ore; Official, 1871, 4s.
Dominican Republic, 1880, netted, 1c; 1899, 1, 2c; 1900, 5c.
Dutch Indies, 1899, 10 on 10c, 12 1/2 on 12 1/2c; 1901, 2 1/2c; Unpaid, 2 1/2c.
Ecuador, *1881, 50c; 1892, 50c; 1894, 10c; 1895, 10c; 1896, 5c; 1899, 2c; Official, 1892, 5, 10c; 1894, 5, 10c; 1895, 5, 10c.
Egypt, 1867, 1 pia; 1879, 10p gray, 20p; Unpaid, 1889, 2 pia; Soudan, camel, 2m; 1901, Unpaid, 2m.
Eritrea, 1897, 5c.
Falkland Islands, 4 1/2p.

Fiji, 1892, 4 1/2p; 1893, 2p; 1896, 1p.
Finland, 1882, 2p; 1891, 2k; 1896, 5p.
France, 1862, 80c; 1863, 80c; 1871, 80c; 1876, type 1, 10, 20, 30, 75c; 1fr; Unpaid, 1881, 3, 4, 5c; 1894, 50c.
French Colonies, 1872, 5c; 1877, 5c; 1881, 20c.
French Congo, 1892, 4, 5c; 1900, 4, 5c.
Funchal, 1892, 10, 25r; 1896, 20r; 1899, 15r.
Gambia, 1887, 4 1/2p; 1898, 4 1/2p.
German China, 1900, 5pf.
German East Africa, 1900, 20p.
German New Guinea, 1900, 5pf.
German Southwest Africa, 1900, 5pf.
Germany, Thurn and Taxis, North, *1865, 25g; *1866, 25g; South, 1852, 1k; 1859, 1k; 1862, imperf., 3k; roul, 46k.
German Empire, 1871, 1-3g; 1872, 5g; 1900, 1m; Levant, 1900, 10p.
Gibraltar, 1898, 2 1/2p; 1899, 25c.
Gold Coast, 1898, 4 1/2p.
Great Britain, 1856, 6p; 1862, 4p; 1880, 2 1/2p; 1887, 4 1/2p, 1sh; *1901, 4 1/2p.
Greece, 1866, 10c; 1896, 25; 1901, 30l.
Guadeloupe, 1891, 1, 2c; 1892, 15, 25c.
Guatemala, 1871, 1c; 1882, 5c; 1886, 1c; 1894, 1 on 2c; 1895, 1 on 5c; 1898, 1 on 12c; surch. Correos, 1c; 1900, 20c.
Guinea, 1886, 10r; 1894, 10r; 1898, 20r.
Hayti, 1893, 2c; 1898, 5c green; 1898, 2c orange.
Honduras, 1893, 20c; 1898, 6, 10c; Official, 1890, 5c; 1891, 5, 10c.
Hong Kong, 1890, 20 on 30c; 1900, 4c.
Horta, 1897, 10r; 1896, 20r; 1899, 15r.
Hungary, 1900, 1kr.
Iceland, 6a; Official, 3, 4, 5a.
India, 1865, 25; 1881, 12 6p; 1892, 1r; Service, 1868, 25; H. M. S., 1883, 8a.
Italy, 1890, 20 on 50c; News, 1878, 2 on 30c, 2 on 10l; 1890, 2 on 1l, 7c; Unpaid, 60c, 30 on 2c; Official, 1l.
Jamaica, 1883, 4p; Official, 1890, 4 1/2p.
Japan, 1896, 2, 4r; 1894, 10c variety; 1899, 20, 25s.
Japanese China, 3s.
Kanchow, 5pf.
Labuan, 1894, 11h., 2c; 1896, 1c; 1897, 3c; 1900, 2c; 1902, 4c; Unpaid, 3c.
Liberia, 1885, 1c; 1896, 2c; Official, 1894, 1c; 1898, 1c; 1900, 1c.
Lourenço Marques, 1895, 10r; 1898, 20r.
Luxemburg, 1882, 4c; 1892, 20c.
Macao, 1888, 10r; 1894, 10; 1898, 2 1/2a brown.
Malta, 1885, 2 1/2p.
Mariana Islands, ship, 5pf.
Marshall Islands, 5pf.
Mauritius, 1891, 2 on 4c; 1893, 15c.
Mexico, *1854, 2, 4r; 1874, 10c black; 1879, 5c; 1884, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c; 1885, 1, 2c; 1890, 4c vermilion, 4c orange; acc vermilion; Porte de Mar, 1875, black, 2, 2c; 1889, 2, 5, 25, 50, 100c.
Monaco, 1885, 2c; 1901, 5c.
Montenegro, 1874, 3a; 1893, 2a; 1897, 5, 3a; 1898, 5p; Unpaid, 3, 5h.
Mozambique Co., 1892, 10r; 1894, 10r.
Natal, 1889, 2 1/2p; 1895, 4 1/2 on 1p; 1902, 4 1/2p.
Netherlands, 1852, 10c; 1864, 10c; 1894, 22 1/2c; 1899, 22 1/2c; 50c; Unpaid, 1881, 2c; 1884, 15c.
New Brunswick, 1861, 2c.
Newfoundland, 1887, 4 1/2c; 1890, 3c slate; 1897, 3c blue.
New South Wales, 1882, 3, 6p; 1891, 4 1/2 on 1p; 1897, 1p; Unpaid, 4 1/2p.

New Zealand, 1882, 3, 6p, 1sh; 1891, 2 1/2p.
Nicaragua, 1869, 1c; 1890, 2c; 1891, 20c; 1892, 20c; 1893, 20c; 1894, 20c; 1895, 20c; 1896, 5, 10c; 1897, 5, 10c; 1898, 10, 15c; 1899, 10c; Official, 1896, 5, 10c; 1897, 5, 10c; 1898, 10, 15c; 1899, 10, 15c.
North Borneo, 1887, 8c; 1890, 4c; 1892, 6c; 1893, 10c; 1893, 3c; 1900, 2c; Protectorate, 1, 2c.
Northern Nigeria, 1902, 4 1/2p.
Norway, 1872, 12, 15, 20, 60 ore; 1890, 1 ore gray; Unpaid, 20 ore.
Nyassa, 1898, 10, 15; 1901, 15, 20r.
Obok, 1894, 1c.
Orange River Colony, 1894, 4 1/2p; 1900, 4 1/2p green.
Persia, 1885, 10s, 1k; 1889, 1, 2, 10s, 1k; 1891, 1, 2, 10s, 1k; 1894, 8, 10s; 1898, 2, 10s.
Peru, 1862, 1d green; 1880, 1c; 1881, 1c; 1882, 5c, horseshoe; 1894, 1c orange, *2c violet, acc vermilion; 1895-6, old types, 1, 2c; 1895, new type, 20c; 1900, 10c; Unpaid, 1874, 1c; 1883, 1c.
Ponta Delgada, 1892, 10r; 1896, 20r; 1899, 15r.
Portugal, 1862, 5r; 1871, 80r; 1892, 10r black surch., 10r red surch., 15r chocolate; 1893, 5r black; 5r orange; Unpaid, 10r.
Portuguese Congo, 1898, 10, 15r.
Portuguese India, 1882, 11; 1886, 6r, 1r; 1898, Jubilee, 4 1/2, 6r.
Prussia, 1850, 2s.
Queensland, 1891, 6p; 1898, 4p; News, 1p.
Reunion, 1891, 2c; 1892, 10, 15, 25c.
Rhodesia, 1891, 4 1/2p; 1896, 4 1/2p; 1898, 4 1/2p; 1899, 4 1/2p.
Roman States, 1852, 1, 2, 5b.
Roumania, 1872, 4 1/2, 5b; 1885, 3b; Unpaid, 1881, 2, 30b; 1890, 10b.
St. Helena, 1884, 4 1/2p; *1902, 4 1/2p.
St. Thomas, 1863, 5r; 1887, 5, 10r; 1895, 10r; 1898, 15r.
St. Vincent, 1883, 4 1/2p green; *1902, 4 1/2p.
Salvador, *1889, 1, 1c; 1892, 5c; 1893, 5, 10c; 1894, 5, 10c.
Samoa, 1899, 4 1/2p; 1900, 5pf.
Sarawak, 1892, 1 on 3c brown; 1900, 4c.
Saxony, 1855, 4 1/2; 1863, 3p.
Serbia, 1869, 2ap; 1881, 50p.
Seychelles, 3c.
Siam, 1887, 2, 8a; 1899, 1 on 12a; 1900, 3a.
Sierra Leone, 1883, 1p; 1884, 4 1/2p; 1896, 4 1/2p.
*Somali Coast, 1894, 1, 2c.
Spain, 1852, 6c; 1853, 6c; 1854, 6c.
Straits Settlements, 1883, 8c; 1884, 5c; 1887, 10 on 24c; 1892, 1 on 2c; 1894, 3 on 2c.
Surinam, 1890, 2 1/2, 3, 5c; Unpaid, 2 1/2c.
Sweden, 1865, 3 ore; 1900, 1k; Unpaid, 6, 12, 20, 30, 50 ore.
Switzerland, 1855, 5, 10r; 1881, 1fr; Unpaid, 1878, 2, 5, 10, 20c; 1884, 10c.
Timor, 1887, 10r; 1898, head, 2, 2 1/2, 3a.
Tobago, 1885, 4 1/2p.
Togo, 1900, 5pf.
Tonga, 1897, 4 1/2p.
Transvaal, 1887, 2p; 1895, 4 1/2p; *1902, 4 1/2p.
Turks Islands, 1900, 4 1/2p.
Uruguay, 1889, 2c; 1897, 2c; 1899, 5m rose, 5m purple.
*Venezuela, 1893, Correos, 50c brown, 1b green; 1899, 5c; 1900, 5c.
Victoria, 1886, 6, 6p; 1891, 1p on pink; 1899, 4 1/2p.
Virgin Islands, 4 1/2p.
West Australia, 1882, 4 1/2p; 1889, 1, 2p; Revenue, 1p.
Württemberg, 1866, 3kr; 1866, 1kr.
Zambesi, 1894, 5r; 1898, 10r.

FOUR CENTS EACH.

Angola, *1870, 20r; *1881, 20r; 1894, *15r, 25r; 1898, 25r.
Angra, 1896, 15r; 1899, 25r.
*Anjouan, 1892, 10c; 1900, 10c.
*Antigua, 1882, 4 1/2p.
Argentina, 1869, 3c; 1876, 8c; 1878, 16c; 1887, 24c; 1888, 30c; 1890, 40c; 50c; 1892, 16c.
Austria, 1864, 4kr; Unpaid, 1893, 6kr; *1900, imperf., 5, 6h; Levant, 1867, 2a, 3s; 1883, 5s; 1886, *10 on 3s, 50 on 5k; Unpaid, 1900, 20p.
Azores, 1882, 3, 25, 50r; 1894, 10r; 1895, 2 1/2, 5r; 1898, 10r.
Baden, 1851, 9k; 1853, 6k.
Bahamas, 1901, 1p.
Barbados, 1874, 1p; 1899, 2p.
Bavaria, 1862, 1k; 1870, 10, 18k; 1879, 5pf; 1900, 30, 40pf.
Belgium, 1870, 30, 40c; 1884, 1fr; 1893, 1fr; 1898,

50c; Unpaid, 1900, 10c; Packet, 1879, 20, 25, 50c; 1882, 20, 25c; 1895, 15c; *1902, 10c.
Benin, *1893, 1c; *1894, 10c.
Bolivia, 1867, 5c green; 1876, 10c; 1890, 10c; 1893, 2, 5, 10c; *1901, 2c; *Rev., 1871, 10c.
Bosnia, 1879, 20, 25n; *1900, 10h.
Brazil, 1866, 10r; 1897, 50r; 1882, 10r; 1899, 50 on 20r green; Unpaid, 1889, 20, 200r; 1890, 50, 200, 300r; 1898, 200r.
*British Bechuanaland, 1897, 4 1/2p.
British Guiana, 1890, 10c on 1d.
British Honduras, 1888, 2c on 1p.
*British New Guinea, 1p.
Bulgaria, 1882, 50s; 1896, 15, 25s; *1901, 5s; Unpaid, 1860, 10s; *1900, 10s.
Canada, 1872, 6c; 1897, 8c.
Cape of Good Hope, 1871, 4p; 1881, CA, 4 1/2, 1p; 1885, 2sh; 1891, 2 1/2p.

Cape Verde, 1886, 10, 20r; 1894, 25, 50r; *1898, 20r.
Cayman Islands, 1pf.
Chile, 1883-4, 2, 4c; 1886, 28c; Service, 1895, 2, 25c.
Chile, 1867, pen., 1, 2c; 1877, 1, 10c; 1892, 15, 25c; Revenue, 1880, 2c.
China, 1887, 4, 5c; 1898, 5, 10c. *Amoy, 1895, 2c; Unpaid, 1895, 4, 1c. Chefoo, 2c. *Chinkiang, 1895, 2c. Hankow, 1893, 2c buff.
*Kewkiang, 1894, 1 type, 4 1/2c rose, 4 1/2c yellow, 1c; 1896, 1c.
*Shanghai, 1893, Jubilee, 2c; 1896, 6c.
*Wuhu, 1894, 2c; 1895, 2c.
Colombian Republic, 1883, 1 issue, 2, 10c; 1887, 2c; 1890, 2c; 1892, 20c.
Congo, 1876, 1c black; *1885, 1c green; 1892, 2, 4 1/2, 5c; 1893, 4 1/2c; 1896, 4 1/2c brown, 3c orange, 4 1/2c blue, 3c olive; 1899, 2, 3c. Registered, 1899, 2 1/2c.
Tolima, 1884, 1, 2c.
Congo, 1895, 5, 10c; *1900, 10c.

FOUR CENTS EACH—CONTINUED.

Roumania, 1885, 25, 50; Unpaid, 1881, 20b.
 Russia, 1880, 35k; Levant, 1872, 5, 10k; 1879, 7k; 1884, 2, 5k.
 St. Christopher, 1882, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1p.
 St. Helena, 1886, $\frac{1}{2}$ p; 1902, 1p.
 St. Vincent, 1898, $\frac{1}{2}$ p; *1902, 1p.
 Salvador, 1867, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1r; 1879, 1c; 1887, 3c; 1888, 5c; 1889, 2, 2c; 1890, 20, 25c; 1891, 5, 10, 1r, 25c; 1892, 10c; 1894, 25c; 1895, 1 issue, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20c; II issue, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20c; 1896, 1 issue, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20c; II issue, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20c; 1897, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20c; Unpaid, 1895, 3c; 1896, 3c; 1897, 3c; 1898, 3c. *Official, 1896, 1 type, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20c; II type, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20c.
 San Marino, 1892, ac blue, 5c; 1899, 10c.
 Sarawak, *1889, 3c; 1900, 4c.
 Saxony, 1855, $\frac{1}{2}$, 30g.
 Seychelles, 1890, 2c; *1900, 6c.
 Siam, 1887, 1, 4; 122; 1898, 3 on 122; 1899, 2 on 64; 1900, 1, 8a.
 S. Malai Coast, 1894, 5c; 1902, 10c.
 South Australia, 1882, $\frac{1}{2}$, 4p; 1893, 6p; 1895, 5p.
 Spain, 1851, 6c; 1870, 4, 10, 25m; 1875, ac; 1877, 25c; 1882, 75c; 1889, 20c; 1900, 40c.
 Straits Settlements, 1894, 5c; 1900, 4c; *1902, 3, 4c.
 Fed. Malay States, 3, 4, 5c; Johore, 1892, 2c; *1896, 2c. Perak, 1895, 2c; 1900, 1 on 4c, 1 on 5c. Sungai Ujong, 1894, 1 on 5c; *2c.
 Surinam, 1892, $\frac{1}{2}$ 5c; *Unpaid, 5c.
 Sweden, 1858, 5, 30 ore; 1865, 20 ore; 1889, 10 on 12 ore.
 Switzerland, 1885, 5p; 1882, 15c.
 Tasmania, *1889, $\frac{1}{2}$ p; 1892, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
 Timor, *1885, 5t; *1891, 5t; 1895, *2 on 10r; *1898, 1a red.
 Tobago, 1885, 1p.
 Transvaal, 1896, 2p; 1900, $\frac{1}{2}$ p; *1902, 1p.
 Trinidad, 1883, 4p; 1896, 4p.
 Tunis, 1888, 1 type, 2c; 1893, 15, 25c.
 Turkey, 1874, 10, 20c; 1880, 5p.
 Uruguay, 1868, $\frac{1}{2}$ on 1 blue, $\frac{1}{2}$ on 1 bistre.
 Venezuela, 1866, $\frac{1}{2}$ violet, 1874, $\frac{1}{2}$ r; 1879, 1, 5c; 1882, Escuelas, 5, 10, 25, 50c; 1893, surch. *Correos, 25, 50c; 1896, 25c.
 Victoria, 1899, 85p; *1901, 1p rose; Unpaid, 1895, 1, 2p.
 Wurtemberg, 1897, 3k; 1899, 3k; 1900, 30, 40pf.
 *Zambesi, 1894, 10r; 1898, 20r.
 *Zululand, 1894, $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

1803, 50c; Official, 1800, 50c, 1p; 1803, 50c; 1809, 50c, 1p;
 1809, 25c; 50c; 1p; 1804, 50c; 1p; 1805, 50c; 1806, 50c;
 1807, 20c; 50c; 1808, 20c, 50c
 North Borneo, 1887, 10c; 1893, 3c; Unpaid, 1901, 5c.
 Norway, 1867, 5c; 1877, 12 ore, 1k; 1883, 20 ore.
 Nyassa, *1807, 15, 25; 1808, 50c; News, 2½r.
 *Oblock, 1802, 1, 5c; 1804, 4c.
 Paraguay, 1806, 5 on 2c, 5 on 4c; 1808, 10 on 40c.
 Pernia, 1885, 6 on 5c; 1807, 3 on 5c; 1880, 2, 5k;
 1804, 1k; 1808, 3, 4c.
 Peru, 1874, 2; 1880, 5c; 1881, 5c; Unpaid, 1883, 5c.
 Ponta Delgada, 1832, 15r; *1800, 25r.
 Portugal, 1880, 25r; 1802, 50r rose and black; 1805,
 150, 200; 1808, Prayer, 2½r, 5, 25; 1808, 50r.
 *Portugal India, 1808, 11 green.
 Prussia, 1804, 15c; 1805, 15; 1808, 25; 1861, 6pf.
 Queensland, 1801, 4c.
 Roumania, *1806, 10p, type I, type II; 1893, 1d.
 St. Thomas, 1887, 50c; *1835, 15, 20r.
 St. Vincent, 1883, 1p carmine; *1808, 1p.
 *Salvador, 1891, 25c; 1802, 11, 20, 5c; 1 on 20, 1 on
 25c; 1803, 11, 20, 25c; 1804, 11, 20c; 1805, II issue, 24,
 30c; 1806, I issue, 24, 30c; II issue, 24, 30c; 1807,
 30c; 1807, Jubilee, 1c.
 *Samoa, 1800, 1p; surch, 1p; 1900, ship, 18pf.
 *Sarawak, 1800, 2c; 1802, 1 on 3c lilac.
 Serbia, *1860, 25, 40p; 1800, 50p; 1804, 50p, *1d
 green; 1900, 10 on 20p; Unpaid, 10p.
 *Somali Coast, 1891, 4, 10c.
 Spain, 1800, 6c; 1870, 10c, 200m; Official, *1854,
 ½ 1854, 75r, 100r.
 *Strait Settlements, 1887, 3 on 3c; 1802, 25c; 1808, 4
 on 8c; 1900, 5c; *1902, 5c.
 Perak, 1875, 8, 8c.
 Sweden, 1858, 12 ore ult.
 Timor, *1885, 25r; *1804, 10r.
 Togo, 1897, 3pf; 1900, 10pf.
 Tonga, 1886, 1, 2, 6p; 1897, 1k.
 Transvaal, 1804, 5p; 1895, ½ on 12h; *1p, large;
 *1900, 1p; 1902, 1p, ½ on 1p.
 Trinidad, 1806, 6p; Unpaid, 1p.
 Turks Islands, 1882, ½p; 1900, 2½p.
 Two Sicilies, 1858, 5c; *Uganda, 1r.
 Uruguay, 1891, Provis., 5c; 1806, 1c; Provis., 1c;
 1808, ½ on 1c violet, ½ on 2c.
 Venezuela, 1883, Correos, *1b; 1893, Columbus, 25c;
 *1806, 50c.
 Victoria, 1807, 1½p; Unpaid, 1895, 4p.
 West Australia, 1800, 4, 5, 6p; Revenue, 3p.
 Wurtemberg, 1801, 6kr; 1806, 1k.

BOSTON, MASS.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS, President, 38 Munroe St., Roxbury, Mass.
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 THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

The January Meeting.

The Annual and 132d regular meeting was held in Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening, January 19, at 8 o'clock, with President Lombard in the chair and 29 members and friends present.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Annual reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Supt. of Sales, Library Committee and Exhibition Committee were then read and will be found in full in subsequent issues of the ERA. There was no report of the Auction Department.

Upon recommendation of the Treasurer the following members who refused to pay their dues for 1903 were dropped from our roll: C. E. Woodward, 21; H. Corbett, 57; C. E. Linton, 128; J. W. Rockwell, 199; Geo. A. Flagg, 216; Howard H. Woodward, 254; Eugene E. Low, 284; R. von Pirsch, 304; Rudolf C. Bartsch, 355; A. P. Hanscom, 367.

The following resignations were read and accepted: Willard E. Robinson, 29; Geo. E. Peters, 169; W. R. Butler, 279; John F. Low, 323; R. M. Gottesleben, 348; H. S. Hernan, 382.

The following was elected a member: No. 386. Richard Williams, West Roxbury, Mass.

A communication was read from Librarian Wadlin of the Boston Public Library stating that the Trustees had voted that the members of our Society, upon presenting the regular membership card for the year current, would be permitted to draw any book of the Philatelic Collection, given by the Society, for home use under the regulations applying to such use in general. The Secretary made a plea for the final settlement of all questions concerning our library and moved that a committee of five be appointed, to include the regular Library Committee, to consider such and present a definite plan for the future at the March meeting. The motion passed and Messrs. Loring, Hutchins, Lyons, Howes and Harris were appointed. Further nominations for officers were made: Mr. Lyons for the Governing Board and Messrs. Loring and Hutchins for the Library Committee. It was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for all the officers except the Library Committee, with the result that the following were elected for 1904:

President—C. F. Rothfuchs.
 Vice-President—G. F. Loring.
 Secretary—C. A. Howes.
 Treasurer—L. L. Green.
 Supt. of Sales and Auctions—J. H. Lyons.

Governing Board—L. G. Barrett, M. H. Lombard, A. W. Batchelder, F. H. Burt, J. H. Lyons.

The ballot for the Library Committee resulted in the election of Messrs. Fernald Hutchins and G. F. Loring.

President Lombard then made a neat valedictory and asked the new Vice-President to escort Mr. Rothfuchs to the chair. Our new President made a short address and took up his duties. A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Lombard for his constant attendance and work for the Society and his able manner of presiding at our meetings.

Mr. Wylie brought up the matter of the Slam prize essay which was voted to be

printed in the ERA at the last meeting, and suggested that the article was worthy of publication in pamphlet form. The Secretary gave an estimate of the cost of such a pamphlet and it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to consider the feasibility of issuing it. The President appointed Messrs. Howes, Wylie and Carpenter.

An appropriation of \$35 for the needs of the Entertainment Committee in connection with the February banquet was passed. Considerable discussion was held over the price of the tickets and it was finally voted to retain it at \$1.50 for each member, but to make it \$1.00 for each guest brought by a member.

The Secretary submitted a new "Order of Business" but it was tabled. It was then moved to adjourn (10.05 p. m.) and examine the evening's exhibition. This consisted of Mr. H. P. Harris' fine collection of Foreign Revenues. The array was of great extent and surpassing interest as few of those present had paid much attention to this branch of philately, and the succeeding hour passed all too quickly for those who had a chance to examine the volumes.

C. A. Howes,
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*1898 " 80c.....	.15	.07
*1898 " 100c.....	.25	.10
*1898 " 150c.....	.35	.12
*1898 " 30c.....	.35	.17
*1898 " 300c.....	.50	.25
Or. River Col., 1d sur. V.R.I.	.06	.03
Paraguay, 5c on 8c.....	.05	.03
*1882 Peru 5c, No. 54.....	.05	.03
*1882 " 5c, " 55.....	.08	.04
*1882 " 50c, " 62.....	.20	.10
*1882 " 50c, " 63.....	.20	.10
*1882 " 1c, " 64.....	.35	.18
*1899 " 10c, " 117.....	.08	.04
*1894 " 10c, " 123.....	.08	.04
*1894 " 50c, " 124.....	.40	.20
*1898 " 1c, " 150.....	.04	.02
*1898 " 5c, " 151.....	.04	.02
*1880 Philippines, 20c, No. 64.....	.15	.08
*1890 " 25c, " 65.....	.15	.08
*1890 " 5c, " 72.....	.20	.10
*1890 " 1c, " 73.....	.25	.13
*1890 " 10c, No. 75.....	.30	.15
*1891 " 20c, " 79.....	.30	.15
*1891 " 10c, " 79.....	.05	.03
*1891 " 25c, " 81.....	.20	.10
*1891 " 25c, " 81a.....	.50	.25
*1892 " 1c, " 82.....	.15	.08
*1892 " 2c, " 83.....	.06	.03
*1892 " 2 4-8, No. 84.....	.04	.02
*1892 " 5c, No. 85.....	.06	.01
*1892 " 8c, " 88.....	.15	.08
*1892 " 12 4-8c, No. 89a.....	.12	.06
*1892 " 15c, No. 90.....	.15	.08
*1892 " 20c, " 91.....	.20	.10
*1892 " 20c, " 91a.....	.75	.35
*1894 " 2c, " 93.....	.04	.02
*1894 " 6c, " 94.....	.08	.04
*1894 " 15c, " 97.....	.30	.15
*1894 " 20c, " 98.....	.20	.10
*1896 " 2c, " 100.....	.03	.02
*1896 " 15c, " 102.....	.20	.10
*1896 " 20c, " 103.....	.20	.10
*1899 " 2c, No. 251, U.S. sur.	.05	.03

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Washington Notes •

By A. R. BUTLER.

The law officer of the postoffice department has informed the Postmaster General that private postal cards bearing on the address side the words "United States of America" are "in likeness or similitude" of the regular United States postal card, and, therefore, in violation of law and unmailable. In consequence of this decision, on and after July 1, 1894, such cards will be treated as unmailable at any rate of postage, the interval being given in order to allow of the disposal of stocks on hand. This especially affects the illustrated card collectors and manufacturers whom it behooveth to get rid of any cards thus lettered.

A bill introduced by Senator Penrose provides that the issuing and paying of money orders, and the registering of letters and delivery of registered mail on Sundays, is to be prohibited.

The chief matter to be urged by the United States at the International Postal Congress which meets at Rome, Italy, in March, will be the reduction of the foreign rate of postage between the United States and the Commercial nations or Europe from five cents to three cents, or possibly two cents. In every line of business the increase in the number of communications would be great, sufficiently so to cause a material increase in the financial returns.

It is hardly to be hoped that the report of investigation of the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General will be made public in sufficient detail to enable philatelists to gather many statistics as to quantities of proofs, etc., which have been printed. Except in the eye of a stamp collector there is nothing criminal in the re-printing of proof sets of stamps. Years ago they were printed in sufficient number that anyone in authority could secure specimen sets, and it is only the dropping of this system from 1890 to a few years ago that now calls such special attention to the matter. If the system is to be recommenced, however, it would put the matter on an equitable basis to have the sets on sale to those who wish them, the same as are other government "documents"; there could then be no outcry raised as to favoritism in the distribution.

Both the Bureau and the Postoffice Department state that there is as yet no information available as to the designs of the Louisiana Purchase stamps. The designs are not yet approved, and, until they are, it is not deemed proper to make public any details concerning them.

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Germany 1 mark, 1900..... .02
Nyassa, 7 var..... .13
Guatemala Jubilee, 21 var..... .50

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Organized February, 1895.

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Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

January 23, 1904.
At the last meeting of the Association which was held Tuesday evening, January 5th, the following amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were offered by Mr. Harry W. Legg and will be voted upon at the next regular meeting:

(I.)

In Article II, strike out the words "more especially in the New England States," which will make the Article read: "The objects of this Association shall be to promote the study and the diffusion of knowledge of Philately."

(II.)

In Article IV, Section 1, strike out the words "stamp collector residing in New England," and substitute the word "person," also the words "on a blank provided for the purpose" and "two guarantors one to be," this making Section 1 read as follows: "Any person desiring to become a member of this Association shall file with the Secretary an application signed by a member of the Association in good standing, the same to be accompanied by dues as hereinafter provided."

(III.)

Strike out the whole of Section 2 of Article IV and substitute the following: "The Secretary shall then forward the name of the applicant and of the member proposing him to the chairman of the Governing Board, and, upon the Board's approval of the applicant, his name shall be returned to the Secretary for publication in the Official Journal, and should no objections be received by the Governing Board his name shall be balloted upon at the following regular meeting of the Association."

(IV.)

Strike out the whole of Section 3 of Article IV and substitute the following: "In case objections are received by the Governing Board following the publication of the applicant's name in the Official Journal, the Board may withdraw the applicant's name or leave it to be balloted upon by the Association, as may be deemed proper by them after due investigation."

(V.)

Strike out the whole of Section 4 and 5 of Article IV.

(VI.)

In Section 6 of Article V, after the word "death" insert the following: "It shall approve of all applications for membership before same may be published in the Official Journal, or balloted upon by the Association. It shall consider all objections which may be received against any applicant and have full power to withdraw an applicant's name from publication, or overrule such objections, and leave the application for the vote of the Association."

(VII.)

In Article X, after the word "members" insert "or proxies" and after the word "meeting" "and published verbatim in the Official Journal."

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NEW YORK, Jan. 22, 1904.

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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

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—The new set of commemorative stamps for Hayti described in the Chronicle is a very commonplace affair.

—The *Boston Herald* on Sunday, Jan. 24th, had a very good article on "Souvenir Stamps for the St. Louis Exposition" by Waldron Fawcett. While there is little in it that is new to the philatelist, the bad breaks usually found in such an article are not as numerous as might be expected.

—J. D. Bartlett who has recently been residing in Buffalo, N. Y., has returned to Springfield, his old stamping ground.

—The Year Book of the A. P. A. has finally appeared.

—The collection of David Cobb, Jr., of Hingham, Mass., was included in B. L. Drew & Co.'s 126th sale.

—The demands upon our space this week are such that we are unable to give a number of quotations from Wolsieffer's last sale sent in by E. C. Dodd. J. M. Westphal of Joliet, Ill., was one of the out-of-town attendants.

—Drew's 127th sale will be held at the Collector's Club, New York, on February 4th and 5th. British colonials chiefly.

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Washington Notes •

BY A. R. BUTLER.

The designs for the stamps of the "Commemorative Series of 1904" have been approved by the Third Assistant Postmaster General and with his consent and that of Assistant Director Sullivan of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, an inspection of them has been made. The designs while elaborate, are yet bold and will permit of the best practical results in the printing. The five and ten cent ones will probably be considered the best, owing to the color in each lending itself to a good effect. The size is 35 by 24 millimetres. The "Commemorative Series of 1904" and "United States of America" are in the upper part of the stamp while the inscription of value is along the lower border. In four values, portraits occupy the centre, while in the ten cents the map and its enclosing arch cover all the stamp not occupied by inscriptions. The subjects of the portraits are as already announced, with the dates of birth and death below. The space between the portrait and the vertical border of the stamp in the 2, 3 and 5 cent denominations is filled in by the figures of value in fancy frames. In the one cent the portrait is in an arch, on the right of which is a typical bayou scene, showing a lagoon and tropical vegetation, while on the left is a canvas covered wagon with an ox-team with a branch of cactus; the figures of value are in each lower corner. An arch of different design encloses the portrait of Jefferson in the two cent stamp, while the figures of value on either side are enclosed in conventionalized laurel wreaths. In the three cent the head is in an oval, the figures of value in similar shield designs with laurel sprays between the shields and the oval. In the five cent, a circle contains the McKinley portrait (a remarkably good one) palm branches filling in the spaces between the circle and the shields which contain the figures of value. The ten cent "map" has the figures in the lower corners, and shows the United States in outline, with the "purchase" heavily hatched and bearing the date "1803" in bold figures. Taken altogether, the series

To Customers in Boston and Vicinity.

Through an error in our copy last week it was stated that in the collection now on sale in our store, (10,000 varieties at 50 per cent. discount) "not 2 stamp had been removed." We should have added "Except, of course, unused current and other issues which 50 per cent. discount would bring below face."

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" " 1s brown.....	.40
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Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. L. G. Barrett has shown us a distinct shade of the 2c series of 1902, second type. It is a bright carmine instead of the carmine lake more commonly seen.

BELGIUM.—As noted in No. 555, a new set of stamps is proposed for this country. *L'Etoile Belge* says: "One thing is decided: we will have for 1905, the year of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of our national independence, a new set of postage stamps. M. Liebaert, Minister of Railways, Posts and Telegraphs has in fact taken upon this subject a definite resolution which will be hailed with satisfaction by philatelists, and the realization of which will certainly arouse the interest of the public. The study and preparation necessary for the achievement of a task so difficult and so delicate will be commenced at once. There is besides little time to lose, as it is a question of the printing of ten millions of stamps. The stamps will bear, as at present, the portrait of the King. Every effort will be made to put into the portrait all the resemblance possible, and to preserve all the character in the face. The 10c, 25c and 35c stamps will be surface printed as at present, but an innovation, which will give to the balance greater finish and more relief, will be applied to the stamps of 50c, 1f and 2f. These will be engraved and printed in *taille douce*, as is already done in certain countries. Not only will the effigy be modified but the minor ornaments which encircle it will be changed. Essays will be requested from certain artists. For the engraving they will leave it to be done by an artist who is a past master in this art, so peculiar and so personal. Nothing is yet decided as to the colors of the new stamps."

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—Mr. L. G. Barrett has shown us the 2½a blue and 6a bistre Queen's head stamps of India, with the surcharge low down on the stamps, evidently the second issue. Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us the 12a and 2r of the King's head, surcharged for British Somaliland.

CANADA.—Mr. George W. Bye reports having seen the 1c King's head stamp precanceled with three horizontal bars, the centre one being wavy.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—*Der Philatelist* reports having seen specimen

copies of newspaper bands just issued. The type is the same as the low value stamps recently chronicled.

Wrappers (Regular):
½a green on buff.
1a carmine on buff.

FERNANDO POO.—According to the *Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung* new single and double post cards have been issued, dated 1903.

Post Cards (Regular):
10c dark blue on cream.
10x10c dark blue on cream.

GADELOUPE.—Our attention has been called to a number of varieties in the 10c on 40c red on straw of 1903, "G et D." Scott gives the square figures, which are illustrated, thick figures and the figure "1" inverted. We have also seen thin figures, the square (or fat) figures inverted, thicker cipher, and very wide figures. There are also various changes in the position and shape of "G et D."

HUNGARY.—Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us the set of Postage Due stamps chronicled in No. 551.

IVORY COAST.—Two new provisional parcels post stamps are about to appear, according to *Le Timbrophile de France*, both surcharged on Postage Due stamps.

Adhesives (Parcels Post, Provisional):
4fr on 15c green.
4fr on 30c red.

KISHENGARH.—Gibbons *Monthly Journal* reports a new ½a stamp, the old design being re-engraved. The inscription and devices in the shield being now in color on white, instead of the reverse; and the supporters and the crest appear in white, and much more clearly than before. They are printed in various shades of pink, on very thick highly surfaced paper, and imperforate.

Adhesive (Regular):
½a pink.

LIBERIA.—The *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* reports three new provisionals in order to use up stocks of old stamps made unnecessary by a change in the rate of postage. The overprint is spelled out thus "Ten cents," "Fifteen cents" and "Twenty cents."

Adhesives (Provisionals):
10c on 16c lilac.
15c on 24c green on buff.
30c on 36c greenish blue.

MONTERRAT.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles new issues of envelopes, bands and cards, with stamps of the new design.

Envelopes (Regular):
1d carmine on white.
2½d blue on white.

Envelope (Registration):
2d blue.

Wrappers (Regular):
½d green on buff.
1d carmine on buff.

Post Cards (Regular):
½d green on cream.
1d carmine on cream.
1x1d carmine on cream.

PANAMA.—Mr. Harry W. Legg, now with Frank P. Brown, has shown us the latest surcharges, this time for the city of Colon. The various values from 1c to 50c have been surcharged "Republica—de

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Set of five..... .30

Guatemala, Pictorial, Used

1902 1, 2, 5, 6 and 10c, set..... .c6

Hayti, Unused

1898, 1c ultramarine..... .02

" 7c orange..... .04

" 3c green..... .02

" 4c red..... .03

" 5c red brown..... .07

" 5c gray..... .05

" 8c carmine..... .08

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Panama" in two lines. The word "Colombia" is obliterated by a single line. The type is italic and the surcharges are well printed. The only variety thus far seen is the omission of the accent on the final "a" in Panama. The 20c registration, brown red on blue has also received the same surcharge. On the regular stamps, the 1c and 5c are surcharged in red, the 2c and 10c in black, and the 50c in blue.

PORTUGAL.—Unpaid Letter stamps were authorized by a decree dated Nov. 13, 1903, and were to have been issued Jan. 1, 1904. The design is inscribed "Posteado" at the top and "Correio" at the bottom. In an irregularly shaped space in the centre appears the value, etc.—"5 Reis a Receber."

Adhesives (Postage Due):

5r bistre.

10r orange.

30r dark green.

40r lilac.

50r red.

100r light blue.

Ewen's Weekly says that the Postage Due stamps for the Portuguese Colonies, announced months ago, are now about to be issued. The design is inscribed "Posteado" at the top, with the name of the colony just below. At the bottom appears "A Receber" in two lines, with the value in the centre of the stamp.

SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.—Several other values the new set have been surcharged "O. H. M. S." similar to the 1r chronicled in No. 558.

Adhesives (Official):

½a green.

1a carmine and gray.

2a violet and blue.

8a light blue and gray.

Post Card (Regular):

1a carmine on cream.

SUDAN.—The 5m stamps surcharged 5p, recently issued, have already been exhausted, according to a correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly*. Only 50,000 were so surcharged, and copies are now held at 10d each and are difficult to find. One sheet of 120 stamps was surcharged upside down, but as yet they are held at the comparatively modest price of 2sh 6d each.

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EDITORIAL.

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A Tribute to Marconi—The King of Italy shares the honors with Marconi in the new set of stamps soon to be issued. A distinctive mark of recognition will be paid Marconi in the design of the 2c value which will represent electric waves traveling through space, standing out in strong contrast to a telegraph pole with its detached wires near by. The King is an ardent numismatist and as a close relationship exists between coin and stamp collecting it is not to be wondered at that the King has interested himself in this new set of stamps. Would that he might come to know more of the fascinating influences of philately.

Our Trade Column—The patronage of our column of "Special Offers" continues strong and steady. It affords an economi-

cal yet certain opportunity of reaching a large circle of readers and it gratifies us to see the patronage that this department is receiving. There is a large number of dealers with whom display advertising is too expensive for the business in hand and to them the trade column makes an effective appeal. There is no stamp paper in existence that gives the service for 5c per line that the ERA offers.

Our Pre-Cancelled Interests—The ERA is gratified at the great success attending the efforts of Secretary F. L. Smith in the building up of the Pre-Cancelled Stamp Club. Mr. Smith has labored incessantly for new applications and nearly 80 members is the result. Our advertising columns show the hold that this wing of philately has on the philatelic mind. Very recently Chas. A. Townsend devoted two columns of space to pre-cancelled stamps and the advertisement of Mr. Chatillon in this number bespeaks the popularity of this fad.

The Coming Catalogue—So extensive are the pre-cancelled interests that a catalogue will soon be issued under the auspices of members of the Club whose standing will give the book the stamp of authority. It will give an impetus to this work that will be positive and permanent.

Where are We At?—A weekly contemporary announced recently that it would send a special commissioner to the Isthmus and we had visions of an exciting revelation of postal methods in which the authorities would receive a severe scorching. We have looked for this in vain, indeed, our only glimpse of Panama given us in this journal is the statement that its commissioner managed to secure a *small quantity* of the Colon provisionals.

P. S.—Our contemporary has decided that the provisionals of Panama are born of necessity—but its commissioner may still be wandering around in the words of David.

Our Own Enterprise—Not to be outdone by our neighbors we, too, despatched a representative to Panama, no less a personage than Undooley. He travelled *via* the Air Line and his attachment to Finnerly caused his first letter to be sent to Chicago. Like other good things it has come our way and our "Valentine Special" will number this letter among its contents.

Cheap Advertising—A great many price lists, circulars, auction catalogues etc. come our way, but limited space precludes their mention. Our aim is to extend the ERA's business and a certain amount of complimentary mention may be expected by its patrons—but not by others—*unless its news.*

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FROM
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C. A. HOWES, 55 KILBY ST., BOSTON.

21. How shall I keep stamp hinges from sticking together and how separate them after they are stuck together?

ANS. Keep them in a dry place and if they are good hinges they will not stick together; if they persist in doing so "change the brand." After they are stuck together separate them from those that are not and then throw them away.

22. I wish to be informed as to what periodicals would give a fair working library, as I wish to complete files of the fewest philatelic journals as will give me a history of stamp affairs from the beginning.

ANS. Perhaps the best and most quoted periodical that runs to "the beginning" is Moens' *Timbre-poste* which began publication in 1863. The *Stamp Collector* of Stafford Smith began publication in the same year but the *Timbre-poste* is more easily procurable. Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* and the *American Journal of Philately* should be included, and *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* is desirable if odd items from everywhere and news of the day is wanted, as well as the more solid reading, both original and reprinted, which it contains.

23. I have a 20r stamp of Ponta Delgada, 1896, in the same color as the 2½r gray. The regular issue of 20r is dull violet, and I could not find the 20r gray in the catalogue. I have also two provisional stamps of 1892-4 issue, the 5r yellow cut in two on the original covers. The cancellation on one is Ponta Delgada and on the other Horta. Do you know anything about the 20r gray and these provisionals of 1894?

ANS. The 20r gray of 1896 is undoubtedly the regular violet one which has been exposed to the light and faded out. This is a cheap stamp and you can try the experiment to satisfy yourself by placing one of proper color in the sunlight and leaving it exposed for a few weeks. Lilac and violet are very sensitive to light.

The diagonal bi-section of the 5r stamps of Ponta Delgada was authorized to meet the rate of 2½r for newspapers, as there was no stamp of that value provided until 1896. It is, therefore, a perfectly legitimate variety.

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DEAR SIR:

The one hundred and thirty-third regular meeting of the Society will be held at the Quincy House, Brattle St., Boston, on Tuesday evening, February 16th, at 7 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. New Business.

Entertainment.

The business meeting will be as short as possible, for this is our Annual Jollification which this year takes the form of a banquet. Remember that the ladies will be welcomed and a goodly number is assured. The Committee has provided suitable entertainment for the evening. Owing to the fact that the majority of the members live outside the city proper, evening dress will not be expected.

Members are requested to purchase their tickets or at least notify the Committee by Saturday Feb. 13, if possible, and certainly not later than Monday morning Feb. 15. Tickets may be had of the Entertainment Committee or of the Secretary and will be \$1.50 for each member and \$1.00 for each guest.

The co-operation of the members is earnestly desired in order to make this innovation a great success.

B. P. S. Library.

The following books and papers may now be borrowed by any member on application at the New England Stamp Co.'s office, 21 Bromfield St., Boston. Additions will be announced from time to time.

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Adhesive Stamps of the British Isles, London Society.

Postage Stamps of British India and Ceylon, London Society.

Notes on the De La Rue Series of Stamps of India, London Society.

Postage Stamps of the British Colonies, Possessions and Protectorates in Africa, Parts I and II, London Society.

Handbook on South Australia, Napier & Smith.

Barbados, Napier & Bacon.

St. Vincent, Napier & Bacon.

Colonial Stamps, Lockyer.

History of the St. Louis Postage Stamps, C. H. Mekeel.

Albrecht's Auction Epitome.

Albrecht's Auction Catalogues, Nos.

22-9.

Priced Catalogue of the Wm. Alex. Smith Sale, J. W. Scott Co.

Year Book, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, 1903.

London Philatelist, 1903.

Philatelic Record, 1903.

American Journal of Philately, 1903.

Philatelic Journal of India, 1903.

Morley's Philatelic Journal, 1903.

Secretary's Report for 1903.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY,

Gentlemen: In presenting the annual report upon the Society's affairs it may be of interest to review briefly the principal happenings in the philatelic world at large, since these are often reflected not only in our own doings but those of our sister societies. The interest in our pursuit seems to be well maintained in spite of breaks here and there, and the dealers report a bright outlook for the year upon which we have just entered. It is pleasing to note that the deluge of new issues which almost overwhelmed us in 1902 has gradually lessened during 1903 until the close of the year sees a marked reduction in the length of the chronicles. We must always except from this statement, however, our perpetually prolific neighbor Colombia.

A majority of the British Colonies have now supplied themselves with the features of their new ruler and we may, therefore, expect a respite in this direction. Well may we echo the sentiment of loyal Britons, "Long Live the King!"—it is also a good philatelic sentiment. In passing we may remark upon the notable example given by Canada in presenting a truly artistic and life-like portrait of the Emperor-King which we trust the Mother Country may yet follow, if Dame Rumor is to be believed. One thing there is to condemn, however, and that is the issuing of the distinctive sets again for the several Presidencies of the Leeward Islands in addition to the general set for common use. There can be but one motive for this.

Perhaps the most noteworthy issue of the year, from an historical point of view, is the current one of Serbia. A change was imminent in its stamps, and the new ones had been prepared with the portrait of the ill-fated king in black on all values—was it prophetic? But before they appeared the world was shocked by the terrible tragedy at Belgrade, and when the new issue took place the sombre portrait was defaced by the national arms. On two stamps the surcharge was in red but it should fittingly have been in this gory hue on the whole series.

Our own beautiful "Series of 1902" adhesives has been completed and stands as a model of what may be accomplished for beauty and utility combined. A curious reflection of public opinion is seen in the change within a year of the much maligned original design of the 2 cent stamp. It may have been overcrowded in detail, which the new one certainly is not; but whatever the respective merits of the two designs, the first one certainly did not deserve the opprobrium that it received. The antithesis of the adhesive series is readily found by turning to the new envelope dies issued as companions. A cheaper looking set it would be hard to find; they may be aptly described as a couple of baggage-checks, a pill box label and a kerchief marker. It has now been definitely decided that the Government is to again become a party to a commemorative issue scheme, though it was thought the Pan-Americans might be the last. As long as it can be confined within reasonable limits in value it may be condoned.

Our Australian friends have had their share of trouble in "makeshift, muddling Minister Drake" and had a large share in displacing him as Postmaster General and thus stopping the extension of his commonplace Commonwealth issue.

Not the least interesting event to American collectors has been the birth of a new nation at our very doors, with the consequent removal of Panama from its long home among the Colombian States and

the placing of its name on the list as a "principal variety"—in fact *variety* seems a very suitable addition to its name at the present writing.

Recently the perennial story of "finds" has crystallized into an actual and authenticated case with one of those *rara aves*, a Post Office Mauritius, as its jewel. The announcement of its sale at auction in London for \$7250 has just shown that the 23rd known copy has not lowered the value of the other 22.

Last year we expected the exit of the Danish West Indies from the list of stamp issuing colonies and its entrance within our own expansive borders, but Denmark failed to agree. Recently the subject has again arisen and it is apparently only a question of time when the expected will finally happen. In this connection an eye may also be kept upon Hayti and Santo Domingo, those twin travesties upon a republic.

We are glad to note that proofs and essays seem to be increasing in favor, for they are certainly a most interesting addition to the special collection of any country and often serve as side lights for the illumination of the student. The forger is still merrily at work, one of his newest attempts being upon the watermarks of the first issue of Chile.

One of the pleasant features of the year has been the long awaited opening for permanent public exhibition of the famous Taping collection in the British Museum. This will prove a boon to all philatelists in London and all who may visit there. Another fine exhibition of temporary character was held in Mulhausen, Alsace, at which one of our fellow members, Mr. Henry J. Crocker, was awarded a gold medal and diploma of honor for his display of Hawaii and Japan. The former was described as "the finest exhibit in the show."

The unfortunate official stamp case in London has attracted world wide attention, and while we cannot condone the offense of those who were given special privileges and then abused them, yet we cannot but feel that in this case the punishment was rather severe. The abuse of confidence will be liable to close avenues of information which might have been kept open to philatelists to their benefit. The same case is apparently approaching a repetition in Germany in connection with the leakage of unused *Zahlmarken* of Prussia. Our own Post Office Department has had a thorough airing but the scandals do not seem to have affected the philatelic side of its workings to any great extent.

We must commend not only the action of the Standard Catalogue publishers this year in getting the new edition out a month or more earlier than usual, but also the enterprise of Kohl in placing his admirable work in our hands the first of September, and of Gibbons whose popular catalogue came early in November. We are also glad to welcome our Official Journal, the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, to a home in this city as it gives Boston what it has for a long time been deprived of—a representative paper for this active center of philately. Our national society, the American Philatelic Association, held its usual convention last August and we are glad to note the many members of our local society who figure in its high places.

With the doings of our own Society who are all more or less familiar. The chief feature of the year, as it has been for two previous years, was the series of stamp exhibitions which in the main have proved so successful. The Exhibition Committee for 1903 made a commendable attempt to give the moderate collector an opportunity to compete for prizes, but it is a little dis-

appointing to find that he has not wholly risen to his opportunities and six medals have been returned by the Committee for which there appeared no claimants. Mr. Weber's Challenge Cup for exhibits of uncatalogued varieties was a novelty and a most excellent idea. The list published in the Official Journal shows that it has already been productive of results.

The program of the new Entertainment Committee, which was mailed with the call for this meeting, presents a most admirable schedule for this year and there must be few members indeed who can cavil at its contents. Several new and commendable departures have been made which cannot fail to add new interest to our meetings and bring us solid support from both members and philatelists in general.

We elected in 1903 our first Honorary Member, M. Paul Mirabaud of Paris, whose eminent services to philately were sufficient justification for this honor. It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of two of our prominent members, Col. F. F. Olney and Mr. J. F. Johnson. Col. Olney was formerly President of the American Philatelic Association and had long been a member of our Society. His prominence in philatelic circles made his loss deeply felt. Mr. Johnson was always an active member of the Society. He had served us well on the Library Committee and as Exchange Superintendent and his sudden death came as a shock to all.

The Investigating Committee which examined into the fraudulent surcharge business in 1902 ended its labors early last year with a series of documents which struck at the root of the matter and evidently put a stop to all further trouble from the parties concerned, as well as securing remuneration to those who had been victimized. Too much cannot be said in praise of the quiet but effective work done by our President in the matter. Several matters in connection with stolen Sales Department books and a deficiency in the accounts of that department have been settled satisfactorily the past year.

In February the Library Committee sent out a very neat catalogue of the philatelic works now in the Boston Public Library, with the donations of our Society noted in heavier faced type. A revised list of members was also included in the publication, which was widely distributed and has reflected much credit upon our Society. In commenting upon the action of the Society in placing its collection in the Boston Public Library, a London paper says that "it is an example to be followed" and that "some things are managed better abroad."

In spite of the good work done for the library which we placed in the City's custody, it has been for a couple of years or more the target for more discussion, contention and dissension than anything else the Society has ever done, save perhaps the publishing of the Revenue book. It seems a pity that the library, so important to the philatelic student and so full of potential good not only to the members of the Society but from its place in the City Library to philatelists in general, should be made a foot-ball at practically every meeting the past year. Mistakes may have been made, but what is done is done and it would seem wise for our own peace and our position in the philatelic world to end the squabble forthwith. I shall read you a letter presently which I think will remove the main source of contention and then I hope some means will be devised of settling our Library work on a firm and useful basis.

We are banded together to do some missionary work. How much do we accomplish? Is not the placing of a fine

philatelic library within reach of all the community and in proper hands and surroundings exactly in that line? We have not lost as much as some would have us think, and I trust this missionary work will not be wholly stopped. We can continue the recently adopted plan of placing in a central location a case of the books and periodicals most likely to be frequently consulted, but such as are not in this class I think should go, as before, to our collection in the Boston Public Library.

Our Library Magazine Circuit has proved a much appreciated addition and many of our members have availed themselves of it.

It may be remembered that at the December 1902 meeting Mr. Colson offered as prizes, to the two members bringing in the most new members in 1903, two Hawaiian stamps, numbers 54b and 65 in Scott. I have pleasure in announcing that Mr. J. M. Bartels has won the first, having presented 8 names and Mr. J. H. Lyons the second, having presented 5 names.

The statistical portion of my report is as follows:

Members admitted since organization,	385
" now on the rolls,	206
" admitted in 1903,	25
" resigned in 1903,	8
" dropped for non-payment of dues,	13
" died,	2
Net gain in membership in 1903,	2
" " " " 1902,	28
Number of regular meetings held,	10
Number of Governing Board meetings held,	3
Average attendance at meetings, 1903,	33.7
" " " " 1902,	35.3
Smallest attendance at any meeting (June and Sept.),	22
Largest attendance at any meeting (Feb.),	62
Number of notices of meetings mailed,	2066
" copies of statutes " "	25
" Library catalogues mailed (by Secretary),	267
" membership cards issued,	201
Certificate of Honorary Membership,	1
Number of letters written,	203
Total pieces mailed 2763, an increase over 1902 of 582 pieces.	

In concluding I have only to express the hope that even greater prosperity and influence may attend the Society through 1904 and to thank all the members and officers of the Society who have most kindly aided me in my labors during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
[Signed] CLIFTON A. HOWES,
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"Our Eye" • •

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—The suspension of the *Canada Stamp Sheet* will be generally regretted. Mr. Paxman finds himself unequal to the responsibilities connected with its publication.

—Mr. E. H. Buehler's wonderful collection of plate numbers was shown at the January 21st meeting of the C. P. S.

—The great advertisement last week of the New England Stamp Co. is still fresh in the mind of the reader. A collection of 10,000 varieties placed on sale last week on a 50 per cent. basis is indeed a great attraction to city buyers.

—The new ERA recommends a new firm to its readers, the Oriental Stamp Co., whose announcements will be found in our columns from week to week.

—J. F. Dodge, Secretary of the S. of P. writes us:

A. Platz, late Sales Supt. of Sons of Philatelia left here Friday evening for the far west, probably Santa Barbara, Calif. I was unable to secure property of some 28 members aggregating nearly \$3000, and the insurance fund of \$174.12 has probably been spent with money received from sales during the past year. He was heard from at Chicago where he mailed a card Saturday evening, Jan. 23. His bond was for \$1000.

—Geo. Wiltfong, a stamp and coin collector of Omaha, Neb., arrested for robbing the store of Samuel Mortenson of valuable contents broke down in court and confessed his guilt.

—It is reported that Newfoundland is to be admitted into the Canadian confederation.

—Harry W. Legg has entered the employ of Frank P. Brown.

—Wolsieffer's 41st sale tonight, Feb. 6. Properties of E. R. Wood, Edgar Nelson, N. L. Patterson and others will be sold.

—We thank Messrs. Boers, Jost and others who remembered us with newspaper clippings *anent* the sale of the 2p Mauritius. Our article by Mr. Howes last week will prove a good reference on this stamp.

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Written for the ERA.

BRUCE CAMERON'S VALENTINE.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

"Ju-piter!" exclaimed Bruce Cameron faintly.

"Won't one of the other planets do as well?" queried his roommate, lifting languid eyes from his newspaper.

"Mars might, for the party of the other part anyway," answered Cameron with such a tone of exasperation in his voice that Mr. Elliot took his slippers feet down from the corner of the mantle, and turned to face his companion.

"What's up?" he questioned, with a tinge of interest.

"You remember that kid with yellow curls that's been haunting the stairs and halls for the last week or two, don't you?" asked Cameron, raising his perturbed gaze from several loose sheets of paper before him to stare at his chum.

"The Little-Lord-Fauntleroy chap who looked like a cherub and acted like an imp; the one you made friends with, carried about, and invited into our room to the sad disorder of our most cherished belongings?" inquired Elliot grimly. "Yes. I remember him; have good reasons to. Well, what about him?"

"This," responded Cameron, handing over a soiled sheet from the pile he held. It was covered with a childish scrawl in pencil which his friend slowly read aloud:

"DEER FREND I gotto go home cos mama says shes wel now an arnty can take mE. Im orful sory i cant say goodby cos you aint here but i rite it an i wil come agan by an by an l iEavE you a keepsake valentine cos you like em an arnty ella wont care, shea got such lots. Archie."

"And this is the keepsake," supplemented Cameron, as Elliot finished, showing what was evidently a page from a stamp album, the spaces well filled, and the margins decorated with the imprint of dirty little fingers. It was of light card-board with linen hinge, thus proving itself to belong to an album of interchangeable leaves, and had been folded twice, and wrapped in many papers.

"Well, I—de-clare," said Elliot slowly. "Of course he has seen you grubbing over your album, but to think—! Where did he get them, and are they worth anything?"

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BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

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Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

ARGENTINE.—The new 4c stamp, recently announced has been shown us by several friends. It is said that its principal use will be for the franking of domestic postal cards.

Adhesive (Regular):
4c yellow.

CANADA.—Mr. A. McKechnie of Ottawa sends us copies of two new post cards just issued in the Dominion. Both have the King's head stamp of the current design, and the usual inscriptions. They are the 2c foreign and 1c reply cards.

Post Cards (Regular):
12c black on buff, 125x150mm.
2c steel blue on buff, 80x130mm.

AUSTRALIA.—The London *Daily Mail* says: "For the first issue of Australian stamps bearing the portrait of the King, plates are being prepared in Melbourne. The stamps will be issued by the Federal Government, and the present state issues will be superseded. While the stamps will be printed in Australia, most of the paper is made in England."

BENADIR.—The hitherto mooted question of the status of the stamps of the company exploiting this Italian colony, would seem now to have been settled, as sets have been distributed by the Universal Postal Union.

BERMUDA.—The ½d Dockyard type has been issued, of which series the 1d and 3d were issued some time since.

Adhesive (Regular):
½d gray green and black.

FERNANDO POO.—According to *La Cote Reelle* some of the fiscal stamps of the 1903 issue have been surcharged with a female figure representing the Goddess of Arts and Commerce surrounded by the inscription, "Pocesiones Espanolas de Africa Occidental," plus the arms of Spain on a white ground and the words "Habilitado Para Correos, 10 cen. de peseta," in four lines. The second color below is that in which the surcharge is printed.

Adhesives (Provisional):
10c on 25c black and red.
10c on 50c orange and blue.
10c on 25c rose and black.
10c on 25c red brown and black.
10c on 25c 50c (color?) and blue.
10c on 50c black and red.

HAYTI.—*La Cote Reelle* reports that letters from this country bear an oval impression with the inscription, "Mauque de timbres.—Post paye."

JAMAICA.—Mr. F. P. Eldredge informs us he has received the new 2½d chronicled in No. 552, and described in No. 556.

MADAGASCAR.—Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new set of stamps of this colony. The stamps are large, upright oblong in shape, and about 21x26mm. in size. All values are of the same design, the principal features being an upright spreading palm, a zebu and a monkey. This pastoral scene is irreverently described by one observer as "a monkey sitting on a tombstone, under a tree, and pulling a cow's tail." In the upper corners are oblong tablets with octagon corners with the figures of value at the left, and the "R. F." monogram at the right, with "Postes" between, all on a lined background. A narrow band of flowers extends from the corner tablets to the tablet at the bottom of the stamp which bears the legend, "Madagascar et Dependances." The appearance is decidedly mediocre. All the low denominations have the figures of value alone leaving the holder to guess at the value, which it is to be hoped the Malagasy may divine. The franc values are more plainly indicated.

Adhesives (Regular):

1c brown violet.
2c gray brown.
4c brown.
5c yellow green.
10c red.
15c rose carmine.
20c orange.
25c gray blue.
30c red orange.
40c gray violet.
50c chestnut.
75c orange yellow.
1fr green.
2fr slate.
5fr black.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—We have been shown by the New England Stamp Co. the 5c green with the usual back overprint and change of denomination.

NICARAGUA.—Mr. J. H. Houston of Washington reports that the 5c stamp of the 1900 set has been changed in color from blue to red.

PARAGUAY.—Mr. Carpenter has shown us a new set of Postage Due stamps for this country. The design resembles the favorite type of Due stamps, though having more reading matter than most other issues. "Republica del Paraguay" appears at the top in a curved line, with "Centavos" in a straight line at the bottom. The values are printed in large figures on an irregular shaped shield in the center, with "Franqueo" above and "Deficiente" below, both in curved lines and in very small type.

Adhesives (Postage Due):

2c green.
4c green.
10c green.
20c green.

PORTUGAL.—In the description of the new Postage Due stamps of Portugal and Colonies, in the last number, the word printed "Posteado," should of course have been "Porteado."

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Adhesive (Regular):
4c lilac on red.

TASMANIA.—The *Australian Journal of Philately* says the 1sh has been issued on V and Crown paper. The ½d on 1d has been found with forged surcharge. They are very roughly done, and in the variety with "al" sideways, the "al" is the wrong way up.

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EDITORIAL.

St. Valentine's Offering—A light-hearted, breezy number of the ERA in keeping with the spirit of the hour. And why should we not, for the nonce, enter into the enjoyment of the occasion? Even the editor will grapple the work of the week ahead by opening up his heart and his hours to the gaiety of the children. By all means take advantage of the gleams of sunlight that come filtering through the accumulated dust and cobwebs of years of routine work.

An Important Announcement—It will be seen by reference to our advertising columns that Mr. Alfred E. Cole of Plainfield, N. J., will hereafter represent the ERA, and dealers so desiring can secure advertising space through him. Mr. Cole has had a wide experience in placing philatelic advertising and we can heartily commend him to our constituency. By buying a large block of space Mr. Cole can make favorable propositions to cash-in-advance patrons.

Our Exposition Set—Mr. Butler gave us last week a detailed description of the new set and our readers were interested in the development of the plans of the postal officials. The list of plate numbers will prove valuable for reference.

The Homliest Stamp in Existence.—We have awarded the first place in line of beauty to the 2sh 6p blue Falkland Ids. A contemporary discoursing upon to the Kishengarh stamps declares that it has never been possible to surpass the hideousness of its 2as value.

Again the Chrysanthemum.

By C. A. HOWES.

The short article on the chrysanthemum which appeared in the ERA for Jan. 16, has brought forth some further interesting information from Mr. Wm. J. Gardner of San Francisco. Writes Mr. Gardner:

"I don't know whether you have ever noticed the slight change in the placing of the conventionalized flower at the time the Japanese Government began to make its stamps by the electrolytizing process—in 1876. In all the stamps made from copper plates, where the flower was used, the petals were so made that a vertical line and a horizontal line drawn through the center of the flower would form division lines *between* the petals; but commencing with 1876, when they adopted a modern method of producing stamps, (from Scott No. 55 on) the same lines if made would cut *through* the petals.

"Lieut. W. C. Eaton, in an article some years ago in the *American Journal of Philately* called attention to the change, but gave no reason for it, nor have I ever ascertained it. The change could not have been fortuitous as the two different ways of placing were carried out respectively through many variations of design.

"Sixteen petals, as you say, do not guarantee genuineness, only a stamp with 17 petals in the flower cannot be genuine. I have seen more counterfeits where the flower contained 16 petals than otherwise."

This is certainly an interesting item to add to one's Japanese notes, and is one which the writer had not previously come across. As Mr. Gardner says, there must be some reason behind the change or it would not have been made and adhered to so strictly. Perhaps some of our Japanese students can enlighten us. The statement that "in all the stamps made from copper plates" the first position of the flower is found, viz., with the depression between two petals at the very top of the design, must be modified with regard to the 5 series of 1876, (Scott No. 59). This is from a copper plate and is the only exception to the rule, for it has the second type of the flower, viz., with the little arc forming the outer edge of a petal at the very top of the design. All the succeeding Japanese stamps are typographed from electrotypes on plates except the four commemorative stamps of 1896, which are engraved in *taille douce*, and all have the flower in the second position as Mr. Gardner states.

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Benador 50c blue and black, No. 150.....	.12
" sacred, No. 151.....	.28
" set of 7 stamps (145-151).....	.48
Honduras 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100.....	.07
" 1 penny, No. 118-115).....	.07
" complete set unused, Nos. 51-64.....	.54
Guatemala 1908, Nos. 100 and 120.....	.03
" complete set (124-123).....	.70
Bavaria 30, 40, 80 pf., 1 and 2 mark.....	.10
" Bermuda 1004, 1 penny (type of No. 26).....	.02
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*188a	1p vermilion, No. 23, cat. 35c.....	.12
BRITISH HONDURAS		
*189i	6c on 20c violet, No. 31, cat. 20c.....	.08
GAMBIA		
*188-89	4p brown, No. 17, cat. 35c.....	.12
DOMINICA		
*1886	½p on 6p green, No. 13, cat. 60c.....	.21
*1886	1p on 1sh, No. 15, cat. 5c.....	.20
*1883	1p violet, No. 18, cat. 75c.....	.30
ST. CHRISTOPHER		
*1884	4p gray, No. 14, cat. 25c.....	.10
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*188-89	4p gray, No. 21, cat. 35c.....	.10
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Treasurer's Report for 1903.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance cash on hand from 1902,	\$298.33
Received from	
27 members, admission fees,	27.00
193 " annual dues at \$2	386.00
5 " semi-annual dues at \$1,	5.00
From interest on bank deposit,	10.65
J. H. Lyons, insurance fee on Sales Circuit,	4.12
Total receipts,	\$731.10
EXPENDITURES.	
For printing,	\$10.25
Attorney's fees, John Abbott,	25.00
Membership cards,	9.00
Flowers,	5.00
Postage and stationery,	59.80
Annual entertainment,	53.88
Rent,	72.00
WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Organ,	60.38
Engrossing diploma,	5.00
Expense of exhibitions of 1903,	8.08
" " " " 1904,	7.50
" " Sales Dept. prior to 1903,	13.93
Total expenditures,	\$330.72
Balance on hand,	\$400.38
Respectfully submitted,	
[Signed] L. L. GREEN, Treas.	
BOSTON, Dec. 31, 1903.	

Sales Dept. Report for 1903.

To the President and Members of the Boston Philatelic Society:

There has been received during the last year 149 books valued at \$1523.78. 89 of these books have been retired valued at \$823.43 from which were sold the amount of \$207.68. Insurance fee for books retired, \$4.12, has been paid the Treasurer. There are now on hand 60 books valued at

\$700.35. If any member wishes to be on an exchange circuit he can, by giving me his address.

Most respectfully submitted,
 [Signed] J. H. LYONS.

Report of the Library Committee for 1903.

To the Members of the Boston Philatelic Society:

The fourth annual report of the Library Committee is a rather brief one, the year's work consisting of not much else than the production of the catalogue. With the manuscript we went to several Boston printers for prices but in no case did we obtain a definite price, they stating their estimate would be an approximate one subject to adjustment upon the completion of the work, when the price would depend upon the number of pages and cover. As this left the matter entirely in their hands we thought best to have Mr. Bacon of Derby, Conn., do the work as he was a philatelic printer and had the reputation of doing satisfactory printing. We accordingly ordered 1200 copies and selected a heavy paper, with the cover wired on and bound with tape, making a substantial book, as it was intended to be used as a reference work and necessitate considerable handling. As a very large portion of the work is in the French and German languages the compositor work was necessarily somewhat slow, all of which combines to account for what might be considered a high price, viz. \$89.15, although this amount includes the delivery of the books and one or two minor expresses. About 250 copies were sent to the Boston Public Library with instructions to place one copy in each public and semi-public library at home and abroad; the balance were left with the Secretary, about 100 copies.

The financial report is as follows:

D. H. Bacon & Co., bill for catalogue,	\$89.15
J. F. Johnson, bill,	5.00
Hugo Krotzsch, bill,	13.50
R. E. Cowan, bill,	2.50
Postages,	.55
Subscriptions to magazines for B. P. L.,	5.42
	\$116.12

To which should be added:	
C. K. B. Nevin, bill,	6.40
Subscriptions to magazines for Reading Circle,	10.44

Making the total amount expended, \$132.96
 Less amount of former appropriation unexpended, 1.63

Balance, \$131.33
 There have been placed in the Boston Public Library the past year:
 Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, Vols. III, IV, V.

WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Vol. XVI.
 The following books, the gift of Mr. Foster, through Mr. Bartels:

History and Description of the Sydney View Stamps of New South Wales.

Postage stamps, envelopes, wrappers, post cards and telegraph stamps of the British Colonies in the West Indies, together with Honduras and the Colonies in South America.

The Stamps of Tasmania.
 Philatelic Record, bound, Vols. I to X.
 The remainder of the property of the Society, consisting principally of the Swiss book and current volumes of magazines for the year 1903 have been turned over to the Secretary of the Boston Philatelic Society.

Respectfully submitted,
 [Signed] H. CORBETT,
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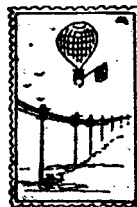
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 3 5 Rock Island, Ill., 1c, .05
 307 " " 3c, .09
 310 Attica, Ind., 1c, large type, .09
 312 " " 1c, 12 1, .04
 312a " " 1c, 12 1, .05
 313 " " 1c, 1 2, .06
 315 " " 1c, 3 2, .06
 317 " " 1c, small type, .08
 350 Binghamton, N. Y., 1c, 200, .14
 354 " " 5c, 2-02, .15
 356 " " 5c, 3-02, .15
 357 " " 1c, 4-02, .18
 359 " " 5c, 4-02, .18
 360 " " 1c, 3-02, .07
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 392 " " 5c, 10-02, .27
 395 " " 1c, 11-02, .12
 397 " " 5c, 11-02, .18
 398 " " 1c, 12-02, .04
 399 " " 5c, 12-02, defect, .06
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 402 " " 1c, 4-03, .05
 410 Niagara Falls, N. Y., 1c, .04
 425 North Cohocton, N. Y., 1c, .05
 428 Le Roy, N. Y., 1c, Nov-01, .06
 429 " " 1c, Dec-01, 1, .06
 431 Rochester, N. Y., 1c, .03
 433 " " 3c, .08
 438 Yonkers, N. Y., 1c, black ink, .05
 438a " " 1c, red ink, .05
 440 New York, N. Y., 1c, .12
 442 " " 1c, Sta. H., .05
 445 " " 1c, Sta. H., Nov-01, .08
 446 " " 1c, " Dec-01, .06
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Written for the Era.

UNDOOLEY VISITS PANAMA.

PANAMA, Jan'y. 20, 1904.

MY DEAR FINN.,

Did ye wonder, pretty one, where I had gone to? Well, me bhoy, I am on the Isthmus, an Irishman always loves a muss, so I kin down here.

Ye'll foind a full description av the place in that—Encyclopaedia, I think it is called, that I giv ye last Christmas. Having read that, ye may be able to understand me better.

I hav jist reviewed the Panama Army. It's a foine wan, so foine ye can hardly see it, but all very nice young fellows. I treated the army afther the parade—they almost filled the saloon, an' it cost me nearly four dollars, American money, but I made meself solid wid the army, an' the people, an' I cud run for most anything down here.

I started to run last night as there were a story round town that the Colombians were landin' troops about a mile above the city. It turned out to be a fisherman wid a lot av other lobsters, but no soldiers.

Spakin' av the army reminds me av the old Irish woman who met a soldier on the street an' wishin' to be polite to him says, "Good morning, Army."

The Commander-in-chief is the smartest lad I iver met, a little bit smaller than "sawed off Maguire" av the sthock yards, but he makes thim troops stand round in great shape.

They hav a great miny revolutions here, an wan av thim is a very serious thing to hav' happen on ye property. Sometimes people git hurt in thim revolutions.

In the last wan a great miny av the soldiers were out all wan night chasing the inimy, an' they caught it—whin they got home the next morning. I were told some even had to go to work the nixt morn' wid out changing their clothes.

An' thim whin they git to fitin they fire off real powder, an' the balls go sailing round in ivery direction.

Spakin' av sailing reminds me that the navy were here yisterday but left this morn' early, under sealed orders. I hear it wint outside for deep sea fishing. There is a prize offered to the wan catching the biggest fish.

The other boat broke away wan stormy night from the post it were tied to an' drifted out. It were never seen again, but they picked up a pair av oars in the bay the nixt day.

The climate here is not uncertain, as some may till ye. It's certain to kill ye if ye stay long enuff. If ye hav' any bad frinds sind thim down here an' I will git thim jobs diggin' on the Canal. No wan but nagurs kin do it an' liv.

There has been some little talk in regard to surcharging av Panama stamps an' some hav' even gone so far as to say that the Postmaster General were speculating in thim, an' also that he were surcharging

thim to order with a wonderful variation av surcharges.

I cud not belave this av so honorable an' warlike a nation, so I called on the P. M. General meself.

The P. M. General resaved me very kindly whin I told him I were from Chicago, an' I had a foine call.

He showed me more things in Panamas than I iver dramed av. Said if I wud tak the agency for Chicago an' the West he wud kape me supplied wid enuf new sthyles to stock a department sthore.

By invitation av the P. M. I followed him into the nixt room an' there spread out on tables an' boxes were a great miny sheets av sthamps wid nice new surcharges on thim drying. A pad av red ink was nearby an' it seems that the cat had sthepped into the ink an' walked acrost several av the sheets. "The Lord be praised," says the P. M., "there's a sensible cat for ye."

Tell the boys to look out for Panamas wid a cat's-foot surcharge on thim, they'll be very valuable whin they git to the U. S.

There are no two alike, an' the shades are wonderful.

The P. M. General in honor av me visit, kindly let me put me thumb in the ink an' surcharge several stamps.

He is a very nice mon, the soul av honor an' I belave he wud rather die than do anything to impare the credit av the country.

I have been told by eye witnesses that the country has no credit, but if it had a credit he wuddent harm a hair av its head.

I had a long heart-to-heart talk wid him, an' can giv ye the whole truth av the matter. All other versions are made to order to suit the political or philatelic views av the paper which publishes it. It remains Finn, for ye to know the truth, the naked truth, wid out aven pjammers on.

This great uprising av a brave people was made for thim, in Washington, by some noble hearted politicians, an wan foine morning they were informed that they had revoluted in the night and the country were free. The chief-av-police immediatly hunted up the army, who had bin out all night to a dance at a nearby village, and informed him, *thim* I shud say, av the revolution.

"But, we haven't revoluted," says the army.

"Ye hav," says the chief-av-police, "an' I'll run ye in if ye kick."

"I knew," says the commander-in-chief, "if the army wint to that dance something wud happen. Where was this revolution made, an' who ordered it?"

"You're all right, an' ask no questions, an' the U. S. will back ye up," says the chief-av-police. "Now git yer army together, an' whin the flag is histed ye giv three cheers for the new republic av Panama, an' three for Pres. Roosevelt and thim fire a salute wid blank cartridges an' the navy will respond if it gits back from the fishing trip in season. "But I had ordered

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Address, D. H. BACON, Derby, Conn.

a revolution 'made in Germany,' " says the commander-in-chief, "an' it may be on the way over now."

"I'll side track it, if it gits here," says the chief, "the U. S. express has the right av way, an' they are going to dig a canal for ye too. How's that, me fighter?"

"Are we in it?" says the commander.

"We will be *seen* an' not heard when the paymaster arrives," says the chief, and so were laid the corner stone av a new republic.

As soon as the U. S. heard av it, which were some time previous, she sint or had sint our navy to hail the glorious day av freedom. The rist is history, but av course they had to hav sthamps; these firery people made up their minds so quick afther our navy got there, there were no time to git out new designs.

Something must be done at wance. The discharging av the guns announcing the new republic had hardly sthopped before the surcharging av the sthamps began. It were perfectly honest an' legitimate, I mane the surcharging. Av course in the hurry errors will rush in.

Were it the P. M.'s fault the cat walked over thim? Wud ye brand the whole P. O. Department dishonest on account av wan cat? Shame on thim as wud say it's a put up job.

Some may make money out av it. Ivery wan is not as honest as me an ye, Finn.

Say nothing an' I'll bring ye some surcharges no wan ilse can git. We'll make a few honest dollars afther I git home; but til thin lick ivery mon who hints at dishonesty in Panama surcharges. The people were crying for them, they wud hav thim, an' be hivins Finn they'll git thim as long as the ink holds out.

I shall be home soon, an' I will not come empty handed. Burn this letter, an' if any wan asks ye, don't know anything—that will be aisy for ye.

Yours,

UNDOOLEY.

P. S.—I sind ye herewid me picture



as a valentine. If it didn't look so much loike me it wud be prettier. I am told it looks almost human.

If you Luff me as I luv you etc. Agin,
UNDOOLEY.

SIAM.

*1883	11 blue.....	\$0.8
"	12 carmine.....	.15
"	13 vermilion.....	.15
"	14 yellow.....	.15
1887	22 green and carmine....	.03
"	122 lilac and blue.....	.03
*1889	12 on 22, No. 19.....	.04
1889	12 on 64, ".....	.03
1894	12 on 64, ".....	.03
"	22 on 64, ".....	.05
"	22 on 64, ".....	.05
"	22 on 64, ".....	.04
"	22 on 64, ".....	.03
1895	102 on 24, No. 42.....	.03
1898	12 on 122.....	.02
"	32 on 122.....	.03
"	41 on 12, cat. 75c.....	.25
1900	22 on yellow green.....	.02
"	32 red and blue.....	.02
"	42 dark rose.....	.22
"	82 green and yellow.....	.02
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Washington Notes •

BY A. R. BUTLER.

The Louisiana Purchase stamps will be first placed on sale on May 1, and will only be sold during the life of the Exposition. The Department will endeavor to supply a quantity as nearly corresponding to the sales as possible, so that the remainders to be destroyed will be small. Like the Buffalo and Omaha issues, they will not replace the ordinary series. The first order for them, to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, calls for 90,000,000 ones, 225,000,000 twos, 7,500,000 threes, 9,500,000 fives and 6,500,000 tens.

A bill introduced in Congress provides that whenever the required amount of coin to pay postage is deposited with unstamped letters in a lawful and customary mailing place, it shall be the duty of the postmaster to affix the stamps. If passed there would be a merry series of disputes between postal employes and the public.

Mr. H. F. Colman reports business good, the principal demand being for Colombian and Panama stamps. Fortunately he has a friend in the former country, so that his stock can stand a run without depletion. The auction sale announced as pending under his direction will not happen this season, lack of time being the reason.

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NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 5, 1904.

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"Our Eye" • •

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—A copy of the Royal Postage Stamp Album has come to our desk and we shall give it a review in our next issue. We are very much pleased with the cursory examination we have given it and believe it will strike a popular chord.

—The Oriental Stamp Co. has contracted for a large block of space and will be heard from regularly.

—In our series of "Philatelists Whom We Know" we shall have in sequence Messrs. Howes, Green and Nast, accompanied by illustrations.

—The demand for Panamas continues strong. A large business is being done in them in this city and N. Y.

—Three banquets in celebration of anniversaries and all within a week. Truly the philatelists of Springfield, Providence and Boston are appreciative of the good things of life—outside of stamps.

—Sets of periodical stamps are being wholesaled at \$2.50 a set—cost \$5. Speculation in this line of goods was not a very happy choice.

—We have received an interesting article on the "Pre-cancelled Stamps of Two Wars" which we shall shortly publish.

—Wm. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass., in behalf of the Indexing Committee of the A. P. A. calls for volunteer effort in the interests of his committee work.

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PANAMA.

1c green, * 1st surcharge.....	\$0.05
2c red, ".....	.10
2c " * 2nd surcharge.....	.15
5c blue, ".....	.30
1c green, * 3rd surcharge.....	.03
2c red, ".....	.05

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Tahiti, 1903.

10c on 15c blue, black surcharge, unused.....	\$0.15
10c on 25c black on rose, carmine surcharge, unused.....	.15

Nossi Be, 1891.

Postage Due, 50c on 30c brown on bistre, unused.....	3.50
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New circular free on application.

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A Letter From the Sudan.

TRANSLATED BY C. A. HOWES.

Gentlemen: Today I am writing you upon the subject of the telegraph stamps of the Sudan. In your present catalogue you say that "these stamps when cancelled and cut in two have no value." I beg to state that that assertion is incorrect and here is the reason. When a despatch is sent from any city in the Sudan a receipt coupon is given the sender bearing the amount paid, and on the arrival of the despatch the recipient signs a second receipt attached to the telegraph form which bears the stamps half on the form and half on the receipt, they being placed over the perforations. In this way a control is kept by sending the second receipt to Khartum where it is compared with the stub of the first receipt.

It follows from this that the public can have in its possession only the halves of the stamps attached to and cancelled on the despatch, and can never have the entire stamps. It is impossible to have them whole and cancelled at the same time; consequently these cancelled half-stamps are rarer than the entire stamps, as one can only have the latter unused. For this reason they can only have a relative value. It happens that a few whole stamps are sometimes found in outside hands that have been cancelled to oblige by an employe, but this procedure is strictly forbidden under heavy penalties. In brief the cancelled half-stamps are rarer than the whole ones cancelled by favor. Whole stamps are only sold unused in the telegraph offices. I thought you might like to clear up this point in order to give these stamps the place due them.

I send you also two Egyptian envelopes of 1 and 2 millimees of the issue of 1889, surcharged "SOUDAN" in 1897, which have been in use continually from that time and which you have neglected to note among the Sudan envelopes. This issue is completely exhausted and cannot be obtained in any postoffice in the Sudan, the government having surcharged only a very limited number and the larger part having been bought up by speculators. These envelopes will become rare, particularly used, as their use has been really very limited.

I send you also a 5 millimees envelope of the Sudan, issue of 1903. There will soon be placed in circulation the remaining envelopes, cards, letter-cards and wrappers bearing the camel type stamps.

The 1 piastre Sudan stamp (camel type), watermarked crescents, has received the surcharge O. S. G. S. (On Sudan Government Service) and has thus become a service stamp for such official correspondence as is taxed.—(L. G. Wirth in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*.)

NOTE. M. Wirth gives the correct rendering of the surcharge O. S. G. S. as "On Sudan Government Service." This was given the un-English form of "On Service Government Sudan" by a French contemporary, I think, when it first appeared, and as such has been copied far and wide in the philatelic journals.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS,

38 MUNROE STREET,
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1301	(2) 3c red, die 1.....	\$0.12 \$0.10 \$0.05	1486	(200) 2c red on white.....	\$0.05 \$0.03 \$0.02
1302	(5) 3c red, die 2.....	.90 .75 .35	1487	(201) 2c red on amber.....	.08 .04 .02
1303	(7) 3c red, die 3.....	5.00 4.00 2.00	1488	(202) 2c red on fawn.....	.10 .05 .03
1304	(3) 3c red, die 4.....	.05 .03 .02	1489	(233) 2c red on blue.....	.15 .10 .06
1305	(15) 10c green, die 1.....	4.00 3.50 2.00	1490	(205) 2c red on white.....	.03 .02 .01
1306	(17) 10c green, die 4.....	5.00 3.50 2.00	1491	(207) 2c red on amber.....	.05 .03 .02
1309	1853-55 Buff Paper.		1492	(209) 2c red on fawn.....	.08 .04 .03
1310	(3) 3c red, die 1.....	.10 .07 .04	1493	(211) 2c red on blue.....	.15 .07 .04
1311	(6) 3c red, die 2.....	.50 .35 .25	1494	(213) 4c green on white.....	.10 .05 .04
1312	(20) 3c red, die 3.....	1.25 1.00 .60	1495	(210) 4c green, die B.....	.10 .05 .04
1313	(8) 3c red, die 4.....	10.00 7.50 5.00	1496	(212) 4c green on amber.....	.10 .05 .04
1314	(4) 3c red, die 5.....	.05 .03 .02	1498	(214) 2c brown on white.....	.05 .01 .01
1315	(14) 6c green.....	3.00 2.00 1.00	1499	(213) 2c brown on amber.....	.15 .08 .06
1316	(16) 10c green, die 2.....	1.50 1.00 .50	1504	(219) 2c red on fawn.....	.40 .12 .08
1317	(18) 10c green, die 4.....	1.50 1.25 .50	1505	(210) 2c red on blue.....	.40 .20 .10
1318	1857-61 White Paper.		1506	(221) 2c brown on white.....	.05 .03 .02
1319	(19) 3c red.....	.12 .10 .05	1511	(236) 2c brown, die B.....	10.00 4.00 2.00
1320	(20) 4c blue and red.....	6.00 5.50 .	1513	(237) 2c brown, die B.....	.25 .12 .10
1321	1857-61 Buff Paper.		1514	(238) 2c brown on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1322	(23) 3c red.....	.10 .08 .04	1516	(240) 2c brown on blue.....	.03 .01 .01
1323	(26) 10c green.....	18.00 12.00 6.00	1522	(238) 1886, 2c on o. buff.....	.08 .04 .02
1324	(27) 1c blue.....	.60 .30 .20	1534	(250) 2c on manila.....	.05 .03 .02
1325	(31) 1861, 3c pink on white.....	.10 .07 .05	1541	(260) 2c on am. manila.....	.10 .04 .02
1326	(34) 3c pink on buff.....	.10 .05 .03	1550	(260) 1887, 4c carmine.....	.05 .03 .02
1327	(35) 6c pink on buff.....	? 1.50 .	1557	(271) 4c on amber.....	.05 .03 .02
1328	(31) 10c green on white.....	? .75 .40	1563	(277) 4c on o. buff.....	.20 .06 .05
1329	(37) 10c green on buff.....	? .75 .40	1564	(278) 4c on o. buff.....	.15 .06 .05
1330	1861 "U. S. Postage" above.		1569	(283) 4c on blue.....	? .06 .05
1331	(43) 2c black on buff.....	1.00 .60 .30	1570	(284) 4c on blue.....	.15 .06 .05
1332	1864 "U. S. Post" above.		1582	(299) 1893, 2c Columbian.....	.02 .02 .01
1333	(48) 2c die 1 on buff.....	.40 .25 .20	1583	(300) 1893, 2c ".....	.01 .01 .01
1334	(49) 2c die 2 on buff.....	.40 .25 .20	1589	(303) 1893, 1c ".....	.10 .04 .03
1335	(50) 2c die 3 on orange.....	.20 .15 .10	1590	(303) 1893, 1c ".....	.10 .04 .03
1336	(51) 2c die 4 on orange.....	.20 .15 .10	1704	(45) 2c black, 1863.....	1.75 1.50 .75
1337	(56) 1864, 3c pink on white.....	.05 .03 .02	1709	(101) 1c blue, 1870.....	.10 .08 .05
1338	(60) 1864, 3c pink on buff.....	.05 .03 .02	1713	(185) 1c dark blue, die B.....	.25 .20 .10
1339	(65) 2c orange on buff.....	2.00 1.50 .	1714	(187) 2c brown, die A.....	3.00 .
1340	(67) 12c red brown.....	? 1.25 .	1717	(189) 2c brown, die B.....	2.00 .
1341	(66) 12c brown on buff.....	? 3.00 1.50 .	1719	(191) 2c vermilion.....	.06 .03 .02
1342	(68) 18c red on buff.....	? 1.25 .	1800	1873, 2c black on lemon.....	.06 .05 .03
1343	1870 White Paper.		1811	1873, 3c black on lemon.....	.02 .02 .01
1344	(72) 1c blue.....	.30 .15 .10	1803	1874, 4c black on lemon.....	.04 .03 .02
1345	(73) 2c brown.....	.20 .10 .05	1804	1874, 4c black on lemon.....	.01 .01 .01
1346	(74) 3c green.....	.03 .02 .01	1805	1874, 6c black on lemon.....	.05 .04 .02
1347	(77) 10c brown.....	2.50 .	1806	1875, 2c black on white.....	.05 .05 .03
1348	(82) 1c blue on amber.....	.75 .35 .25	1807	1875, 3c black on amber.....	.40 .35 .20
1349	(84) 2c brown.....	.18 .10 .07	1811	P. Service, black on amber.....	.20 .15 .10
1350	(85) 3c green.....	.03 .03 .01	1812	P. Service, black on amber.....	.25 .15 .12
1351	(90) 12c plum.....	3.00 1.25 .	1816	1873, 2c red on white.....	? .12 .10
1352	(95) 3c green on cream.....	.05 .03 .01	1818	1873, 10c dark red.....	? 35.00 .
1353	(102) 1c blue on orange.....	.10 .07 .04	1820	1873, 15c red on white.....	1.50 1.00 .75
1354	1874-82 White Paper.		1821	1874, 24c red on white.....	2.25 2.00 1.00
1355	(106) 1c blue, die A.....	3.00 1.50 .75	1822	1873, 30c red on white.....	3.00 2.00 .
1356	(108) 1c light blue, die B.....	.02 .02 .01	1823	1875, 3c red on amber.....	.05 .03 .02
1357	(109) 1c dark blue, die B.....	1.00 .50 .40	1824	1875, 3c red on cream.....	.03 .03 .01
1358	(109) 2c brown, die A.....	? .75 .	1825	1875, 3c red on blue.....	.05 .02 .01
1359	(110) 2c brown, die B.....	.75 .40 .30	1826	1875, 3c red on blue.....	.05 .02 .01
1360	(111) 2c brown, die B.....	? 25.00 .	1827	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1361	(112) 2c brown, die C.....	? 1.25 .	1830	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1362	(116) 3c green, die A.....	.10 .07 .05	1831	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1363	(117) 3c green, die B.....	.09 .08 .01	1832	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1364	(121) 6c carmine.....	.15 .10 .05	1833	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1365	(124) 10c brown, die B.....	.20 .10 .08	1834	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1366	(126) 15c orange.....	1.25 .60 .40	1835	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1367	(128) 30c black.....	1.00 .50 .	1836	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1368	(129) 30c carmine.....	2.00 1.00 .	1837	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1369	(123) 2c vermilion.....	.08 .05 .03	1838	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
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1415	(123) 2c pink.....	5.00 .	1884	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
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1419	(123) 2c pink.....	5.00 .	1888	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1420	(123) 2c pink.....	5.00 .	1889	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1421	(123) 2c pink.....	5.00 .	1890	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1422	(123) 2c pink.....	5.00 .	1891	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1423	(123) 2c pink.....	5.00 .	1892	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
1424	(123) 2c pink.....	5.00 .	1893	1875, 3c red on fawn.....	.03 .02 .01
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THE PRE-CANCELLED STAMPS OF TWO WARS.

By CHARLES A. NAST, Denver, Colo.

A great deal of interest has been shown of late in the collection and classification of pre-cancelled postage stamps. In fact the growth of this fad has been the wonder of many. We all remember how the journals, and among them the most influential, discouraged this form of collecting, and looked with undisguised disfavor upon them. It was, so the editorial utterances ran, simply a cancellation of a stamp, done by outsiders who used vast quantities of similar packages and publications, to save time and relieve the pressure upon postal clerks; and again, it was so easy to counterfeit them. Should a demand for them be created, it would be so easy to supply that same demand; and finally there was no possible limit to this thing, one could never tell when his collection was complete, etc., etc.

Nevertheless the numbers of collectors of these stamps steadily increased, a club was organized, circuits sent out, reference and check lists were gotten up, and altogether the thing has assumed formidable proportions.

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stamps? Many of these have been pre-cancelled in the same fashion, viz.: in sheets, before use, by means of the printing press. So long as forty years ago, during the Civil War the practice was started. Then it owed its origin to the inability of the government to furnish private die stamps, and cancelling by hand was irksome so the printing press was called in. The same lack of preparedness in delivering certain stamps during the Spanish-American war is responsible for a most interesting lot of pre-cancellations on

the '98 series of proprietary stamps by firms which afterwards used their own design stamps. And when one understands it all, how interesting these various surcharges become. You don't have simply the cold barren name of a city, but you have the initials and trade marks of firms whose names were household words then, and are still a living memory in many instances. This gives to these stamps an individual interest, which research and study only increases.

And these same firms knew the value of advertising just as well as the proprietors of the present day. From those who were content to use simply initials and dates, to those who heralded all the virtues of their preparations on the stamps themselves, we have every device and variation of surcharge imaginable. Those firms who pre-cancelled their stamps in this way are the same people who are responsible for all the richness and variety and beauty of design in the match and medicine stamps of that period, not forgetting playing card and perfumery stamps, generally included under this head.

Therefore, I shall briefly point out some of the salient features of these surcharges in the hope that the Pre-cancelled Club will, in the near future, include these on the sheets and books of their circuits. If they will do this it will add many zealous members to their organization who, under the existing plan, find no interest or profit in the association.

Now, as to the pre-cancelled proprietary stamps of the war days. There are several very important subdivisions of this class of stamps, but it should be remembered that only such surcharges as can be actually traced to the firms who used private design stamps, or those who manufactured proprietary articles and mentioned the business on the face of the stamp itself have any collectable value.

Provisional Proprietaries.—We have first of all the type-printed cancellations of firms who owned private designs, but who were compelled to overprint the proprietary stamps of their day with their names or initials, while the government was busy preparing plates and printing their stamps. Here are a few samples: "L & O" and date, on the 1c red, Lee & Osgood; "B. C. M. Co" on the same, for Byram Carleton Match Co.'s wrappers; "S. H. & Co" on the 5c red proprietary for Samuel Hart & Co.'s playing cards, etc. A great many different values were used of course by all firms, some like "S. R. V. D." for S. R. Van Duser being found on nearly all the smaller values of the different series up to 1878, though their own designs were only of the 4c and 6c denominations. Generally these were all printed in black ink, the red surcharges being very scarce. How many collectors possess the X. Bazin stamp? They were printed but never used by the firm. But Bazin did use the 1c, 2c, 3c and 4c of the first and third series (black and green) in large numbers, the cancella-

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tion being simply "X. B." and date, sometimes the two letters being in a circle.

To correspond to this class of provisionals in the '98 series, take the black letter pre-cancellation "J. E. L. Co" and date underneath. As everyone knows these stand for J. Elwood Lee. Again the red and black surcharges "The Centaur Co Chas Fletcher Prest." and date, in three lines, on the ¼c, ½c, ¾c, 1c and 1½c, these having been used until the 1c black stamp was printed. It will be noticed that their private stamp bears the word "Castoria" instead of "Centaur Co" which is found on the provisionals. This last word is really a connecting link stretching over the years from 1863 to 1898 uniting the two war periods.

Surcharged Match and Medicine.—Under which head of course is included perfumery and playing card stamps. This second class of pre-cancelled revenues consists of those private stamps which have been overprinted with initials and dates by the firms owning them. Sometimes this was made necessary by a change in the firm name as "Hutchins" then "Hutchins & Hillyer"; "Curtis & Brown" then "Curtis & Brown Mfg Co"; "Swift & Courtney" to "Swift-Courtney & Beecher Co" etc. Sometimes one firm would buy out another establishment and then surcharge the old stamps with the initials of the new firm as for instance "S. R. V. D." on the Brackett & Newton stamps. But very often the firm owning a private stamp would still pre-cancel it in addition with their initials. A notable example of this is the 1c vermilion Herrick's Plasters which are found overprinted in large black letters "H. F. M." and date, which means Herrick's Family Medicines. So common was the practice that this stamp without any surcharge is worth two or three times catalog in my opinion. In like manner we may instance a few firms of the late war period. Lanman & Kemp surcharged all their stamps as a rule, here also may be noted a fact that a set of these three values without pre-cancellation is worth four or five times the catalog price. The Emerson Drug Co. overprinted all the used specimens with various characteristic figures and letters, the key to which no one has yet discovered, though the company once wrote me that

these surcharges related to the amount of goods manufactured and sold and hence they could not divulge the scheme. Johnson & Johnson overprinted their stamps with a hand stamp to show date of manufacture, but as they are not type-printed they cannot properly be considered precancellations.

Pre-cancelled Proprietaries.—We now come to the last division. This third class is naturally formed of those stamps which were pre-cancelled in sheets before using, or before being affixed to packages. But this lot includes only such firms as those who manufactured pharmaceutical preparations of a proprietary nature. They generally used the proprietary stamps of the period, and overprinted them in such a manner as either to indicate the business, the firm or the article itself; and when only initials are used, they are those of well-known manufacturers of proprietary articles. It must be remembered always that the private die stamp or the peculiar style of cancellation adopted by certain firms has only one end in view and that is the advertising of the firm or the article itself. The object is not merely to cancel or destroy but to advertise on the one hand, and like in the case of pre-cancelled postage, to cancel by the medium of the printing press and not by hand. Take for instance the cut of the big mortar and pestle on the 2c blue proprietary, first series, printed in black with the words "Poland's Magical Powders." The picture of the pine tree on the 1c green, 1871 and 1878, and the words, "Benton's Tar Troches." Also the following on the 1c red and the 2c blue proprietaries of the first issue in ten lines:

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All this printed by press in sheets and well centered, too, is to my mind an "ideal" pre-cancellation. The only thing which approaches these in the Spanish-American War series, are the beautiful monogram cancellations of the J. Elwood Lee Co. on the general series, and the surcharge of the Dr. Kilmer Co. of Binghamton, N. Y. The "J. W. & Bro incorporated" of Wyeth, the surcharges of the J. C. Ayer & Co., Dr. D. Jayne & Son, and others, are also very interesting. However, I wished only to call attention to the philatelic interest and historic value of this kind of pre-cancellation. At some future time I may pursue the subject further, but now I hope I have presented enough matter to prove the advisability of admitting these type-printed labels to the fair consideration of the members of the Pre-cancelled Club.

Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. George W. Bye reports having a copy of the Canada 1c, current issue, precancelled with three horizontal bars, the centre one being wavy.

The Columbian Stamp Co. has shown us the 2c United States, series of 1902, first type, precancelled Boston, Mass., with the surcharge inverted. The 1c green, series of 1902, is quite common with inverted Boston, Mass., surcharge.

Mr. F. L. Smith has sent us the following notes regarding new issues of precancelled stamps:

So. Glastonbury, Conn., 1c 1902.
Jackson, Mich., 2c 1903.
Binghamton, N. Y., 2c 1904, 1 and 5c.
Cala, Ohio, 1c 1902, nor. and double.
Cleveland, Ohio, large type, 1c 1902, inverted.
Painesville, Ohio, 2c 1903.
Scranton, Pa., 2c 1903.
Burlington, Vt., 1c 1890, up double.

Mr. Charles A. Townsend reports that the 2c Akron precancelled appeared the 23rd, when 2800 pkgs. of salt were distributed locally. The same company had previously mailed a dray load of calendars, which, with a lot mailed by another firm, undoubtedly led to the precancellation, as the stampers were literally swamped. The firm is now mailing its February calendars and is using the precancelled 2c, second type, on them. A local book concern received an order for 22,000 copies of one book mailed to separate addresses, and is using a pair of 6c stamps p. c. on each parcel.

INDO-CHINE.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 25c blue of the 1900 issue surcharged "15" in black in large, medium-faced gothic.

Adhesive (Provisional):
15c on 25c blue.

LIBERIA.—Three new surcharges have been shown us by the New England Stamp Co. The higher values of the 1892 series have been overprinted in dark blue, the type used being a large heavy gothic, the values being expressed in words.

Adhesives (Provisional):
10c on 16c lilac.
15c on 24c olive green.
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MEXICO.—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* chronicles the 10c in new colors with the official overprint "Official" in black.

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2c ".....	.08	.04
3c ".....	.10	.05
1c rose.....	.06	.03
2c orange.....	.08	.04
1898 1/2c, 1c and 2c.....	.09	.05

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1c third " carmine surcharge.....	.02	
1c Colon " magenta surcharge.....	.05	
1c " " italic surcharge.....	.02	
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REVIEW INDEX.

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The compilation to be published under this head in the first ERA of each month is intended to be a list, arranged conveniently for collector and student, of all noteworthy articles in such magazines as are sent in exchange to the present writer to be included. Since the mailing day of few publications is absolutely regular each list will aim not to be complete for a given calendar month but to cover all magazines received since the preceding index. A *colon* separates the number of a volume from the page therein; a *comma*, several pages in the same volume. *Brackets* enclosing references indicate that such articles are reprints, partial or complete, of the last preceding unenclosed reference. *Figures in parentheses* following a country or other title will refer to the volume and page of the ERA on which the last previous reference to that subject has been made. The journals at present intended to be included (from January 1, 1904) with the abbreviation adopted as a symbol of each, are as follows:

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American Philatelist, The	Amer.P.
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London Philatelist, The	Lond.P.
Mekeel's Stamp Collector, M.St.Coll.	
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, M.W.S.N.	
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Philatelic Inter-Ocean, The	P Int.-O.
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Philatelic Journal of India, The	P.J.I.
Philatelic Record, The	P.Rec.
Philatelic West & Camera News, P.West	
Philatelist, Der	Der.P.
Philatelic World, The	P.Wor
Smith & Son's Monthly Circular, Alfred	Sm.M.C.
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, S.C.Fort.	
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, S.G.M.J.	
Timbre Poste, Le	Le T.P.
Timbrophile Belge, Le	Tim Belg.
Vertrauliche Korrespondenz Blatt, V.K.B.	
Weekly Philatelic Era, The	W.P.Era.

Should other titles be added, their reference letters will be duly noted. The present installment lists all journals of 1904 that have been received.

Volume 18 of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was erroneously paged on from Volume 17; so that for the first 4 numbers, or 32 pages, the figures are just 458 too high. The volumes of *Mekeel's Stamp Collector* are numbered to continue the *Philatelic Journal of America*, which ended with Volume 14. These figures are indicated, for the present, in parentheses

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[W.P. Era, 18:121].
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The last meeting of the New England Philatelic Association was held at the American House, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 2, 1904. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following application for membership was received: W. L. Aldrich, Brookline, Mass.; proposed by H. W. Legg. The following new members having been posted for the required length of time were unanimously elected to membership: C. Fratus, 16 Speedwell St., Dorchester; E. D. Osgood, 221 Beacon St., Boston. The resignation of Mr. Theodore L. Stoddard of Brookline was read, and it was voted to accept the same with regret.

The amendments to the Constitution proposed by H. W. Legg at the previous meeting came up for discussion, and it was unanimously voted that these amendments be adopted. The Secretary brought up the matter of having a new copy of the Constitution and By-Laws printed, and it was finally voted that a committee of two be appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws and report at a meeting to be held at some future date.

The Entertainment Committee reported that no exhibits had been received for the evening, but that C. A. Howes had kindly consented to exhibit his collection of British East Africa. The exhibit was a revelation to many of the members present, and the mounting and attention to details that was shown was such that this Association can congratulate itself upon having such deep students of philately amongst its members. The meeting adjourned at about 9.30 P.M., and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner.

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BY A. R. BUTLER.

After March 1, 1904, an order of the Postmaster General provides that spoiled stamped envelopes bearing a printed return card may be redeemed *only from the original purchaser*. Prior to this order they were *redeemable from any responsible person*.

The use of the "Philippine" overprinted stamps on domestic mail still continuing, in spite of the order of October 1, 1903, it is now further ordered that letters and matter bearing such stamps deposited in United States postoffices, *addressed for delivery in the Philippines*, shall at once be sent to the Dead Letter Office as unmailable matter. The order taking effect on October 1 prohibited their use on matter mailed in the United States, the new order still further restricts their use, and the question is now being considered as to their use on mail for foreign countries.

The item which has appeared in the daily papers in regard to the issuing of a stamp which will secure the delivery of the contents of a letter by telephone from the postmaster at the office of address to the addressee is stated by the Stamp Division of the Postoffice Department to have no foundation in fact.

The Postoffice Exhibit for the Exposition left last week, and Mr. Slack, the curator went there on the 15th, to take charge until its close.

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Report of the Exhibition Committee for 1903.

Mr. President and Members of the Boston Philatelic Society:

The series of competitive stamp exhibitions for 1903 arranged by your Committee having been completed, the following short report of said Committee is respectfully submitted:

While exhibitions were held at all but two of the meetings of the Society, it is to be regretted that a more hearty assistance was not accorded your Committee and especially from the members possessing minor collections as chiefly arranged for in the distribution of prizes. Notwithstanding, however, this lack of interest on the part of members in general, the exhibitions on the whole were fairly successful and in one instance at least (notably the last exhibition of Dec. 15th for "Original Essays" when three papers of great value were presented) will prove of lasting value to the Society and to philately.

The following summary of the exhibitions has been prepared by the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Barrett:

1903.
Jan. 20.—Subject, "Stamp Portraits." L. G. Barrett,* John A. Klemann.† Also entry by C. A. Howes.

Feb. 17.—"General Collections." Frank D. Moffat,* Geo. F. Loring.†

Mar. 17.—Class A. "Stamps of 20th Century" in printed albums. Alex. Holland,* Geo. F. Loring.† Class B. Same in blank albums. E. M. Carpenter.* Only one collection entered.

Apr. 23.—"British North America." No entries. Collection exhibited by E. F. Sawyer, not in competition.

May 19.—"Russia and Finland." Alex. Holland,* Geo. F. Loring.†

June 16.—"Envelopes and Wrappers of Great Britain and Colonies, entire." No entry. Same, cut square. Only one entry, F. W. Sprague, 2d.† E. F. Sawyer exhibited his collection of entire and cut square but not in competition.

Sept. 15.—"Victoria." J. N. Luff,* F. S. Cook.† Mr. Lombard showed his fine collection of Gambia.

Oct. 20.—Class A. "U. S. Adhesives," W. H. Randall,* C. K. B. Nevin.† Also entry by H. P. Harris. Class B. "U. S. Envelopes cut square." Jos. S. Rich,* H. P. Harris.† Also entry by E. F. Sawyer.

Nov. 17.—"Commemorative Stamps." No entry.

Dec. 15.—"Original Essays." Alex. Holland,* L. G. Barrett.† Also entry by Geo. F. Loring. "Uncatalogued Varieties." Challenge Cup to C. F. Rothfuchs. Also entries by C. A. Howes and L. G. Barrett.

In closing, your Committee would thank those members who made the success of the exhibitions possible, and also the gentlemen who kindly acted as judges, and trust the new Committee will, in its varied and interesting program arranged, meet with the success and assistance its efforts justly merit.

E. F. SAWYER, Chairman,
J. H. LYONS,
L. G. BARRETT,
Committee.

* Silver medal. † Bronze medal.

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Cat. No.	Unused	Used
16 Barbados, 1861,	1.00	.15
19 " " "	15.00	.75
31 " " 1871,	20.00	1.00
50 " " 1874-78,	.50	.08
61 " " 1882-85,	.50	.02
62 " " "	.75	.05
1 Bechuanaland, 1886,	1.25	
7 " " "	.75	
8 " " "	2.00	2.00
6 Bermuda, 1873,	4.00	4.00
8 " " 1874,	12.50	6.00
3 British East Africa, 1880,	17.50	12.50
208 " " " 1890-91,	.75	
22 " " " "	10.00	
24 " " " "	7.50	
67 British Guiana, 1867,	10.00	1.50
75 " " 1876,	2.00	1.00
59 Canada, 1897,	.60	.40
27 Cape of Good Hope, 1879,	2.00	.40
35 " " " 1881,	2.25	.03
40 " " " 1882,	2.00	1.00
56 " " " 1893-96,	5.00	.20
83 Ceylon, 1882,	1.00	.75
111 " " 1885,	3.00	2.50
5 Labuan, 1880-82,	.60	.60
35 Lagos, 1892,	.75	.75
32 Mauritius, 1863-64,	.60	.25
33 " " "	.75	.18
112 " " 1902,	—	—
122 " " 1902-3,	—	—
22 North Borneo, 1886,	2.50	2.50
23 " " "	1.00	2.00
63a Porto Rico, 1882,	12.50	6.00
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20 St. Lucia, 1883-85,	1.25	1.25
9 St. Vincent, 1861-69,	22.50	5.00
10 " " "	25.00	7.50
13 " " 1871-80,	2.50	.50
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14 " " 1860-69,	2.50	2.50
15 " " "	12.50	2.50
2 Swaziland, 1889-90,	.30	—
3 " " "	1.25	1.25
4 " " "	1.00	—
23 Tasmania, 1858,	.50	.75
23a " " "	.75	.75
23b " " "	.75	.75
60a " " 1878,	.40	.02
62 " " "	.25	.50
68a " " 1889-91,	10.00	.60
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"Our Eye" • •

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—The latest report is to the effect that the £1450 Mauritius was not bought by the Prince of Wales but by a wealthy member of the Society to be presented to His Royal Highness.

—"Neither used nor unused" is the proper way to distinguish stamps receiving a fiscal or non-postal cancellation.

—Mr. Henniker Heaton expects that Australia will soon have Imperial Penny Postage, as is now enjoyed by all the rest of the British Empire. Penny Imperial "Marconigrams" are also predicted.

—The recent stories in the daily papers regarding the high price paid for the 2p Mauritius, has caused a wave of respect for philately to run over all reading people. Many cannot understand the fad itself, but they can and do appreciate the argument of £, s, d.

—Current predictions from Washington indicate that the parcels-post bill will fail again. It is an interesting problem of how long the American people will submit to be deprived of parcels post privileges for the benefit of the great express companies.

—An exchange says: "Many advertisers shake the tree of advertising, but fail to care for the fruit."

—It is noticeable that in all the articles thus far printed in defense of New Zealand's "stamp acts," the apologists evade the main point, and that is the unnecessary character of the special issues for Niue, Penrhyn and Aitutaki.

—The new reply postal cards are to have a portrait of Gen. Sherman on the message card and Gen. Sheridan on the reply. A sort of a "Marching-through-Georgia-and-return-by-the-way-of-Winchester" arrangement,— "And Sheridan Twenty Miles Away."

—The Springfield Stamp Club held its Second Annual Supper at Barr's restaurant on Wednesday, February 10. It was a most enjoyable occasion. About twenty-five sat down to the table including Mr. Luff, Mr. Howes and Mr. Batchelder as invited guests. Mr. E. de Z. Kelley also was there from Boston. Wm. C. Stone

presided at the head of the table and wore his new Presidential honors well. The menu was enclosed in a yellow envelope with a "New Haven" 5c blue in the corner (No guarantee). It was headed "Vaudeville" and four lots were described with the following explanation (which has a familiar ring): "The following lots cannot be accurately described. We take them on Mr. Barr's description which we believe to be correct. We do not guarantee anything about them. They must be taken like a wife, for better or for worse, and will not be taken back under any circumstances whatever. They are for those who gamble and are willing to take chances." The post-prandial exercises were short and included the reading of letters of regret from Messrs. Toppan, Sawyer, "Undooley," and others who could not be present. Then the company adjourned to the parlors and spent the remainder of the evening examining the wonderful collection of U. S. which is Mr. Luff's pride and which he had brought for the delectation of the Club. That they were all delighted to have the opportunity goes without saying.

—While New England has been cold and dry of late, it is said that visitors at a late philatelic function in Springfield found it reasonably wet.

—Collectors are strange folk, according to ordinary lay opinion. And truly the collecting mania takes strange forms. We know a newspaper man who has accumulated a miscellaneous lot of scraps of iron—bolts, nuts, etc., picked up in the street, where they have fallen from passing teams. In this connection we note that an American collector is asking contributions through the English papers of young ladies' photographs for his collection.

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58	" 5c black blue, ".....	.25
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Written for the ERA.

Sam Styles' Sentimental Stampatale.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

Sam Styles saw sweet Susan Stubbs setting supper. Sam sighed. "Stay," said Stubbs Senior. Susan smiled, so Sam eat.

"Serene season," said Stubbs, serving stew.

"Simply superb!" said Susan's sister Sarah.

"Sublime!" smiled Susan.

"Sure!" stuttered Sam, surveying Susan.

Seeing Sam's shyness, Stubbs swallowed stew silently. Sarah sedulously seeking suitable subject, said Seth Sears saw Solomon Snooks' sister Selina saving stamps.

"Silly!" sneered Stubbs. "Saving stamps shows scant sanity."

"Such sentiment surrounds stamps!" supplicated Sarah.

Stubbs sniffed scornfully, saying "Stuff! Sincere sentiment seeks substantial substance. Stamps seem senseless."

"Sire Snooks should slap Selina," shrilly shouted Stubbs' small son Silas.

"Silas!" said Sarah, shocked.

"Silas, subside," sternly supplemented Stubbs Senior.

Seeing Susan's sarcastic shoulder-shrug, Sam stammered shakily, "Save stamps 'self!"

Susan, somewhat struck, said she saved stamps some, speaking so sweetly Sam's soul soared.

"Swap specimens," suggested Sam shyly.

Susan smiled. Sarah said such sport suited Susan supremely, so supper served, Sam shared Susan's seat supporting Sarah's syringa shrub, sociably seeing splendid stamp spectacles. Susan showed Sam some superior stamps; Sam showed Susan some she seized. "Swap!" solicited Susan.

"Surrender seems superior speculation," said Sam smiling significantly.

"So sudden, Sam!" simpered Susan, softly. "See Stubbs Senior."

So Sam saw Stubbs Senior. Stubbs Senior, slightly surprised, suspended smoking, serenely saying, "Sartin."

Sam, satisfied, saluted Susan steadily several seconds.

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Washington Notes •

By A. R. BUTLER.

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Inquiry concerning the provisional Cuban postal card, made by perforating a one over the two in the U. S. foreign card surcharged for Cuba, develops the fact that 581,750 of the two cent cards were furnished to Cuba (military occupation) in February, 1899: that in 1902 the Department here requested the Cuban Department to cease the use of any remainders, but that no notice of any destruction has been received; and they do not appear in a list of overprinted postal supplies which were destroyed by the Cuban postal administration in that year.

Information has been received by the Postoffice Department that the Canada office has recently issued a regulation permitting a space for written communications to be reserved on the address side of pictorial private post cards (that is, cards, the back of which is covered by a picture). Such cards are to be recognized as private post cards and pass at the one cent rate to all points in Canada and the United States. This exception to the United States rule that "the address only" must be on the front of a card is permitted, in consequence of an agreement that anything mailable in the one country is deliverable in the other.

The acrid remarks of the February *Adhesive*, both editorially and in the review department, upon the "information" by Washington correspondents to weeklies as to the St. Louis issue are too sweeping to be just. While an occasional surmise may have been made practically all said has been based on information from official sources. The different statements emanate from different officials; a chief of division devises a scheme for the issue, this is changed by the Assistant Postmaster General, whose plans in turn are subject to revision by the Postmaster General, and he may have to make changes to suit the practical requirements of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing. At each stage information is given out, which later changes may nullify: yet a failure on the part of a correspondent to publish what he is furnished, in the event that no changes are made would render his story hopelessly "stale." Even the monthly magazines, which have four weeks in which to gather from the weeklies their budget of news, may fail to publish absolutely final returns. There may yet be changes in the designs for these stamps, should the die proofs (still several weeks off) fail to bear out the promise of the artist's black-and-whites.

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NOTICE.

The next meeting of the New England Philatelic Association will be held at the American House, Hanover St., Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 1, 1904. A silver medal has been offered for the best exhibit of uncatalogued varieties shown in competition, and it is hoped that many interesting things will be shown.

The following applications for membership have been received and will be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the Association:

Mr. W. L. Aldrich, Brookline, Mass.; proposed by H. W. Legg.

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Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. F. L. Smith sends the following additional list of cancelled stamps:

Attica, Ind., 1c 1902, type I.
Decorah, Iowa, 1c 1902, inv. with "Becorah."

Bay City, Mich., 2c 1903.
Minneapolis, Minn., 2c 1903, inv.
St. Paul, Minn., 2c 1903, "St. Paul" up.
LeRoy, N. Y., 1c 1902, "Dec 190", nor. and inv.

Akron, Ohio, 2c 1903, nor. and inv.
Calla, Ohio, 4c 1902 inv.
5c 1902 inv.
Pittsburg, Pa., 4c 1902, double.
Racine, Wis., 5c down, 6-02, no hyphen.

BULGARIA.—It is said that the reason for the issue of the 20s stamp, announced in No. 558, is the reduction of the inland letter rate from 15s to 10s. For the same reason a letter card of 10s value has been added to the 5s and 15s already in use. The stamp is of the current design. The 10s post card is now printed on blue instead of cream card.

Letter Card (Regular): 3d.
10s carmine on bluish.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The 3d of the current King's head set has been issued, the design being a striking variation in the arrangement of the details from the other values.

Adhesives (Regular): 3d.
10s carmine on bluish.

CEYLON.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles several new things from this colony. The "district letter envelope" in addition to the stamp, has the following inscription, "District Letter Envelope, price 2½ Cents."—This envelope will not pass through more than one postoffice, will only be delivered when called for, and will not be re-directed. The 3c, 5c and 15c Official stamps have been previously chronicled. The 2c is overprinted "On Service" in black, like the others.

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Adhesive (Official): 3d.
10s carmine on bluish.

EGYPT.—*Mekes's Weekly* reports having seen the 5m on 5pi, recently chronicled, with surcharge inverted. Only one sheet of 120 stamps, out of a total printing of 50,000 stamps, has been found with this inverted surcharge.

HAYTI.—In addition to the commemorative set chronicled in No. 559, *La Cole Reelle* says a permanent set was issued on the same date (Dec. 31), all bearing a portrait of the President of the Republic, Gen. Simon Low. It is also reported that an additional 50c value of the commemorative set has been issued with a portrait of Gen. Nor Alexis instead of Petion.

Adhesives (Regular):

1c green.
2c carmine and black.
5c blue and black.
10c chocolate and black.
20c yellow and black.
5c pale lilac.

INDIA.—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* says that the 2, 3 and 5 rupee stamps of the King's head series can be had if speedily applied for, though they have not yet been issued to the public. We have chronicled the 2r, but the others are new. The same authority reports the ½ King's head stamp in a distinct shade of gray.

Adhesives (Regular):

2r yellow brown and carmine.
3r green and brown.
5r violet and ultramarine.

MAURITIUS.—It is rumored that the 3c and 15c stamps will shortly appear in new colors.

MEXICO.—Mr. A. E. Sanford has shown us the full set of the current issue in the new colors, as far as issued.

RUSSIAN OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—The *Monthly Circular* says that the 70k brown and orange surcharged 7 pi (chronicled in the ERA, No. 549) is the variety with thunderbolts, which has not yet appeared unsurcharged in Russia itself.

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1c first " rose surcharge..... .08
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THE FUTURE OF PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

By R. F. BALDWIN.

There is an ever growing demand for first class articles about postage stamps and at the same time an ever narrowing field for the research that such articles entail. In other words, stamps are so interesting that we want to continue to be told about them, but as so much is being told and has already been told, we will soon arrive at that stage in which nothing more can be told, that is, unless we invent new fields of exploration.

It is interesting to stop here and to look about and wonder if new fields can be found, and if so, in which direction they will extend.

The Philatelic Literature of the present day may be all divided into four classes, the Gaseous, or space-filling kind, which includes the majority of the materials of the smaller papers, which exist entirely for the purpose of advertising the publisher's stock or satisfying his cravings in the line of editorial fame; the Chronicling or News-gathering kind, which includes the recording of new issues and the publishing of notes in regard to current events of Philatelic interest; the Didactic, or instructive class of papers which is the kind most in favor at the present day and which shows the greatest symptoms of "giving out"; and lastly a class of papers that are only beginning to be appreciated, and which we may well place under the heading "Philosophic Philately" because it connects that which is strictly philatelic with antecedents of outward interest, and draws a great bond of human sympathy between the mere facts of stamps, and the subjective causes of those facts. Thus we learn that the cause of a certain error was some false idea existing in the mind of a designer or an engraver, or else that it was intended on the part of some official in government employ because he saw therein a chance of profit to himself. And two such errors come to be looked on in an entirely different way, not because of any lack of parallelism between the two stamps themselves, but because of the difference in the states of the minds that are responsible for them.

Literature of the first kind is, unfortunately, in no danger of giving out. So long as writers remain in their present disunited state, publishers will be able to obtain a bare living competency from magazines that ought to fail. It may not appear at first sight why disunion on the part of Philatelic Literati should be responsible for the existence of these little fourth class monthlies that spring up like weeds and die like weeds. It is because philatelic writing is not bringing the price that it deserves to bring.

When prices come to their true position the fourth class papers will be crowded out of existence. But there will be more of the first-class ones and there will be

more collectors to read them, for, of course, the basis of any improvement in philatelic affairs must be the increase of active collectors, and there is probably a majority of philatelists who do not know that there are any such things as stamp papers in the world. This statement may seem remarkable to one who has not looked into the statistics with great care, but there is every reason to believe that it is not in the least exaggerated. The first class papers need to obtain better literature, and they will soon become better known than they are, for while they appear as shining lights in comparison to the small monthlies, they are nevertheless mere twinkling stars in comparison to what they should be. Philatelic papers need more active campaign work too, their lists of subscribers lap over each other too much, so that the army of philatelic readers is far smaller than would appear from adding their numbers together.

The second kind of literature will be with us always. As the product of new issues is apparently increasing in a geometric ratio, the check lists will soon be the most important part of the reading matter in any monthly. And as long as there are philatelists there will be events of interest to chronicle in regard to their movements, so that in this one division we need have no fear of material giving out.

The Didactic Literature of Philately is as hard to obtain as it is profitable to read, or rather study. For it requires study to produce such articles as Mr. Luff or Mr. Capen in this country, or Mr. Earee in England have brought forth. And it requires study to read them profitably, too, but such study is never wasted if the articles are good.

The principal reason why this class of literature is so hard to obtain is, again, because there is such a total lack of union between Philatelic Literati. To use homely expressions they need to join a "combine" and declare a "strike." They are not paid sufficiently for their labor, there is no doubt about that. Of course it would be impossible, at the present time, for any philatelic paper in existence to pay just as much as the average studious writer deserves for his services, but a far truer standard would be reached if the system of paying according to the number of words was abolished. To offer a man \$1.00 per 200 words for an article that requires a very large amount of research is exactly the same thing as sending a man to Asia, and having him spend years in the fields of Archaeological labor in order to return and write it up. The same thing in kind if not in degree.

It may be objected that Mr. So and So can sit down and reel you off a thousand words in less than an hour, and that, even though they contain much food for

thought, they are nevertheless too easily written to be paid for at the exorbitant rate that would be given to a man in the line of general literature, who had as great a reputation as has Mr. So and So in the philatelic field. But remember, you are paying Mr. So and So not only for that short hour of work, but also for the many long, weary, up-hill hours in which he was acquiring the information now reeled off so easily, and in which he was being remunerated at a rate that it will require many years of well-paid reputation to balance up. The tyro at the bottom of the ladder should be the last person in the world to envy the veteran his secure position at the top, for all his effort and struggle to attain that position himself will be utterly wasted if conservatism is thrown to the winds. After all his work there will be no reward if the place on top is to be held open for the next comer! So let us be thankful that there are Kiplings and Haggards to receive their enormous rates and to amass their Brobdingnagian fortunes!

But it is in the "Philosophic" literature of philately that there is the most room for growth, for the opening up of this branch of research is comparatively of such recent date that it can hardly be said to more than have begun. Mr. Louis C. Quackenbush recognizes this fact in a very appropriate way in his department of Review in Mekeel's *Collector* of January 26, where he speaks of an article on "The Zoology of Philately," by Mr. C. A. Howe, which he says brings to the front a long-neglected field of philatelic study. "We are, in very many cases," he says, "profoundly ignorant of the symbolism and significance of the design itself," although, as he points out, we know every minutest dot of the printing, and are able to separate the various types with ease. Mr. Frank C. Young in his recent work on war-time stamps, has carried this same principle a little further, and is in the truest sense, we believe, getting down to the true meaning of the "Symbolism" and studying philately in its real vital relation to the governments that have given rise to it and the men that have been connected with the various issues of stamps.

There is a great deal of room in this direction; infinite numbers of ways could be mentioned for following out this line of research. A series of articles on the engravings of postage stamps would be appreciated by the world of interested readers, and such articles as this would win a far larger outside audience than a discourse on the "Hair-line Varieties of the Fourpenny Stamp of the Cannibal Islands." Another field for exploration will be afforded by a search into the legislative connections of various issues, showing who passed the bill that brought forth the new sets, who opposed it, etc.

In fact there are no end of interesting lights that could be thrown on the subject matter of philately, if once we raise our minds out of the mire of trifling little varieties and sub-varieties that an earnest broadminded man would not waste his time on.

"Our Eye" • •

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—The Board of Vice-Presidents of the A. P. A. has prepared an elaborate document showing that foreign members will not be compelled to have their proxies *vised* to make them legal.

—That story of the loss of \$9000 value in stamps by the tiny republic of San Marino has now settled down to 9000 lire, which is a vastly different matter.

—E. L. Warner formerly of the Auditorium, Chicago, is now located at the Hotel Metropole.

—The Medical Department of Western Australia uses stamps overprinted "Medical," instead of perforated stamps like the other departments.

—The Drew Sale of Feb. 17 was noted for the prices brought by U. S. envelopes. A number of bargain hunters were chagrined to see lots bringing over 50 per cent catalogue that they intended to capture at their own price.

—A report from South Australia says that orders have been issued to the Deputy Postmaster General of South Australia and West Australia "that all obsolete stamps were to be destroyed and that such had been done."

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—Collectors are warned to be wary in buying used copies of the Japanese stamps surcharged for use in China and Corea, as the skillful Japanese forger is working on this line. The counterfeit surcharges are said to be less clearly and sharply printed than the genuine.

—At the last meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society a novel contest was held, not in the character of the exhibits, for they were simply the best 25 stamps, but novel in that the judge was a non-philatelist and was expected to select the lot which appealed most strongly to his untutored philatelic sense.

—A sketch of C. A. Howes' philatelic career will appear next week from the pen of Freeman Putney, Jr. It will be illustrated.

—The "Two-Cent Stamp" is a new Chicago publication, not philatelic, but published in the interests of the postal clerks.

—Some one has discovered that in the portrait of Washington in the new 2c stamp the left eye is slightly lower than the right.

—The North Shore Stamp Co. has contracted to use 400 inches of ERA space during 1904.

—An interesting exhibition of the stamps of France will be held 4m Paris, opening March 3, under the auspices of M. Th. Lemaire. It is said to be unique in the number of varieties, shades, etc., the collection being arranged on more than 600 sheets.

—A novel reason is given for the multitude of Persian surcharges recently put out. It is said that a new Minister of Posts having been appointed, found that his predecessor had possession of all the stamps in stock and refused to give them up. Therefore all new issues were surcharged, and extra postage charged on all letters bearing unsurcharged stamps. This doesn't cost much, and is a "good enough Morgan" to satisfy easy-going collectors.

—At the last meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society H. N. Mudge read an interesting essay on "Investigations as to color differences."

—The engravers of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are at work cutting the dies for the St. Louis Exposition stamps.

—Of all the sovereigns of Europe the Pope receives the largest daily mail—about 22,700 pieces, including letters, papers, circulars, packages, etc., which are examined by forty secretaries. King Edward receives daily 3,000 papers and 1,000 letters; he leaves far behind Emperor William, the Czar and our President who are contented with 600 daily missives. William II and Edward VII themselves read a very large portion of their letters, annotate them and dictate the replies. The King of Italy receives 500 epistles a day, Emperor Francis-Joseph 300, and Queen Wilhelmina 50.

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The February Meeting.

The 133rd regular meeting was held at the Quincy House, Boston, on Tuesday evening, February 16. President Rothfuchs called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock. In the absence of the Secretary the President appointed E. M. Carpenter Secretary *pro tem*.

This being the Annual Jollification and a banquet awaiting those present, the formal meeting was made as short as possible. The reading of the minutes of the January meeting was dispensed with. President Rothfuchs asked authority to send a printed circular, which he would furnish, accompanied by an application blank with every notice for the March meeting, and stated that he would offer in that circular certain stamps as prizes for the largest number of new members obtained during this year. The offer was accepted and a vote of thanks given Mr. Rothfuchs.

It was then moved to adjourn, but providing that any applications for membership presented during the evening should be posted as if they had come before the regular meeting. The motion was carried and the company adjourned to the dining hall.

E. M. CARPENTER,
Sec'y pro tem.

Pursuant to the last motion the following name is posted:

FRANK B. KIRBY, Boston; proposed by **C. A. Howes.**

The Annual Jollification, which this year took the form of a banquet to which the ladies were invited, was a most successful affair. Just fifty members and guests sat down to the tables and we had with us as guests of the Society President Holland of the A. P. A. and President Stone of the Springfield Stamp Club.

During the progress of the banquet a number of pseudo-telegrams were received and caused much laughter by their hits. At the conclusion of the banquet "Chick" Fox and his company, the "Troubadors," entertained and succeeded in making things lively for the next hour. After some time spent socially and in signing a roll in the Minute Book the meeting broke up at 10.30. The opinion heard on all sides was that it had proved a great success and not a few of the ladies expressed the hope that they would have another opportunity to meet with us.

C. A. HOWES, Secretary.

Rhode Island Philatelic Society.

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 Official Organ, THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 12, 1904.

The regular meeting and annual banquet of the Society was held, at Gelbs, 193 Westminster St., today at 7.30 p. m. The banquet was an enjoyable affair and the large number of members and friends did full justice to it.

At the conclusion of the banquet, President Mason called the meeting to order. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read. Eight gentlemen were proposed for membership and on motion the rules of the Society were suspended and they were declared elected as members. Letters of regret were read from prominent philatelists on their being unable to attend. The Treasurer's report was read showing the Society was in a sound condition. The report of the Secretary showed a good gain in membership the past year. It was voted that the WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA be made the Official Organ of our Society.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names for officers for 1904, and they were unanimously elected: F. M. Mason, President; E. L. Mathewson, Vice-President; W. Irving Cox, Secretary and Treasurer; Alfred Dawson, Librarian; Webster Knight, Dr. S. A. Welch, Geo. A. Streeter, Executive Committee; the Vice-President with C. W. Hopkine, Auditing Committee; W. E. Lassell, Exchange Manager.

The Society wishes to thank President Mason who was also a committee of one on the Banquet Committee for his untiring efforts to further the interests of the Society and also for the bountiful repast provided. Mr. F. Putney, Jr., of Boston, was in attendance and brought with him a beautiful collection of stamps which held the close attention of all present. A vote of thanks was extended him for his presence and fine display. Next meeting will be held at the residence of Dr. S. A. Welch, 253 Washington St.

W. IRVING COX, Sec'y.

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Under this head we will print exchange, want and for sale notices, business announcements, etc., etc., at the uniform low rate of five (5) cents per line. Eight words average a line. All notices will be set in solid 6-point type and no display allowed.

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N. Borneo '93, 10 var.,	" 1.38,	.35
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132 " " 3c, "	.16
140 " " 1c, 2, 2,	.05
142 " " 3c, "	.19
148 " " 15c, "	.28
150 " " 1c, " 1st 2 small,	.10
158 " " 15c, " "	.37
160 " " 1c, " " still smaller,	.12
168 " " 15c, " "	.43
170 " " 3, 3, 2,	.10
178 " " 15c, " "	.28
180 " " 1c, 4, 2,	.07
203 Elgin, Ill., 3c,	.10
203a " " 3c, pair,	.25
325 Indianapolis, Ind., 2c, D,	.11
490 Boston, Mass., 1c, 1895 issue,	.11
494 " " 2c, I,	.06
494a " " 2c, N,	.06
510 Lowell, Mass., 1c,	.05
540 Grand Rapids, Mich., 1c, Dec 1901,	.10
546 Jackson, Mich., 2c,	.09
547 " " 3c,	.14
1321 " " 3c, 1903 issue,	.18
1322 " " 3c, "	.06
1324 " " 2c, " (end),	.04
1331 Battle Creek, Mich., 2c, 1903,	.09
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? QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS

EDITED BY

C. A. HOWES, 55 KILBY ST., BOSTON.

24. Who was S. Allen Taylor?

ANS. S. Allen Taylor is just as much as he ever was. He is one of the "characters" of philately and has been known to his devotees for at least 40 years. The knowledge he has at command concerning philately during this long period, the stamp issues that have appeared, the dealers and collectors that have come and gone, and the ins and outs and whys and wherefores of many matters pertaining to our pursuit, is truly remarkable. In fact he seems to be one of those persons of whom it is said: They have forgotten more than most of us know.

Mr. Taylor's name has unfortunately become prominent largely through his idea that a *fac-simile* of a stamp was about as good as the original, for a collector, particularly if the original were a rarity and another copy could be made to sell for a few cents. But in doing this he asserts that he has never misrepresented his wares and has sold them for just what they were, and we have no reason to doubt his word.

I asked Mr. Taylor if he would give me a few personal items. His reply is characteristic: "I regret you should have made the request you do as I heartily detest the egotistical feature which seems to be the principal object of philatelic literature as served up nowadays.

"I will be glad to tell you anything in regard to STAMPS but please do not ask me to write matter regarding either myself or any other individual. The little paragraphs stating that Fuller Booze has shown us the new stamps for British Siberia with a N. W. dot in the S. E. corner, and that Harry Hayrick of the Hayrick Stamp Co. was in town, etc., etc., are not even amusing. They are weak and silly, but they please Fuller Booze and Harry Hayrick beyond question. Write about stamps, stamps, stamps, not about persons, postmasters, letter carriers, mail bags, or anything but stamps, and then your life will not have been in vain."

25. How many Post Office Mauritius stamps are known?

ANS. This question was quite fully answered in the Jan. 30 issue of the ERA (No. 559). Since that article was written, however, I find on the authority of *La Cote Reelle*, that its editor, M. Th. Lemaire, is possessed of a beautiful unused copy of the 2d, which makes the total number of that value eleven as against thirteen of the 1d, and the whole number of these stamps definitely known now stands at 24. Recent information seems to indicate that the 2d recently sold in London was really purchased for the

Prince of Wales, so that the location of the known copies stands as 12 in England, 10 in France, 1 in Germany and 1 in Russia. (*La Cote Reelle* says 10 in England and 12 in France, but the discrepancy is doubtless due merely to some doubt as to whether Baron de Rothschild's two copies are in one or the other country.)

26. Is the Roman States No. 8 (5b rose) reprinted and U. S. No. 2588 (Hussey's local)? If so how do you tell them from the originals?

ANS. The 1852 issue of the Roman States was never reprinted, but the plates and remainders of the 1862 and 1868 issues were sold together and those issues have been privately reprinted. There have been counterfeits made of the 5 baj. 1852, however, and some were even made for postal use in Bologna in 1854-5. These latter would probably only be found in used condition. They measure 16½x20½mm. whereas the genuine stamp measures 17x20mm. They are further distinguished by the fact that the second L of BOLLO is smaller than the one preceding it, and the rounded bottom of the j in BAJ turns inwards. In distinguishing the genuine stamp from counterfeits it may be noted that the E of POSTALE is closer to the frame than the B of BOLLO and that the cross in each key touches the side of the bit opposite the shank. Also that the top line of the third (upper) crown in the tiara is always a wavy line.

With regard to Hussey's locale it is hardly worth while to consider reprints. Mr. Hussey not only ran his "letter post" but was also a stamp dealer and did various queer things with his stamp issues, not to mention cancelling to order and concocting bogus locals. Doubtless the stamps have been reprinted since their issue (in 1877) but as to the characteristics of such reprints I can give you no information nor can I tell at the present time where such information might be found.

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NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1904.

Application.

D. W. Millen, Springfield, Ill.; Letter Carrier. Ref.: Dalton, J. H. Rachford.
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New issues and discoveries of pre-cancelled stamps will be noted in the Chronicle column. If members will kindly advise me of anything new they get, or send the stamp for inspection, I will forward the information to the ERA giving credit to the sender.

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BY A. R. BUTLER.

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Mr. Mitchell in the Senate and Mr. W. A. Smith in the House have introduced bills providing for postage stamp certificates in denominations of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents, in size no larger than 2½ by 4 inches, to be on sale wherever stamps are sold, and redeemable in postage stamps at face or in currency at 1% discount: to be indorsed by payor and payee, and payable only to them.

Though February 21 was Sunday and February 22 a holiday the promise of double pay kept a force of expert counters at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing busy stocktaking. The last count of distinctive paper was taken 19 years ago, yet the count of last week showed no errors in the amounts on hand. What this means as a test of accuracy can hardly be comprehended, the Bureau uses 125,000 sheets daily; and in nineteen years!

The President and the Postmaster General have issued orders revoking the permission granted in 1899 to persons serving in the United States Services in Guam, the Philippines and Cuba to ship free of customs duties articles of merchandise intended as gifts or souvenirs. These revocations take effect April 1st, 1904, and after that date such merchandise will be subject to the usual customs requirements applicable to foreign mails.

The total issue of stamps in the dollar values of the first Bureau design from 1894 to their replacement by the present adhesives is: \$1, 291,473; \$2, 42,922; \$5, 34,391 on both unwatermarked and water-marked paper.

The first printing of each on the water-marked paper was: \$1, August 12, 1895; \$2, August 13, 1895; \$5, August 16, 1895.

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Our editor has limited the Index space, and there will be listed only the leading articles in the papers, omitting all notes and chronicles. I shall, however, keep full references to everything printed that comes to me; and I shall be glad at any time to send anyone, on receipt of postage, the complete list of any country desired.

Publishers of philatelic journals will help our Index greatly toward completeness, and so, I venture to hope, be of service to the stamp collecting public, by sending in exchange copies of the current papers at once and regularly. Some journals to be added to the list of last time (18:191) are:

<i>Announce Timbrologique, L'</i>	AnnTim
<i>Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde,</i>	NedTP
<i>Philatelic Star, The</i>	PStar
<i>Revue de la Federation Philatelique de France,</i>	RFPF
<i>Stamp Reporter, The</i>	StaRep3
<i>Timbrophile de France, Le</i>	TimFr

The *Philatelic West* does not number its pages, a trait troublesome enough in any magazine, but almost deathly in one of the bulk and style of our western friend; reference is made to the month of issue. Some papers of frequent appearance and small thickness page each issue anew; e.g., *StaRep3*; and for such the number of the issue, with a semi-colon, is inserted between the volume and the page.

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1900.

\$1.00 red, not cut.....	.10
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\$3.00 grey, ".....	.10
\$5.00 ".....	.10
\$10.00 ".....	.25

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Chronicle • •

BY HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

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UNITED STATES.—Mr. F. L. Smith adds two new varieties to the precancelled list: Lockport, N. Y., 1c "11-01," error New York. Akron, Ohio, 2c and 3c, vertically, down.

AZORES.—The new Postage Due stamps of Portugal have been surcharged "Acores", in black. The values and colors are the same as the mother country.

BRAZIL.—A series of stamps, postage and official, post cards, domestic and foreign and letter cards is being prepared. The values will be 10r to 12,000r and will illustrate the history and progress of Brazil, political, scientific, artistic, industrial, etc.

BULGARIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new Postage Due stamp in two peculiar shades of gray blue. The design is the same as the Due stamps of 1902.

Adhesive (Postage Due):
201 gray blue.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The 3d chronicle last week should have read red lilac.

CHILE.—A correspondent of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* at Santiago gives some interesting information regarding the new series of stamps which has

been in preparation for some time. There are 14 values of postage stamps, 4 envelopes, 6 post cards and 2 letter cards. The stamps from 1 to 50 centimes will be 25x28mm. and the 1 and 2 pesos 25x32mm. They are engraved on steel in intaglio or taille-douce. The stamps from 10 centimes to 2 pesos have central portrait.

Adhesives (Regular):

1c green, portrait of Don Diego Postales.
2c rose, Asturo Prat.
3c sepia, Lord Cochrane.
4c dark brown, Camilo Henriquez.
5c blue, statue of Don Bernardo O'Higgins.
10c pearl gray and black, Don Ramon Freire.
15c pale rose and black, Don Manuel Blanco Encalada.
15c scarlet and black, Don Francisco-Antonio Pinto.
20c purple and black, Don Joaquin Priet.
25c red brown and black, Don Manuel Bulnes.
30c dark green and black, Don Manuel Montt.
50c sky blue and black, Jose Joaquin Perez.
1p yellow orange and black, Condor.
2p bronze and black, statue of Don Jose de San Martin.

The envelopes are of the values of 2c, 5c, 10c and 25c, the first three having portraits of Gen. Don Manuel Bequedano, Don Patricio Lynch and Don Carlos Condell, respectively, while the 25c has a picture of the postoffice at Santiago. The official decree is silent as to the colors of the stamps or stationery of envelopes or cards.

The post cards are 1c and 2c for domestic use, bearing views of the National Congress and University; 2c for Argentina with picture of Mont Santa-Lucia, and 3c for the Postal Union, with picture of a coin. There will also be reply cards of the 2c and 3c values. The post cards are 90x140mm. The letter cards are of the denominations of 2c and 5c, the first bearing a portrait of Don, Andre Bello and the other that of Don Ignacio Domeyko. The size is 250x300mm., the writing surface being 145x200mm.

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1892-95 1c, 3c, 8c.....	.04	
1894 1c in 32c.....	.02	
Perak, Used		
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"Our Eye" • •

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—F. G. Jones of Louisville, Ky., has contracted large space for the coming months. He writes us, "Am well pleased with results in the ERA." We intend to have him better pleased ere his contract expires.

—Mr. J. M. Bartels of Boston will go to Washington shortly to arrange the Government's exhibit of stamps for the St. Louis Exposition. Few people realize how much money and work is being expended upon the Government's stamp collection.

—Leon V. Cass, whose advertisement will be found elsewhere, submits a Bargain List No. 5, filled with attractive offers.

—A movement is on foot among the Boston dealers to secure an agreement to the effect that for one year, commencing Sept. 1, 1904, there shall be no auction sales in Boston. This will be an experiment, which if tried will attract wide attention from collectors and dealers.

—The blank spaces in the advertisement of the New England Stamp Co. last week suggested other blank spaces in the albums of our readers that this company would no doubt be pleased to fill.

—Owing partly to the strike of the printers, and partly to the addition of considerable new matter, the issue of Bartel's monograph on "The Postage Stamps of the Philippines" has been delayed.

—Stanley Gibbons Second Part has arrived and is said to show some striking reductions in prices. As usual the book is well printed, poorly bound, and admirably arranged as regards varieties, watermarks, printings, etc.

—A stamp exhibition is being arranged to be held in Berlin, Germany, in September, 1904.

—There is reported to be some increase in the demand for Japanese stamps, but principally from the "boy trade."

—The published statements regarding the sale of the 2d Mauritius stamp has of course started the usual crop of inquiries from the public in regard to stamps supposed to be very valuable. Several years ago, the writer was gravely asked, by a well known business man if a stamp which he submitted was not the rare Mauritius post office stamp. It was the common English "penny red."

—Stamp collecting develops patience, perseverance, order, neatness and classification, and helps in the teaching of history and contemporary politics.

—To the unprejudiced observer, the "Disgrace of New Zealand" is not in the multiplicity of the watermarks, papers, etc., however perplexing and exasperating they may be, but in the entirely unnecessary issues for Aitutaki, Niue and Penrhyn Island.

—An English dealer having advertised to buy stamps, was informed by a correspondent that he had a valuable stamp (from the description evidently a 5c Escuelas of Venezuela) but unfortunately it was fastened securely in a silver watch. This watch the correspondent valued at £3, but asked for bids for watch and stamp combined.

—A "Postage Stamp Dance" is the latest thing in the way of philatelic entertainments from abroad.

—The dispute over the alleged iniquity of the postal officials of New Zealand goes on apace in the English Philatelic journals. By the way the latest Stanley Gibbons' lists 527 numbered varieties for New Zealand and only 391 for Nicaragua!

—A Chicago collector mounts his stamps on cards, but instead of the usual faintly colored quadrille lines, has the white card lightly tinted by a colored plate, leaving the quadrille lines in white.

—What appears to be needed just now is a specialized monograph on the stamps of Japan, including an account of the various counterfeits.

—A correspondent wrote to the New York Sun criticising the new 2c stamp, on account of the shield having the white bars on the outside. This brought forth an answer from another reader to the effect that the National shield bears six red stripes on a white ground being in that respect the exact reverse of the flag.

—Considering Mr. S. Allan Taylor's former attitude towards genuine stamps, his plea for the study of STAMPS (emphasized) in the last ERA, is decidedly refreshing.

—Mr. Madden denies that the department have ever contemplated a stamp commemorative of the great fire at Baltimore, the proceeds to be applied to the relief of the city's finances. Says Mr. Madden, "The department is not in the business for its money-making possibilities, and there has never, to my knowledge, been any such action as that mentioned contemplated. The report that the Post Office Department would issue these stamps and sell the two-cent denomination at five cents each, thus making an immense profit from their sale to stamp collectors and the public generally, is ridiculous. Nothing of the sort has ever been considered for a moment by the department."

—Mauritius has other records besides the high prices paid for the "Post Office" stamps. For instance, it was the first British colony to follow the example of the Mother country in issuing adhesive postage stamps; and what is less creditable, perhaps, it was the first British colony, if not the first place in the world, to issue a surcharged postage stamp.

—The Belgian stamps of 1849 are called "with epaulets" to distinguish them from the issue of 1851, "without epaulets." In the earlier issue the epaulets are a prominent feature of the design, but have nearly disappeared in the second plate.

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*1902	5c Reg. Return Receipt Stamp...	.06	.03
*1883	Costa Rica, Official, 10c.....	.30	.12
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*1868	Cuba 20c.....	.35	.15
*1869	" " " " 50c.....	.50	.20
*1862	" " 1/2p green on lilac rose....	.40	.15
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THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA, Official Journal.

BOSTON, March 8, 1904.

DEAR SIR:

The one hundred and thirty-fourth regular meeting of the Society will be held at Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 15, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Communications.
4. Election of Candidates.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Informal Auction Sale.

Entertainment.

The Entertainment Committee desire to announce a few changes in the program sent out. Mr. Berthold, who was to have given a stereopicon exhibition and talk on his recent discoveries in the die varieties of the U. S. envelopes of 1864, has found it necessary to extend the time of preparation somewhat and his lecture will therefore be postponed until the April meeting. Mr. Seybold, whose exhibition of original covers was to have taken place at the May meeting, finds that he cannot favor us until the fall; therefore the Netherlands competition, scheduled for April, will be held on May 17, and Mr. Berthold's lecture will be given on April 19.

For the March meeting we are happy to announce that Mr. H. P. Harris, by special request, will again exhibit his fine collection of foreign revenues. It was a matter of much regret to those present at the Annual Meeting, that the protracted business meeting left so little time for an inspection of Mr. Harris' treasures, for what they did see aroused their interest to the highest point. The Committee are therefore much gratified at Mr. Harris' consent to give the members another opportunity to inspect his collection. It will be on view between 7 and 8 p. m., and again after the business meeting.

QUESTION BOX.

The Committee has received the following query:

If a dealer receives stamps with only three sides perforated, is it proper for him to have the fourth side perforated before offering them for sale?

The question is submitted to the members who, it is hoped, will come prepared to discuss the point in open meeting.

Notice is also given that this will be an EXCHANGE NIGHT and members are expected to bring their duplicates for a general exchange after the meeting and exhibition.

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103	1892, 1 peso, lake.....	.08	51	1897, 1 py carmine.....	.00
117	1896, 8 c dull violet.....	.13	52	1898, 2½ py blue.....	.10
133	1899, 1 peso, blue and black.....	.10	53	1898, 3 py yellow brown.....	.22
140	1901, 30c vermilion.....	.03	55	1898, 10 sh purple.....	5.00
			56	1900, 1 py deep violet.....	.30
			57	1900, 1 sh black.....	.70
AUSTRIA.			RUSSIA.		
34	1867, 25 kr gray lilac.....	.06	1	1891, ½ py blue and verm.....	.02
40	1877, 50 kr light brown.....	.13	2	1891, 1 py black.....	.05
46	1883, 50 kr red lilac.....	.06	12	1891, 1½ blue.....	4.00
59	1890, 24 kr gray blue.....	.02	13	1891, 2½ rose red.....	9.75
62	1890, 1 gld dark blue.....	.03	25	1892, 4 py ochre and black.....	.30
63	1890, 1 gld carmine.....	.09	27	1896, 1 py scarlet and emerald.....	.06
83	1900, 40 kr gray lilac.....	.03	28	1896, 4 py brown and lilac.....	.07
BARBADOS.			30	1896, 4 py blue and lilac.....	.10
60	1882-85, ¼ py green.....	.03	33	1896, 1 sh green and ult.....	.14
65	1882-85, 4 py brown.....	.16	38	1898, 1 py brown and rose.....	.06
69	1897, ¼ py on 4 py brown.....	.06	53	1898, 3 py brown and blue.....	.08
78	1892-96 2 sh 6 py black and orange.....	.90	54	1898, 4 py ult. and violet.....	.08
CRETE.			ST. HELENA.		
17	1900, 1 dr gray violet.....	.38	38	1883, 70k brown and orange.....	.15
18	1900, 2 dr yellow brown.....	.70	44	1883, 50k violet and green.....	.04
19	1900, 5 dr black and black.....	1.55	45	1889, 1r brown and orange.....	.09
COOK ISLANDS.			52	1890, 35k violet and green.....	.03
3	1892, 2½ py blue.....	.20	54	1897, 7r black and orange.....	1.10
13	1898, ¼ py violet.....	.06	SEYCHELLES ISLANDS.		
14	1898, 1 py brown.....	.07	1	1890, 2c green and carmine.....	.04
23	1907, ¼ py blue green.....	.03	3	1890, 8c violet and blue.....	.10
DUTCH INDIES.			4	1890, 10c blue and brown.....	.25
31	1899, 10c on 10c gray lilac.....	.01	5	1897, 13c slate and black.....	.12
32	1899, 12½c on 12½c blue.....	.02	6	1890, 10c brown and ult.....	.15
33	1899, 15c on 15c yellow brown.....	.03	10	1892, 12c on 16c.....	.25
34	1899, 10c on 10c yellow green.....	.03	11	1892, 15c on 16c.....	.15
35	1899, 25c on 25c carmine and blue.....	.03	14	1893, 3c violet and orange.....	.03
36	1899, 50c on 50c green and brown.....	.05	15	1893, 12c brown and green.....	.12
37	1899, 2½ g1 on 2½ g1 brown and lilac.....	.40	16	1897, 15c olive and violet.....	.15
GOLD COAST.			18	1896, 18c on 45c.....	.15
19	1884-91, 1sh purple.....	.07	23	1902, 2c brown and green.....	.02
20	1884-91, 2sh brown.....	.30	25	1901, 3c on 16c.....	.15
25	1894, 20-h.....	.85	32	1901, 6c on 8c.....	.05
32	1898, 2-h green and carmine.....	.40	SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		
33	1890, 5sh green and lilac.....	.80	121	1902-03, 3 py olive.....	.09
34	1900, 10sh green and brown.....	1.00	122	1902-03, 4 py red orange.....	.15
35	1901, 1 py on 2½ py.....	.25	123	1902-03, 8 py ultramarine.....	.23
36	1901, 1 py on 6 py.....	.25	125	1902-03, 9 py claret.....	.26
JAMAICA.			126	1902-03, 10 py orange buff.....	.30
12	1871, 1sh brown.....	.50	127	1902-03, 1 sh brown.....	.35
14	1875, 2-h red brown.....	1.00	TONGA.		
15	1875, 5sh olive.....	3.50	1	1886-92, 1 py carmine rose.....	.05
22	1885-90, 3 py olive green.....	.10	2	1886-92, 1 py violet.....	.10
28	1897, 1-h brown.....	.38	10	1892, 1 py rose.....	.06
29	1897, 2-h red brown.....	.72	21	1894, ½ py on 1sh.....	.09
LEEWARD ISLANDS.			24	1894, ½ py on 4 py.....	.06
1	1890, ¼ py lilac and green.....	.02	TRANSVAAL.		
2	1890, 1 py lilac and carmine.....	.03	101	1885, 2 py brown.....	.12
4	1890, 4 py lilac and orange.....	.15	105	1885, 1 sh green.....	.05
5	1890, 6 py lilac and brown.....	.22	113	1887-99, 2 py olive bistre.....	.09
6	1890, 7 py lilac and slate.....	.30	126	1894-95, 2 py olive bistre.....	.14
7	1890, 1sh green and carmine.....	.40	127	1894-95, 6 py blue.....	.25
	1897, 8 var. complete.....	9.50	137	1895, 10sh red brown.....	.65
MAURITIUS.			138	1895, ½ py on 1 sh.....	.05
106	1902, 50c, surch. P. & R.....	.35	140	1895, 6 py rose and green.....	.30
108	1902, 25c, ".....	.18	141	1895, 1 py dull rose.....	.01
119	1902, 4c, ".....	.03	142	1896, ½ py green.....	.04
120	1902, 6c, ".....	.04	143	1896, 1 py rose and green.....	.04
121	1902, 10c, ".....	.10	145	1896, 2½ py ult. and green.....	.04
122	1902, 15c lilac and violet.....	.05	178	1900, ½ py, V. R. I.....	.03
123	1902, 8c green and black.....	.05	214	1901, ½ py, E. R. I.....	.09
124	1902, 12c black and carmine.....	.05	215	1901, 1 py, E. R. I.....	.04
126	1902, 50c green and blue.....	.25	217	1901, 3 py, E. R. I.....	.11
NETHERLANDS.			218	1901, 4 py, E. R. I.....	.13
30	1869, 1c black.....	.25	219	1901, 2 sh 6 py, E. R. I.....	1.20
32	1872, 2½ g1 rose and ult.....	.35	VICTORIA.		
51	1891, 2½ g1 rose and ult.....	.07	182	1901, 1½ py red (yellow).....	.09
67	1896, 50c green and brown.....	.07	184	1901, ½ py blue green.....	.04
68	1896, 1 g1 brown and olive.....	.07	186	1901, 2 py purple.....	.09
69	1896, 5 g1 green and brown.....	.85	WEST AUSTRALIA.		
70	1898, 1 g1 dark green.....	.06	76	1902-03, 1 py rose.....	.03
85	1899, 2½ g1 brown lilac.....	.25	77	1902-03, 1 py yellow.....	.06
86	1899, 5 g1 claret.....	.70	78	1902-03, 4 py orange brown.....	.12
NEWFOUNDLAND.			79	1902-03, 8 py yellow green.....	.23
3	1857, 3 py green.....	1.00	80	1902-03, 9 py orange.....	.25
43	1880, 5c light blue.....	.06	81	1902-03, 10 py red.....	.30
44	1887, ½c rose red.....	.03	ZULULAND.		
46	1887, 3c orange.....	.05	1	1888, ½ py vermilion.....	.05
47	1887, 3c amber brown.....	.02	3	1888, 1 py green and carmine.....	.20
54	1890, 12c puce brown.....	.25	8	1891, 1 py lilac.....	.11
63	1897, 3c ultramarine.....	.03	15	1894-96, 1 py lilac and carmine.....	.05
NIGER COAST.			17	1894-96, 3 py lilac and brown.....	.18
1	1892, ½ py vermilion.....	.11			
3	1892, 1 py lilac.....	.13			
3	1892, 2 py green and carm.....	.15			
4	1892, 2½ py violet.....	.11			
8	1893, ½ py red.....	.25			
9	1893, 1 py blue.....	.25			
11	1893, 2½ py (fair copies).....	.25			
15	1894, ½ py green.....	.05			
16	1894, 1 py vermilion.....	.25			
17	1894, 2½ py carmine.....	.05			
17	1894, 2½ py.....	.25			
18	1894, 2½ py pale blue.....	.85			
19	1894, 5 py deep violet.....	.18			
20	1894, 1 sh black.....	.65			

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The care with which the stamps of 1849 were printed is well known; the uniformity with which the color is distributed over the entire sheet has been noted particularly, an uniformity which would have disappeared as a consequence of the lack of care which is bestowed upon stamp printing today. This great regularity was due to a special sheet which they placed between the platen and the sheet to be printed. Upon this special sheet were to be found impressions of the 300 stamps corresponding exactly with the 300 printing blocks. In the preliminary trials they made sure that all the stamps came out clearly and if they did not do so, or if any one of them did not take sufficient ink, they thickened the corresponding stamp upon this special sheet by sticking to it one or more stamps on thin paper. This resulted in raising the portion of the sheet to be printed just at the point which corresponded to the stamp which was too pale; the paper, being better applied, took the ink better and the stamp became darker.

There still exist in collections parts of these special sheets which were designed to assure uniformity of tint; they are of stamps of one franc, of many colors and are punched through the center, without doubt to prevent their being used for postage.

It may be easily understood that, under such conditions, it was of the greatest importance that, the manufacture being well regulated no change should be made in the plate. The 300 little blocks, which composed it, must remain immovable and it must not be touched, or the frame which inclosed it, for any reason whatever. To make certain of this Mr. Hulot conceived the idea of placing one or more of the little blocks upside down.

Believing that the views of M. H. Lombard, the French specialist, would be of interest we solicited an interview, a request that was readily granted but Mr. Lombard very modestly disclaimed any desire to speak as an authority. Says Mr. Lombard:

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UNITED STATES.—Mr. F. L. Smith reports the following new issues of pre-cancelled stamps:

Fort Wayne, Ind., 2c 1903.
Indianapolis, Ind., 3c 1898, vert. down, blue ink; 3c 1902, vert. down, double.
Red Oak, Iowa, 3c 1898, inv. and diag. up; 4c 1902, diagonally up.
Lexington, Ky., Dec. 1901, type I, first "N" inv.
Boston, Mass., 3c.
Detroit, Mich., 2c 1903.
Binghamton, N. Y., 3-03, 1c double.
Buffalo, N. Y., Station D, 1c double.
Le Roy, N. Y., 1c 1902, inv.
Cleveland, Ohio, 2c 1902, inv.
Philadelphia, Pa., 2c 1902, double.
Pittsburg, Pa., 4c 1898, vertical down.
Prov. R. I., 2c 1903, purple ink, double.
Chattanooga, St. Elmo Sta., 2c 1898, 7-02.
Mr. Hammer reports having,
Elgin, Ill., 10c 1902.
Gashen, Ind., 1c 1902, double.
Topeka, Kan., 1c 1902, purple ink.
Cleveland, Ohio, 5c 1902.
Bay City, Mich., 2c 1902, inv. double.
Springfield, Ohio, small letters, 1c 1902, double.
Milwaukee, Wis., 3c 1902, down.

CYPRUS.—Another value in the current King's head set has been issued.

Adhesive (Regular):
6pi dark brown and green.

HAYTI.—Mr. J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new set chronicled last week on the authority of *La Cote Reelle*. A mistake in translation made certain values printed in two colors. This is not true, as the regular issue stamps are all printed in one color, though all are surcharged in black as described in No. 559, in connection with the commemorative set.

HUNGARY.—A new value has been added to the current postal series.

Adhesive (Regular):
12f violet and black.

Der Philatelist states that only 1650 sheets of 100 stamps have been printed of the above stamp. The number printed of the Postage Dues recently chronicled is given as follows: 1f, 600,000; 2f, 600,000; 5f, 600,000; 6f, 300,000; 12f, 160,000; 20f, 900,000; 50f, 80,000; 100f, 300,000.

JAMAICA.—We illustrate the type of the ½d and 2½d stamps chronicled in No. 553 and described in No. 556.



MADAGASCAR.—The accompanying illustration gives a good idea of the set chronicled in No. 561.

All values are in the same type, the only change being the color of ink and the denomination. The French philatelic journals do not hesitate to call the new stamp "ridiculously ugly."



PANAMA.—Mr. J. N. Morse reports having received a new card from the embryo republic. It is the U. S. Colombia current 2c card, with "Republica de Panama" in red or crimson in two lines, in what appears to be a handstamp. The overprint appears on and also at the left of the stamp.

PORTUGAL.—Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown us the new set of Postage Due stamps chronicled in No. 560. The design is entirely different from anything previously seen in Due stamps or even in stamps of any kind, but yet is not unpleasing, though not at all beautiful. The colors differ somewhat from the published chronicle, but not enough to warrant reprinting here.

TRAVANCORE.—Mr. J. N. Morse reports having received three new cards. The stamp now shows nearly half length view of the Rajah (?) in military dress in a circle. "Four" and "Cash" at upper left and right in white letters and native characters at the corresponding positions at lower left and right. Outside of this is an irregular frame in the general form of a square, the shell that is so prominent in the earlier issues appearing at the upper center. We are unable to give the order of their issue but it is supposed that they came as below: The (A) has three headlines similar in type to those on the left end of the 8 cash, the third line being in native characters. The stamp is at the left, with the head on a background of color. (B) The same stamp but is now at right and only the first headline of the "A" card. (C) The same card as B but the stamp has been re-cut, the uniform is changed and head appears without the background. C is a used card showing date of 1903. All about same size, 135x80.

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—At the somewhat novel exhibition of stamps which was the feature of the last C. P. S. meeting, the first prize was awarded to J. L. Sutherland, the second to E. S. Lee, and A. F. Boehm captured the third. The judge, who had no knowledge of stamps whatever, had a hard task as there were many tasteful displays, but the striking and original designs of the winners finally appealed to his unsophisticated mind and he rendered his decision as given above.

—Herman W. Boers, Detroit, wishes his name placed on the list for a Match and Medicine album. Mr. Carter writes us that the movement is ripening and that he will undertake the publication of such a work.

—We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of an invitation to the annual dinner of the Chicago Philatelic Society held Feb. 25th. The editor of the ERA was unable to attend but the reports received indicate that a very enjoyable evening was the result.

—It is suggested that when all countries print upon their postage stamps portraits of their noblest and best, a stamp collection will be a veritable Pantheon of Humanity.

—Father John A. Crowe, assistant pastor of the Holy Trinity Church, Detroit, is ill with pneumonia. As a collector he is well known by local collectors and dealers.

—About thirty-five members of the C. P. S. and their friends partook of the annual banquet held in the Pullman Building, Feb. 25th. President Oeach acted as toastmaster, and, departing from the usual custom of calling upon every member present, confined the speeches to a few of the orators of the Society. Mr. H. N. Mudge told the boys "What We Are Here For;" "The C. P. S., Past and Present," Mr. Rosenthal; "What Philately Teaches," Mr. Jas. Abbott; "What to Collect," Mr. H. W. Wolsely; "The Philatelic Press," Mr. C. E. Severn; "Auction Sales," Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer.

—Theo. Q. Pardee, who ran the Detroit Stamp Co. a few years ago, has left Detroit for a three years' trip across the pond in the interest of the Standard Oil Co. Mr. Pardee will visit the principal countries abroad, and incidentally pick up a few stamps. While not actively engaged at present collecting still he has "some in his trunk" together with his collection that would make a good show.

—R. Van Benschoten, Hudson, N. Y., favors us with a monthly bulletin of bargains in stamps. The list before us is dated March.

—Wm. H. Hush of Baltimore, Md., submits a perfect specimen of an albino in the 2c envelope, current issue.

—W. H. Ransom, a collector of Seattle, Wash., is spending a month in Chicago.

—A. Blanc favors us with a color chart that will be of value to our new issues editor. In expressing our appreciation of the same we might direct any interested reader to communicate with Mr. Blanc at Oak Lane, Philadelphia.

—The announcement that John N. Luff will make a trip to the Middle West in the interests of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., will be hailed with pleasure by the many philatelists who will have the privilege of not only inspecting some choice stamps but of coming in contact with Mr. Luff's personality and philatelic enthusiasm.

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*Antigua 1882 85, 1/2p, cat. 6c.....	.02
*Antigua 1882 85, 1p, cat. 8c.....	.03
*Antigua 1886, 2 1/2p, cat. 18c.....	.08
*Antigua 1886, 4p, cat. 25c.....	.10
*Antigua 1903, 1/2p blue green and black....	.02
*Antigua 1903, 1p carmine and black.....	.03
*Antigua 1903, 2p brown and violet.....	.06
*Antigua 1903, 2 1/2p ultra. and blk.....	.07
*Antigua 1903, 3p ochre and green.....	.08
*Antigua 1903, 6p black and violet.....	.18
*British Guiana 1898-99, 2c on 5c.....	.04
*British Guiana 1898-99, 2c on 10c.....	.06
*British Guiana 1898-99, 2c on 15c.....	.07
*British Honduras 1884, 1p, cat. 25c.....	.10
*British Honduras 1891, 6c on 3p, cat. 25c	.02
*British Honduras 1891, 2c rose.....	.02
*British New Guinea 1901, 1/2p.....	.03
*British New Guinea 1901, 1p.....	.06
*British New Guinea 1901, 2 1/2p.....	.07
*British New Guinea 1901, 4p.....	.10
*British New Guinea 1901, 6p.....	.18
*British New Guinea 1901, 12p.....	.35
*D. W. L. 1902, 2c on 3c (No. 24).....	.05
*D. W. L. 1902, 8c on 10c (No. 25).....	.10
*Dominica 1886, 1/2p on 6p, cat. 6cc.....	.25
*Dominica 1883, 1p violet, cat. 75c.....	.30
*Gambia 1887-89, 4p brown, cat. 35c.....	.15
*Gold Coast 1884 91, 6p, cat. 85c.....	.35
*St. Christopher 1884, 4p, cat. 25c.....	.10
*St. Vincent 1898, set 8 var. (Queen).....	1.10
*Sierra Leone 1896-97, set 10 var. (Queen)....	1.20
*Tunisia 1887, 1p carmine, cat. 8c.....	.03
*Uganda 1902, 1/2, 2 1/2 on B. E. A.....	.20
*West Australia 1882-85, 3p, cat. 50c.....	.18
*Zanzibar 1899, 1/2 green and red.....	.02
*Zanzibar 1899, 1a black blue.....	.05
*Zanzibar 1899, 2a red brown.....	.06
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- *Aitutaki, 1893, 1/2d.
 Angola, 1890, 5, 10, 25, 50r; 1894, 5, 10, 50r; 1898, 10, 20, 50r; 1893, 1/2d.
 Angra, 1892, 5r; 1896, 10, 25r; 1899, 15, 25r.
 Anjouan, 4, 5c.
 *Antigua, 1903, 1/2d.
 Argentina, 1877-80, ac; 1884-87, 1/2, 1c; 1888, 1/2, 5, 10c; 1888-89, 3c; 1890, 10c; 1899, 10c.
 Austria, 1890, 20, 24k; 1891, 50k; 1900, 35, 60h, 1k; News, 1900, 10, 50k; Unpaid, 1893, 2k; 1900, imperf., 2, 3, 5h; 1900, perf., 2, 3, 4h.
 Austrian Levant, 1890, 8, 20p; 1861, 5, 10s; 1900, 10, 20p; 1903, 5, 10c; Lombardy, 1850, 45c; 1858, 10s; 1861, 5, 10s.
 Azores, 1885, 5r, red surch.; 1887, 25r lilac, 25r purple; 1891, 5r; 1893, 2 1/2, 5, 10r; 1876-87, 2 1/2r olive, 2 1/2r bistre; 1888, 2r red surch.
 Baden, 1851, 3k; 1853, 3k; 1864, 3k; 1868, 1, 3k; 1880, 1, 3k.
 *Landpost, 1, 3k.
 Bahamas, 1884, 1, 2 1/2d; 1902, 1/2d.
 Barbados, 1882, 2 1/2d; 1892, 2 1/2d; 1897, 1f, 1/2, 1d; 1899, 1d, 1c.
 Bavaria, 1849, 3, 6k; 1850, 9k; 1870, 1, 7, 9k; 1876, 25, 50f; 1881, 25f; 1883, 3pf; Tax, 1876, 10pf; 1883, 10pf; 1889, 95, 2, 3, 5pf.
 Belgium, 1803, 10c; 1883, 20c; 1886, 35, 5c; 1893, 35c; 1894, 5, 10c; 1896, 10c orange; 1898, 50c; Unpaid, 5c; Packet, 1879-82, 25, 50, 1f; 1882, 10, 20, 25c; 1895, 10, 15, 20, 50c, 1f.
 *Benin, 1894, 1, 2, 4, 5c.
 Bermuda, 1884, 1/2, 2 1/2d.
 Bolivia, 1877, 1, 2, 5c; 1901, 1, 5c; 1894, 2, 20c; 1897, 1, 2, 5, 10c; 1899, 1, 2, 5, 10c; 1901-02, 2c; 1871, 5c black.
 Bonaire, 1879, 2, 3n; 1900, 3, 6h.
 Brazil, 1810, 30, 60r; 1878, 10, 20, 50, 100r; 1883, 1c, 20c; 1887, 10, 20c; 1890, 50, 200r; 1900, 20, 100r; News, 189, 10, 20r; 1891, 10r ultra; Unpaid, 1889, 10r; 1890, 20r; 1891, 20r.
 British Guiana, 1889, 1c lilac and orange, 5c; 1901, 2c.
 Bulgaria, 1882, 3, 5, 25c; 1885, 1, 25; 1889, 50s; 1896, 5r; 1901, 3, 50s.
 *Cameroon, 1903, 3pf.
 Canada, 1850, 2c Beaver; 1892, 8c lilac gray; Jubilee, 18c; 1897, 5c; 1899, 2 on 3c leaf; 2 on 3c numeral; 1903, 3c; Registered ac.
 Cape of Good Hope, 1871, 1d; 1881, 2d; 1885, 6d; 1891, 4pf; 1893-6, 1 on 2d; 1894, 2 on 3d; 1903, 2 1/2d King.
 Cape Verde, 1877, 20, 25c; 1881, 20, 25r; 1886, 5, 25r; 1894, 5r; 1898, 10, 25r.
 *Caroline Islands, 1901, 3pf.
 Cayman Islands, 1/2d King.
 Ceylon, 1886, 5c; 1892, 3c; 1899, 6 on 15c, 6c; 1900, 2, 3c; 1903, 4, 5, 10c; Official 1895, 2, 5c; 1899, 7c.
 Chile, 1854, 3c pen; 187, 5, 10c; 1877, 5c; 1902, 10c.
 China, Imperial, 1/2c; *Amoy, 1895, 1/2, 1c; Chefoo, 1/2c; Chinkiang, 1844, 1/2c; 1895, 1/2c; Unpaid, 1/2c; Foochow, 1895, 1/2c; 1896, 1/2c.
 Kewkiang, II type, 1/2 rose, 1/2 yellow; Nankin, 1896, 1/2c; 1897, 1/2c; Shanghai, 1893, 2c; Unpaid, 1/2, 1/2; Wuhu, 1891, 1/2, 1/2c; 1895, 1/2, 1/2c; 1896, 1/2, 1/2c.
 Colombian Republic, 1883, II issue, 1c; 189, 10c; 1892, 2c green; 1899, 10c.
 Antioquia, 1889, 1c; 1899, 1/2c; Bolivar, 1893, 1c; Santander, 1889, 1c; 1899, 1c; Tolima, 1895, 1, 2c.
 *Congo, 1900, 5, 10c.
 *Cook Islands, 1902, 1/2d.
 Corea, 1895, 3pf; 1900, 2r, 1c; 1903, 2r 1ch.
 Costa Rica, 1869, 1r; 1883, 1, 2, 5c; 1887, 5c; 1889, 5c; 1892, 30c; 1901, 1, 2, 5c; Official, 1889, 1, 2, 5, 10c; 1892, 1, 2c; 1901, 2, 5c.
 Crete, 1900, 5f; Unpaid, 5f.
 Curacao, 1889, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5c.
 Cyprus, 1888-84, 1/2pf; 1896, 1/2pf; 1903, 1/2pf King.
 Dahomey, 1901, 1r.
 Denmark, 1865, 4s; 1870, 2s; 1874, 20, 25, 100 ore; 1896, 25 ore; Official, 3 ore.
 *Diego Suarez, 1894, 4, 5c.
 Dominican Republic, 1885, 1, 2c; 1895, 1, 2c; 1901, 1, 2c; 1901, 1c; 1902, 1c.
 Dutch India, 1881, 1/2c; 1892, 25c; 1901, 1/2, 1, 2, 5c on 2c; Unpaid, 2c.
 Ecuador, 1881, 5c; 1887, 5c; 1892, 5, 10c; 1894, 5c; 1895, 1/2c; 1896, 1, 2c; 1899, 1, 5c; 1901, 1c.
 Egypt, 1871, 1pf; 1899, 1pf; 1884, 10, 20p; 1892, 3m orange, 2pf; Unpaid, 1889, 2, 4m, 1pf; *Soudan, camel, 1, 2m; Unpaid, *Nile Boat, 2m.
 *Eritrea, 1892, 1, 2c; 1899, 1, 2c.
 *Fiji Islands, 1/2d King.
 Finland, 1885, 5, 10, 20p; 1889-90, 2, 5p; 1891-92, 1, 7k; 1895-96, 5, 10, 20, 25p.
 France, 1861, 1c; 1863, 1, 2, 20c; 1870, 20c; 1871, 1, 4, 80c; 1877, 25c red; 1879, 20, 75c; 1900, 20, 30, 40, 50c, 1f; 1902, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c; Unpaid, 1881, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 3c; 1894, 15c.
 French Levant, 1902-03, 3, 4, 5c.
 Cayenne, 1902-03, 5c.
 Dedeagah, 1902-03, 5c.
 French China, 1902, 4c.
 Canton, 4, 5c.
 French Crete, 3, 4, 5c.
 Alexandria, 1890, 1894, 3, 4, 5c; 1902-03, 3, 4, 5c.
 Port Said, 1899-1900, 3, 4, 5c; 1902-03, 3, 4, 5c.
 Morocco, 1902-03, 5c.
 French Colonies, 1881, 4c; Unpaid, 1894, 5c.
 *French Congo, 1892, 4, 5c.
 *French Guinea, 1892, 4c; 1900, 5c.
 *French India, 4, 5c.
 *French Oceania, 4, 5c.
 *French Soudan, 4, 5c.
 Funchal, 1892, 5r; 1896, 10r.
 *Gambia, 1/2d King.
 *German China, 3pf.
 *German East Africa, 2p.
 *German Morocco, 3, 5c.
 *German New Guinea, 3pf.
 *German Southwest Africa, 3pf.
 *Germany, *Thurn and Taxis, North, 1866, 1s; South, 1866, 1, 3k; North German District, 1868, 10ul, 1/2, 1/2pf; 1871, 1/2, 3k.
 *German Empire, 1872, 1/2, 1875, 25, 50p green; 1880, 25, 50, 100p; 1892, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50p; 1893, 1899, 5c green; 1898, 1/2, 1d; 1889, 5, 10c; 1902, 1/2d.
 Gold Coast, 1884, 1/2, 1d; 1902, 1/2d.
 Great Britain, 1877, 3d; 1879, 1/2d; 1872, 3d; 1876, 1/2d; 1883, 1/2d; 1901-2, 5d, 10d; Levant, 40pa Queen.
 *Great Comoro, 4, 5c.
 Greece, 1863, 5, 10, 20l; 1876, 10l; 1880, 1, 5, 10l; 1886, 1l; 1889, 2, 25 blue, 25 violet; 1891, 2, 10l; 1896, 10l; 1901, 3, 25, 50l; 1902, 1, 5c; 1897, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50l; 1902, 1, 5c.
 Grenada, 1883, 1/2d; 1887, 1d; 1895-9, 1/2, 1d; 1902, 1/2d.
 *Guadeloupe, 4, 5c.
 Guatemala, 1882, 1, 2c; 1887, 2, 10c; 1895, 1 on 5c; 1897, 1, 2, 6, 10c; 1898, 1 on 5c; 1899, 1 on 5c; 1900, 1 on 6c; 1902, 1 on 1c; 2 on 1c; 1902, 2c.
 *Guinea, 1879, 20, 25r; 1885, 20, 25r; 1886, 5r; 1894, 5r; 1898, 10r; 1899, 2 1/2r.
 Hayti, 1893, 1c; 1896, 1c; 1898, 2c brown; 1898, 1c blue; 1899, 1, 2, 1902, 1c.
 Honduras, 1866, 3r green, 2r pink; 1878, 2c, 1/2; 1890, 2, 5, 10c; 1891, 1, 2, 5, 10c; 1892, 2, 5, 10c; 1893, 2, 5, 10c; 1895, 2, 5, 10c; 1896, 1, 2, 5c; 1898, 1, 2, 5c; 1899, 1, 2, 5c; 1901, 1, 2, 5c; 1891, 1, 2c.
 Hong Kong, 1882, 2, 5c; 1890, 2c; 1896, 4c; 1900, 4, 5c; 1903, 2c.
 Horta, 1892, 5r; 1896, 10r.
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261	604c " 1c " two bars to right,	.12
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268	" 1c " 12-1,	.04
269	" 1c " 1-02,	.08
270	" 1c " 1-02,	.08
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Saved by a Queen's Head Stamp.

A few years ago I made a short tour through Italy. During one of my perambulations in the outskirts of the City of Firenze (Florence), I came to a very large place, partly walled in. Says I, what place can this be? On looking around, I observed a small iron gate fastened, but unlocked. I opened it and went in, and found myself in a large open space looking very bare except for a few beds of flowers and shrubs here and there at the sides, which formed something like a square. In the distance I saw a huge military-looking building, and began to wend my steps towards it. I had not gone very far when I beheld a uniformed sentry with musket slung across his shoulders, coming towards me, and shouting for all he was worth. I immediately realized I was on forbidden ground, and began to retrace my steps. The sentry followed me very quickly and beckoned me to come back.

"Not if I know it," says I, "I shall go out the way I came in."

However, he soon overtook me, jabbering and gesticulating, and motioned me to follow him. I scarcely understood a word he uttered, or he a word I said. However, I caught the words: "Iomo Re, Capitano, detenzione," which I translated in my mind: "Oh! in the King's name he is going to detain me and bring me before his captain." "Will you?" I said, "You dare! I am no spy. I simply strolled in here by mere accident. I am an English tourist; do you understand that?" So saying, I took out of my pocket book a penny Queen's head English stamp, put it between my lips, removed my hat and stuck it on my bare forehead. "Now," says I, "You son of an

TRADE COLUMN.

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organ-grinder, take it out of that!" Well, it acted on the man like magic. He kept his eyes fixed on the Queen's head made obeisance to it, became very calm in his demeanour, and remarked something about "Esito" by which I at once comprehended that he would show me the proper way out which he did by a very handsome entrance gate. I slipped a couple of lira into his hand and bid him "Buono giorno." He replied with thanks and "Buono giorno signore."

I think there is a small moral to be drawn from this little episode, "Never enter anywhere by back ways."—Fortnightly.

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WOLLE CAPTURED.

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Wolle was first heard of in 1898, when he was arrested in Cleveland, charged with using the United States mails for purposes to defraud. His game was to advertise to attract the attention of stamp collectors, informing them that if they would send their collections to him by mail he would select what he wanted, and return them the cash and the stamps he did not wish. He obtained many valuable collections in this manner, and stole them all and escaped.

After his arrest in Cleveland he furnished bail and defaulted. He was arrested in Louisville, Ky., but when en route to Cleveland Wolle jumped from the rapidly moving train and escaped. Later he was arrested in New York City, and Detective Lacle, the same from whom he escaped, took him back to Cleveland. While in the workhouse awaiting trial, Wolle broke jail, but was retaken. For this he was fined \$100 and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail.

In August, 1898, he was arrested in St. Louis, and sent for one year to Jefferson City prison, and fined \$500 for more postal frauds.

Early in 1900 St. Louis was flooded with bank bills, the denomination of which had been cleverly raised. Finally, Agent Murphy caught Wolle, his working tools were found and he was sentenced to ten years in the Jefferson City prison. Wolle fainted in the dock and after he recovered he made such a convincing plea that the ten-year term was cut down to five years.

In the prison he was convict No. 3333 and the prison postoffice box was 47. He managed to secure the insertion of advertisements in many publications which informed the stamp dealers and collectors that he would buy their collections. He

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	*1c rose.....	.02
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N.P.S. No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size. Price	N.P.S. No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size. Price
14 (1305)	3c red.....	5	white	1 \$0.40	197 (1368)	3c green.....	white	3 \$0.20	
14a (1)	3c ".....	5	cr. wh.	1 1.00	202	3c ".....	"	"	5 .25
15 (1305)	3c ".....	5	white	3 .50	207 (1379)	3c ".....	amber	1 1.50	
15a (1)	3c ".....	5	cr. wh.	3 3.50	211	3c ".....	"	"	3 5.00
17 (1305)	3c ".....	5	white	3 5.00	212	3c ".....	"	"	3 .20
18 (1314)	3c ".....	5	buff	3 .10	214	3c ".....	"	"	3 .20
20	3c ".....	5	"	3 5.01	218	3c ".....	"	"	5 .75
21 (1307)	6c green.....	white	3 5.00	221	3c ".....	"	"	"	2 .75
22 (1316)	6c ".....	buff	3 5.00	224	3c ".....	"	"	"	3 .50
23 (1306)	6c red.....	white	7 2.75	227	3c ".....	"	"	"	5 2.00
24 (1315)	6c ".....	buff	7 2.75	229 (1339)	3c ".....	cream	2 .75		
25 (1308)	10c green.....	white	3 20.00	231	3c ".....	"	"	"	2 1.00
26 (1317)	10c ".....	buff	3 7.00	233	3c ".....	"	"	"	3 .35
27 (1309)	10c ".....	white	3 7.50	235	3c ".....	"	"	"	3 .35
28 (1318)	10c ".....	buff	3 5.00	236	3c ".....	"	"	"	3 2.00
Second Series, Issue of 1860.					237	3c ".....	"	"	5 1.00
29 (1319)	3c red.....	white 1/2	1.50	241	3c ".....	"	"	"	7 .25
30	3c ".....	"	1 .75	243 (1369)	6c red.....	white	3 .40		
31	3c ".....	"	1 .75	244	6c ".....	"	"	"	3 .35
32	3c ".....	"	1 1.00	247	6c ".....	"	"	"	5 .40
33a (1)	3c ".....	cr. wh.	3 1.50	248a	6c ".....	"	"	"	7 15.00
34 (1323)	3c ".....	buff	2 1.00	249	6c ".....	"	"	"	8 .75
35	3c ".....	"	3 .50	251 (1380)	6c ".....	amber	3 .50		
36	3c ".....	"	3 1.25	252	6c ".....	"	"	"	3 .35
37 (1328)	3c blue.....	"	3 2.00	254	6c ".....	"	"	"	5 .50
38	3c ".....	"	3 4.00	257	6c ".....	"	"	"	3 1.00
39	3c ".....	"	3 5.00	259	6c ".....	"	"	"	5 3.00
40	3c ".....	orange	15.00	260	6c ".....	cream	3 .75		
41 (1327)	4c blue and red.....	white	3 12.00	261 (1390)	6c ".....	"	"	"	3 1.00
42 (1324)	4c ".....	buff	3 12.00	262	6c ".....	"	"	"	5 1.00
Third Series, Issue of 1861-63.					263	6c ".....	"	"	7 1.75
43 (1330)	3c rose.....	white	1 2.00	264	6c ".....	"	"	"	8 .75
44	3c ".....	"	1 .75	265	6c ".....	white	3 2.50		
45	3c ".....	"	3 5.00	268 (1371)	10c brown.....	amber	3 3.00		
46	3c ".....	"	3 1.00	272 (1383)	10c ".....	"	"	"	3 2.75
47	3c ".....	"	5 75.00	273	10c ".....	white	7 3.00		
48 (1332)	3c ".....	buff	2 2.00	274 (1372)	12c purple.....	amber	7 3.50		
49	3c ".....	"	3 .60	276 (1384)	12c ".....	cream	7 4.00		
50	3c ".....	"	5 25.00	277 (1391)	12c ".....	"	"	"	8 4.00
51 (1331)	6c ".....	white	7 6.00	278	12c ".....	white	7 3.00		
52 (1333)	6c ".....	buff	7 1.50	279 (1373)	15c orange.....	"	"	"	8 3.00
53 (1336)	10c green.....	white	3 1.00	280	15c ".....	amber	7 5.00		
54	10c ".....	"	3 .75	281 (1385)	15c ".....	cream	7 4.00		
55 (1337)	10c ".....	buff	3 1.00	282 (1392)	15c ".....	"	"	"	8 4.00
56	10c ".....	"	3 .75	283	15c ".....	white	8 4.00		
57 (1338)	10c ".....	amber	3 3.50	284 (1374)	15c lilac.....	amber	7 4.50		
58	10c ".....	buff	3 2.50	285	15c ".....	cream	7 5.00		
59 (1342)	10c black.....	1	3 .75	286 (1386)	15c ".....	white	7 4.50		
60	10c ".....	"	3 125.00	287 (1393)	15c ".....	cream	7 5.00		
61 (1344)	10c ".....	2	3 125.00	288	15c ".....	"	"	"	8 4.00
62 (1345)	10c ".....	2	3 125.00	289 (1375)	30c black.....	white	7 2.50		
Fourth Series, Issue of 1864-65.					290	30c ".....	"	"	8 3.00
63 (1347)	2c black.....	2	3 .85	291 (1387)	30c ".....	amber	7 4.00		
64	2c ".....	2	3 .40	292 (1394)	30c ".....	cream	7 5.00		
65	2c ".....	2	5 .50	293	30c ".....	"	"	"	8 5.00
66 (1349)	2c ".....	2	3 .85	294 (1376)	30c carmine.....	white	7 4.50		
67 (1346)	2c ".....	1	3 1.00	295	30c ".....	"	"	"	8 3.75
68	2c ".....	1	3 3.90	296 (1388)	30c ".....	amber	7 5.00		
69	2c ".....	1	3 3.50	297 (1395)	30c ".....	cream	7 5.00		
70 (1348)	2c ".....	1	1 1.75	298	30c ".....	"	"	"	8 5.00
71 (1350)	3c rose.....	1	1 .35	299 (1381)	7c vermilion.....	amber	3 2.50		
72	3c ".....	"	1 .30	300	7c ".....	"	"	"	3 1.00
73	3c ".....	"	3 .25	301	30c ".....	A white	2 3.00		
74 (1351)	3c ".....	2	3 .60	302 (1398)	1c dark blue.....	A	2 4.50		
75 (1353)	6c ".....	2	7 1.00	303 (1427)	1c ".....	A	2 4.50		
76	6c ".....	2	3 3.05	304 (1495)	1c ".....	A	2 4.50		
77 (1356)	3c brown.....	1	7 1.00	305	1c ".....	A	2 1.50		
78 (1364)	3c ".....	1	7 1.00	310 (1454)	1c light blue.....	A	2 2.50		
79	3c ".....	1	7 1.25	311 (1401)	1c brown.....	A	2 2.00		
80 (1367)	6c purple.....	1	3 7.15	312 (1430)	1c ".....	A	2 1.00		
81 (1365)	6c ".....	1	3 3.60	313 (1406)	3c green.....	A	2 1.00		
82 (1366)	6c ".....	1	3 3.60	314 (1435)	3c ".....	A	2 .75		
83 (1367)	9c orange.....	1	7 3.50	315 (1454)	3c ".....	A	7 20.00		
84 (1357)	12c claret.....	1	7 4.00	316 (1403)	10c brown.....	A	2 2.50		
85 (1358)	12c red.....	1	8 2.75	317	10c ".....	A	3 4.00		
86 (1359)	24c blue.....	1	8 3.00	318 (1430)	10c ".....	A	3 4.00		
Fifth or Reay Series, Issue of 1870-71.					341	10c ".....	A	3 4.00	
164 (1366)	1c blue.....	white	2 .50	344 (1468a)	1c dark blue.....	B	4 5.00		
165 (1377)	1c ".....	amber	2 .75	345	1c ".....	B	4 .75		
171 (1396)	1c ".....	orange	2 3.50	350 (1468)	1c light blue.....	B	4 1.5		
172	1c ".....	"	2 4.75	352 (1402)	3c brown.....	Bs	2 1.00		
173	1c ".....	"	2 4.75	352a (1403)	3c ".....	Bs	2 1.00		
176 (1367)	3c brown.....	white	2 1.00	353 (1439)	3c ".....	Bs	2 20.00		
179 (1378)	3c ".....	amber	2 1.00	353a (1432)	3c ".....	Bs	2 75.00		
180	3c ".....	"	2 .40	354 (1460)	3c ".....	Bs	2 4.75		
183 (1397)	3c ".....	orange	2 .10	355	3c ".....	Bs	2 6.50		
185	3c ".....	"	6 .20	355a (1455)	3c green.....	B	2 .25		
187 (1368)	3c green.....	white	1 .25	362 (1480)	3c ".....	B	2 4.50		
192	3c ".....	"	2 1.00	366 (1470)	3c ".....	B	2 2.00		
195	3c ".....	"	3 .20						

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Part 6 of 1904 Retail Price List, No. 15.

United States Stamped Envelopes.

UNUSED, ENTIRE. (PAGE 2.)

Collectors who order envelopes from this list are invited to send me their want list. Collectors who may not find any envelopes advertised in this list which they desire need not send their list of wants: The chances are that I could not supply any of their wants, because some of the varieties offered in this list are lacking in every collection, I believe.

Abbreviations used in this list. sm. ma.—amber manila. cr. wh.—creamy white. o. buff—oriental buff. "?" after a number signifies that the envelope is not listed in N. P. S. work. ? in parentheses means that it is not listed in Scott's Standard Catalogue 63rd Edition.

Sixth or Plimpton Series, Issue of 1874-75.						Ninth Series, Issue of 1879-83.							
N.P.S. No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size.	Price	N.P.S. No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size.	Price		
388 (1408)	6c red	.....	white	3	\$0.50	625 (1464)	1c blue	.....	B	cream	4	\$0.25
389	6c	.....	"	4 1/2	.75	626	1c	.....	B	"	6	.10
391	6c	.....	"	5	.40	627 (1417)	ac vermilion	.....	C	white	2	.15
393	6c	.....	"	8	.30	628 (1446)	ac	.....	C	amber	2	.15
394 (1437)	6c	.....	amber	3	1.00	629 (1479)	ac	.....	C	fawn	4 1/2	.25
396	6c	.....	"	5	.75	630 (1407)	3c green	.....	B	white	1	.25
397	6c	.....	"	5	.75	631	3c	.....	B	"	2	.10
398	6c	.....	"	7	.65	632	3c	.....	B	"	3	.10
399	6c	.....	"	8	.50	633	3c	.....	B	"	4 1/2	.10
410 (1438)	7c vermilion	.....	"	3	.375	635 (1436)	3c	.....	B	amber	2	.10
411 (1412)	12c purple	.....	white	7	3.50	636	3c	.....	B	"	3	.15
413 (1441)	12c	.....	amber	7	4.00	637	3c	.....	B	"	4 1/2	.10
414	12c	.....	"	8	4.00	638	3c	.....	B	"	5	.10
415 (1437)	12c	.....	cream	7	5.00	641 (1480)	3c	.....	B	fawn	2	.15
417 (1413)	15c orange	.....	white	7	2.50	642	3c	.....	B	"	3	.20
418	15c	.....	"	8	1.50	643	3c	.....	B	"	4 1/2	.15
419 (1442)	15c	.....	amber	7	5.50	644	3c	.....	B	"	5	.35
420	15c	.....	"	8	5.50	645	3c	.....	B	"	7	.20
421 (1458)	15c	.....	cream	7	12.00	648 (1470)	3c	.....	B	blue	3	.35
423 (1474)	24c purple	.....	white	7	6.00	649	3c	.....	B	"	4 1/2	.10
424	24c	.....	"	8	5.50	650	3c	.....	B	"	5	.35
425 (1443)	24c	.....	amber	7	8.00	652 (1410)	5c blue	.....	A	white	4 1/2	.35
426	24c	.....	"	8	7.50	654 (1481)	5c	.....	A	fawn	7	10.00
427 (1459)	24c	.....	cream	7	5.00	655 (1471)	5c	.....	A	blue	4 1/2	.35
429 (1415)	30c black	.....	white	7	2.00	657 (1420)	5c	.....	B	white	3	.35
430	30c	.....	"	8	1.50	658	5c	.....	B	"	4 1/2	.10
431 (1444)	30c	.....	amber	7	4.00	659 (1448)	5c	.....	B	amber	3	.35
432	30c	.....	"	8	3.50	660	5c	.....	B	"	4 1/2	.10
433 (1460)	30c	.....	cream	7	12.00	661 (1482)	5c	.....	B	fawn	7	4.00
435 (1416)	30c carmine	.....	white	7	2.00	663 (1472)	5c	.....	B	blue	4 1/2	.60
436	30c	.....	"	8	1.50	665 (1408)	6c red	.....	B	white	4 1/2	.35
437 (1445)	30c	.....	amber	7	6.00	666	6c	.....	B	"	5	.50
438	30c	.....	"	8	5.00	667	6c	.....	B	"	7	.25
439 (1461)	30c	.....	cream	7	15.00	668	6c	.....	B	"	8	.25
441 (1405)	3c brown	.....	white	2	5.00	670 (1437)	6c	.....	B	amber	5	1.00
442 (1434)	3c	.....	amber	2	4.00	680 (1413)	15c yellow	.....	C	white	8	2.00
443 (1463)	3c vermilion	.....	cream	4 1/2	5.00	686 (1450)	3c green	.....	C	amber	5	12.00
448 (1479)	3c	.....	fawn	4 1/2	.20	689 (1426)	5c brown	.....	C	white	3	.15
449 (1411)	10c brown	.....	white	3	.75	690	5c	.....	"	"	4 1/2	.15
451	10c	.....	"	7	.75	690a (?)	5c	.....	"	cr. wh.	4 1/2	1.00
452 (1440)	10c	.....	B	3	.75	691 (1451)	5c	.....	"	amber	4 1/2	.10
455 (1419)	5c blue	A	white	3	.40	692	5c	"	"	4 1/2	.10
457 (1447)	5c	.....	amber	3	.30	694 (1477)	5c	.....	"	blue	3	.35
458 (1464)	5c	.....	cream	7	3.00	702 (1473)	1c blue	.....	B	"	4 1/2	.10
459 (1471)	5c	.....	blue	3	.50	705 (1446)	2c vermilion	.....	C	amber	3	.50
460	5c	.....	"	4 1/2	1.00	708 (1474)	2c	.....	C	blue	4 1/2	.50
461 (1420)	5c	.....	white	4 1/2	.50	708a (1474a)	2c pink	.....	C	"	4 1/2	1.00
462 (1448)	5c	.....	B	amber	4 1/2	.50	Tenth Series, Issue of 1883-86.					
Seventh Series, Issue of 1876.						709 (1400)	1c blue	.....	B	white	3	.10
466 (1417)	2c vermilion	.....	white	2	.35	710	1c	.....	B	"	4 1/2	.10
467 (1446)	2c	.....	amber	2	.10	710a (?)	1c	.....	B	cr. wh.	4 1/2	1.00
468 (1463)	2c	.....	cream	4 1/2	.35	715 (1478)	1c	.....	B	fawn	4 1/2	.15
479 (1407)	3c green	.....	white	2	.25	717 (1473)	1c	.....	B	blue	4 1/2	.15
480	3c	.....	"	3	.20	718 (1468)	1c	.....	B	orange	4	.10
482	3c	.....	"	4 1/2	.10	719	1c	.....	B	"	6	.10
483	3c	.....	"	5	.10	720 (1469)	1c	.....	B	cream	4	.15
485 (1436)	3c	.....	amber	3	.25	721	1c	.....	B	"	6	.10
488	3c	.....	"	5	.15	722 (1417)	2c vermilion	.....	C	white	3	.20
492 (1455)	3c	.....	cream	2	.35	723	2c	.....	C	"	4 1/2	.25
493	3c	.....	"	3	.40	724	2c	.....	C	"	5	.25
499 (1470)	3c	.....	blue	3	1.00	726 (1446)	2c	.....	C	amber	4 1/2	.25
503 (1419)	3c blue	A	white	3	.50	728 (1479)	2c	C	fawn	4 1/2	.25
505	3c	.....	"	4 1/2	.75	730 (1474)	2c	.....	C	blue	4 1/2	.50
505 (1447)	5c	A	amber	3	.50	731 (1407)	3c green	B	white	2	.25
524 (1408)	6c red	.....	white	5	.35	733	3c	.....	B	"	3	.10
526 (1437)	6c	.....	amber	4 1/2	2.00	734	3c	.....	B	"	4 1/2	.10
529 (1456)	6c	.....	cream	4 1/2	1.50	736	3c	.....	B	"	5	.15
539 (1411)	10c brown	B	white	4 1/2	.75	736 (1436)	3c	B	amber	3	.25
542 (1440)	10c	B	amber	4 1/2	1.00	740 (1480)	3c	B	fawn	4 1/2	.20
1876, Centennial Issue.						742	3c	.....	B	"	5	.10
544 (1422)	3c green	H	white	3	.30	748 (1436)	5c brown	B	white	4 1/2	.10
547 (1423)	3c	P	"	3	.60	748a (?)	5c	B	cr. wh.	4 1/2	.25
550 (1421)	3c red	H	"	4 1/2	.40	750 (1451)	5c	B	amber	4 1/2	.10
551	3c	H	"	4 1/2	.40	751 (1408)	6c red	B	white	7	1.25
Eighth Series, Issue of 1878.						752	6c	.....	B	"	8	2.50
566 (1468)	1c blue	.....	B	orange	4	.10	1883, October.					
570 (1463)	2c vermilion	C	cream	4 1/2	2.00	759 (1489)	2c vermilion	B	blue	2	.25
571 (1479)	2c	C	fawn	4 1/2	1.00	761	2c	"	"	3	.25
576 (1407)	3c green	B	white	5	2.00	762	2c	"	"	4 1/2	.20
577 (1436)	3c	B	amber	2	.50	763	2c	"	"	5	.25
578	3c	"	"	3	.60	764 (1486)	2c	"	white	1	.10
579	3c	"	"	4 1/2	1.50	765	2c	"	"	2	.10
589 (1455)	3c	.....	cream	7	.25	766	2c	.....	"	"	3	.10
593 (1480)	3c	B	fawn	5	6.00	767	2c	"	"	4 1/2	.10
594	3c	.....	"	7	2.50	768 (?)	2c	.....	"	"	5	.15
596 (1470)	3c	B	blue	3	.30	769 (1487)	2c	"	cr. wh.	5	.15
597	3c	"	"	3	2.50	770	2c	"	amber	2	.15
599	3c	"	"	3	2.00	771	2c	"	"	3	.15
606 (1471)	5c blue	A	"	3	1.00	772	2c	"	"	4 1/2	.15
607	5c	A	"	4 1/2	1.00	774 (1488)	2c	"	"	5	.10
611 (1408)	6c red	.....	white	7	.30	775	2c	.....	"	fawn	2	.15
612	6c	.....	"	8	1.50	776	2c	.....	"	"	3	.15
614 (1437)	6c	.....	amber	7	1.00	777	2c	.....	"	"	4 1/2	.20
615 (1456)	6c	.....	cream	7	1.00	778	2c	.....	"	"	5	.15
619 (1440)	10c brown	B	amber	7	1.00	779	2c	"	"	7	.20
Ninth Series, Issue of 1879-83.						780 (1489)	2c	.....	"	blue	3	.50
620 (1400)	1c blue	B	white	2	.20	781	2c	"	"	4 1/2	.25
622 (1499)	1c	B	amber	2	.30	782	2c	"	"	5	.15
624 (1468)	1c	B	orange	6	.10	784 (1494)	4c green	A	white	4 1/2	.10
							784a (?)	4c	A	cr. wh.	4 1/2	.25

asked that the entire collection be sent to him and he would select such as he wanted and return the others with the money for those he took. His advertisement was signed "Number 3333, Postoffice box 47, Jefferson City, Mo." Immediately he began to receive large quantities of mail, but the prison authorities, being busy with other affairs, did not detect the wrongdoing for a long time and the good behaved little prisoner was able for a greater part of his term to carry on his thieving, though surrounded by armed guards.

Last January he was released from prison much before his term had expired because of his excellent conduct. Since then the authorities have discovered his stamp thefts while in prison. Since his release the detectives have been looking for him.

On Thursday, March 10, a man registered at the American House, this city, under the name of Albert Roth. The following day he called upon P. G. Beals and endeavored to sell him \$1600 worth of stamps for \$160. H. P. Harris, of Salem, who was present at the time, telephoned to the office of the New England Stamp Co., who fastened the work upon Wolle. Mr. Harris then invited Mr. Batchelder of this firm to keep an appointment at Mr. Beals' office Saturday P. M., where Messrs. Harris, Beals and Roth went to meet. In the meantime Mr. Batchelder visited Police Headquarters and Inspector Sheehan was detailed to look after the case and was one of the party in keeping the appointment made by Roth, but from which the latter absented himself. A visit to the hotel showed that he had paid his bill and left. The same day Mr. Bartels, having been shown bogus stamps sold by Roth to F. C. Foster, called upon the New England Stamp Co. to exhibit the same. It resulted in another visit to Police Headquarters and additional evidence against Roth. The inspector detailed on the case happened to be out but later called on Mr. Batchelder and the pair visited the office of Mr. Bartels for further consultation. In covering the details of the case Miss Gaffney, the bright stenographer employed by the firm, heard enough to identify a man buying stamps in the salesroom as none other than Roth. This was after the departure of Inspector Sheehan and Mr. Batchelder for Frank P. Brown's office, the man's back being toward them as they left the office. Mr. Bartels confirmed Miss Gaffney's suspicions and sent her post haste after the two who had just left the office. As Mr. Batchelder faced Roth, he said: "Hello, Wolle, when did you leave St. Louis?" "My name ain't Wolle!" was the reply. "But when did you leave St. Louis?" "Never was in St. Louis," a second denial. Though faced with evidences of his guilt Wolle maintained a bold front, but he was taken to Police Headquarters and searched, \$212 were found in his pockets together with a large quantity of faked stamps and

a receipt in the name of R. H. P. Wolle. The identity of Wolle was further established on Sunday by Inspector Murphy of St. Louis.

A list of the counterfeit stamps found on Wolle when arrested will be of interest. It is furnished by J. M. Bartels.

U. S., 1847, 10c on laid paper, made from proofs as well as originals.

U. S., 1851, a number of unused as well as used copies of 1c types I and III. Produced by erasing ornaments, and also adding scrolls with pen or brush, very cleverly done.

U. S., 1851, 24c used on cover (India proof with faded cancellation).

U. S., 1856, with outer line, unused, line has been added with pen or otherwise, about twenty copies.

U. S., 1861, 1c and 3c on paper fraudulently laid.

U. S., 1869, 15, 24 and 30c, centres inverted, several each Pan-American inverted centres, 1c, 2 unused; 2c, about 15, one on cover; 4c, about 6, 2 used. Produced by erasing the centre, and adding one from another stamp in inverted position; exceedingly cleverly done by thinning the paper so as to obliterate all traces as to how they had been produced. These stamps floated apart when put in water. Probably the 1869 and other inverts mentioned here were produced in the same way.

U. S., 1894, 2c, Type I pair imperf. vertically; perforations obliterated by filling in the holes.

Various cardboard proofs of U. S. adhesives, Department and Newspaper stamps shaved down, perforated and gummed; quite cleverly done, including 9c carmine, 9c Justice, \$2 State and many others. Numerous split provisionals of U. S. stamps on covers fraudulently cancelled, such as 2c 1869 used as 1c; 12c 1851 used as 6c, and others.

U. S. Revenues, 6c Proprietary; produced by eliminating "Inland Exchange," substituting "Proprietary," probably by erasing and painting.

U. S. Revenue stamps, \$1.30, \$2.50 and \$3.50, 1st issue, perforations removed and fictitious margins cleverly added. \$2.50, 3rd issue, with centre inverted, faked guarantee of Burton & Burton on back.

France, 1fr, 1st issue tete beche pair on original cover; two single copies joined and cancelled.

Guatemala, 1882, 2, 5 and 20c with centres inverted, numerous copies of each.

Hawaii, various surcharges with periods omitted and other freak errors.

Switzerland, double Geneva, one copy, not a very dangerous fake.

Two Sicilies, ½t blue.

Hanover and other fakes of various kinds, none particularly dangerous.

Monday morning the prisoner was arraigned on a charge of larceny but this was withdrawn that the federal authorities might take him on a charge of defrauding the U. S. Government. Bail fixed at \$7,500 and the case will be heard the last of this month. At that time an attempt may be made to carry the prosecution into New York courts, where it is said his offences are even more severe than here. Too much credit cannot be paid Mr. Batchelder and Miss Gaffney for their work in apprehending this dangerous criminal.

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UNUSED, ENTIRE. (PAGE 3.)

Pages 5 and 6 of Part 6 of 1904 Retail Price List No. 15, is a Supplement to this list. It includes entire U. S. stamped envelopes, used, and entire unused surcharged "Specimen." It will be sent to all collectors who may order envelopes from this list.

Tenth Series, Issue of 1883-86.					Tenth Series, 1883-86.										
N.P.S. No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size.	Price	N.P.S. No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size.	Price				
785 (1494)	4c green	A	white	5	\$0.10	922 (1415)	30c black		white	8	\$1.00				
785a (7)	4c "	A	cr. wh.	5	.50	923 (1416)	90c carmine		"	8	2.25				
786 (1494)	4c "	A	white	7	.10	944 (1527)	30c black		o. buff	8	2.25				
787 (1495)	4c "	B	"	8	.10	945 (1445)	90c carmine		amber	8	5.50				
788 (1496)	4c "	A	amber	4½	.10	946 (1532)	90c "		blue	8	6.50				
789	4c "	A	"	5	.10	Eleventh Series, Issue of 1886.									
790	4c "	A	"	7	.10	950? (7)	1c blue	B	cr. wh.	4½	.75				
1883, November.						951 (1400)	1c "	B	white	5	.10				
794 (1493)	2c vermilion		blue	2	.50	957 (1540)	1c "	B	am. ma.	4½	.50				
795	"	2c	"	3	.35	961 (1510)	2c brown	A	white	4½	.10				
796	"	2c	"	4½	.20	968	"	2c	A	"	8	.10			
797	"	"	"	5	.20	975 (1512)	2c "	"	A	amber	8	.10			
798 (1490)	"	"	white	1	.15	977 (1522)	2c "	"	A	o. buff	4½	.10			
799	"	2c	"	2	.15	979	"	2c	"	A	"	9	.10		
800	"	2c	"	3	.10	980	"	2c	"	A	"	7	.10		
801	"	2c	"	4½	.10	981	"	2c	"	A	"	8	.10		
801? (7)	2c	"	cr. wh.	4½	.25	983 (1516)	2c	"	A	blue	4½	.10			
802 (1490)	"	2c	white	5	.10	984	"	2c	"	A	"	5	.10		
802? (7)	2c	"	cr. wh.	5	.25	986	"	2c	"	A	"	7	.10		
803 (1491)	"	2c	amber	2	.20	988 (1534)	2c	"	"	A	manila	3	.10		
804	"	2c	"	3	.10	989	"	2c	"	"	A	"	4½	.10	
805	"	2c	"	4½	.10	990	"	2c	"	"	A	"	5	.10	
806	"	2c	"	5	.10	991	"	2c	"	"	A	"	9	.10	
807 (1492)	"	2c	"	fawn	2	.25	992	"	2c	"	"	A	"	7	.10
808	"	2c	"	"	3	.15	993	"	2c	"	"	A	"	8	.10
809	"	2c	"	"	4½	.15	995 (1541)	2c	"	"	A	am. ma.	4½	.10	
810	"	2c	"	"	5	.15	996	"	2c	"	"	A	"	5	.10
811	"	2c	"	"	7	.15	997	"	2c	"	"	A	"	7	.10
812 (1493)	2c	"	blue	8	.50	998	"	2c	"	"	A	"	8	.10	
813	"	2c	"	3	.25	999	"	2c	"	"	A	"	8	.10	
814	"	2c	"	4½	.15	1001 (1495)	4c green	B	white	9	.30				
815	"	2c	"	5	.20	1002a (1497)	4c "	B	amber	5	.25				
1884, May.						1003a	"	B	"	"	9	.20			
816 (1498)	2c brown		white	1	.15	1004 (1524)	4c "	"	A	o. buff	9	4.25			
817	"	2c	"	3	.35	1005 (1529)	4c "	"	A	blue	9	4.45			
818	"	2c	"	4½	.15	1006a (1536)	4c "	"	B	manila	5	.15			
819	"	2c	"	5	.10	1007	4c "	"	B	"	9	.40			
820	"	2c	"	5	.25	1008 (1535)	4c "	"	A	"	7	.50			
821 (1499)	"	2c	amber	2	.50	1009 (1543)	4c "	"	B	am. ma.	5	.15			
822	"	2c	"	3	.20	1011	"	4c	"	B	"	9	.40		
823	"	2c	"	4½	.20	1012a	"	4c	"	B	"	9	.25		
824	"	2c	"	5	.20	1013 (1542)	4c "	"	A	"	7	.30			
827 (1500)	"	2c	fawn	4½	.50	1013 (1543)	4c "	"	B	"	8	.35			
828	"	2c	"	5	.35	1013a	4c "	"	B	"	8	.25			
829	"	2c	"	7	.20	1014 (1426)	5c brown		white	4½	.15				
830 (1501)	"	2c	blue	2	.50	1014a (7)	5c "	"	cr. wh.	4½	1.50				
831	"	2c	"	3	.40	1015 (1426)	5c "	"	white	5	.15				
832	"	2c	"	4½	.40	1016 (1451)	5c "	"	amber	4½	.10				
833	"	2c	"	5	.35	1017	5c "	"	"	5	.10				
1884, June, Retouched Die.						1018 (1525)	5c "	"	o. buff	5	3.00				
835 (1506)	2c brown		white	2	.60	1019 (1477)	5c "	"	blue	3	1.75				
837	"	2c	"	4½	.25	1021 (1412)	10c "	"	B	white	3	.50			
838	"	2c	"	5	.20	1022	"	"	B	"	2	.50			
839 (1507)	"	2c	amber	2	.60	1024	"	10c	"	B	"	4½	.50		
840	"	2c	"	3	.50	1025	"	10c	"	B	"	5	.35		
841	"	2c	"	4½	.35	1026	"	10c	"	B	"	9	.40		
843 (1508)	"	2c	fawn	2	.35	1026? (7)	10c "	"	B	cr. wh.	9	5.00			
845	"	2c	"	4½	1.00	1028 (1440)	10c "	"	B	amber	2	.35			
847	"	2c	"	7	1.00	1030	10c "	"	B	"	3	.35			
848 (1509)	"	2c	blue	2	.35	1031	10c "	"	B	"	4½	.35			
850	"	2c	"	3	.35	1032	10c "	"	B	"	5	.35			
851	"	2c	"	4½	.75	1033	10c "	"	B	"	9	.50			
856 (7)	"	2c	amber	3	.30	1034	10c "	"	B	"	7	.25			
857 (7)	"	2c	fawn	3	2.50	1036 (1526)	10c "	"	B	o. buff	3	.35			
858 (1502)	2c vermilion		white	1	.50	1037	10c "	"	B	"	4½	.35			
859	"	2c	"	2	.25	1038	10c "	"	B	"	5	.50			
861	"	2c	"	4½	.15	1039	10c "	"	B	"	9	.35			
862	"	2c	"	5	.35	1040	10c "	"	B	"	7	.50			
863 (1503)	"	2c	amber	2	.50	1041 (1530)	10c "	"	B	blue	3	.35			
865	"	2c	"	4½	.20	1043	10c "	"	B	"	5	.60			
866	"	2c	"	5	.75	1044	10c "	"	B	"	9	.25			
867 (1504)	"	2c	fawn	2	.50	1045	10c "	"	B	"	7	.25			
869	"	2c	"	4½	.25	1046 (1537)	10c "	"	B	manila	3	.50			
871	"	2c	"	7	.50	1048	10c "	"	B	"	4½	.40			
872 (1505)	"	2c	blue	2	.50	1049	10c "	"	B	"	5	.35			
874	"	2c	"	4½	.50	1050	10c "	"	B	"	7	.35			
876 (7)	2c deep claret		amber	2	1.50	1051 (1544)	10c "	"	B	am. ma.	3	.40			
877 (7)	2c vermilion		white	3	1.00	1052	10c "	"	B	"	4½	.50			
880 (7)	"	2c	blue	3	2.00	1053	10c "	"	B	"	5	.50			
881 (7)	"	2c	white	5	1.00	1055	10c "	"	B	"	7	.50			
883 (7)	"	2c	"	3	10.00	1055a (1537a)	10c red brown		B	manila	9	2.25			
1884, July.						1055b (1544a)	10c "	"	B	am. ma.	9	2.25			
894 (1521)	2c vermilion	A	blue	2	15.00	1056 (7)	10c black		B	blue	4½	10.00			
898 (1510)	2c brown	A	white	2	.15	1056 (1425)	30c "	"	"	white	7	1.50			
903	"	2c	"	7	.15	1057 (1444)	30c "	"	"	amber	7	2.00			
906 (1512)	"	2c	amber	2	.10	1058 (1527)	30c "	"	"	o. buff	3	4.00			
906a (1513)	"	2c	"	2	.25	1059	30c "	"	"	"	7	2.50			
909 (1512)	"	2c	"	5	.10	1060 (1531)	30c "	"	"	blue	3	4.00			
911 (1514)	"	2c	fawn	2	.10	1061	30c "	"	"	"	7	2.50			
912a (1515)	"	2c	"	2	.35	1063 (1538)	30c "	"	"	manila	7	3.50			
912 (1514)	"	2c	"	3	.10	1064 (1545)	30c "	"	"	am. ma.	7	2.50			
913	"	2c	"	4½	.10	1066 (1528)	90c carmine		"	o. buff	9	4.25			
914	"	2c	"	5	.10	1067 (1532)	90c "		"	blue	9	4.45			
915	"	2c	"	7	.10	1068 (1539)	90c "		"	manila	7	5.00			
916 (1516)	"	2c	A	blue	2	.10	1069 (1546)	90c "		am. ma.	7	4.00			
918	"	2c	"	4½	.10	Twelfth Series, Issue of 1887.									
919	"	2c	"	5	.10	1078? (7)	1c blue		cr. wh.	4½	.25				
920 (1411)	10c "	B	white	7	.15	1078 (1548)	2c green	A	white	3	.30				
921 (1440)	10c "	B	amber	7	.15	1093	"	2c	"	A	"	5	1.00		
					1093? (7)	2c "	"	2c	"	A	cr. wh.	5	8.00		

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United States Stamped Envelopes.

UNUSED, ENTIRE. (Page 4.)

Nearly all envelopes offered in this list are in the finest possible condition, they have never been in a collection. The handling of unused envelopes (no matter how particular and neat one may be) does not improve their condition, any more than the handling of unused o. g. adhesive stamps would with one's fingers or without tongs.

I do not send envelopes on approval, and as I am very particular to send out envelopes in the finest possible condition, you will readily understand that as a whole, my stock of entire envelopes are in a condition to please those who appreciate choice goods.

Terms: Cash with order. Postage extra on orders under \$1.00. Unused stamps not accepted in payment. Please remit by Bills or Money Order. Any envelope not entirely satisfactory can be returned within two days after receipt, and money will be promptly refunded if so desired.

Twelfth Series, Issue of 1887.						Fifteenth Series, Issue of 1894.						
N.P.S. No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size.	Price	N.P.S. No.	Color.	Die.	Paper.	Size.	Price	
1095 (1555)	2c green	....	A	amber	5 \$0.70	1373 (1590)	1c dark blue	.....	white	2	\$0.10
1096 (1561)	2c	....	A	o. buff	3 5.50	1374	1c	.....	"	3	.10
1097	2c	....	A	"	5 6.50	1375	1c	.....	"	5	.15
1102 (1549)	2c	....	B	white	1 .10	1377 (1591)	1c	.....	amber	5	.30
1107	2c	....	B	"	10 .10	1378 (1592)	1c	.....	manila	6	.25
1132 (1568)	2c	....	B	blue	9 .10	1386 (1554)	1c blue	.....	amber	2	.10
1134	2c	....	B	"	8 .10	1391 (1573)	1c	.....	manila	3	.35
1145 (1581)	2c	....	B	am. ma.	7 .10	1454 (1557B)	4c scarlet	.....	amber	8	.15
1147 (1550)	4c	carmine	....	white	5 .10	1459 (1594)	5c blue	.....	B	5	.15
1149	4c	"	"	"	8 .10	Sixteenth Series, Issue of 1895.						
1150 (1557)	4c	"	"	amber	5 .25	1478 (?)	1c blue	.....	"Spur" white	5	.40
1151	4c	"	"	"	9 .25	1510 (1556)	2c green	B	amber	4	.10
1152	4c	"	"	"	8 .15	1549 (1550)	4c carmine	.....	white	7	.10
1153 (1563)	4c	"	"	o. buff	9 .15	1550	4c	.....	"	8	.10
1154 (1569)	4c	"	"	blue	9 .15	1556 (1551)	5c blue	.....	A	3	.10
1155 (1576)	4c	"	"	manila	5 .20	POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.						
1156	4c	"	"	"	9 .15	Reay Series, Issue of 1873.						
1157	4c	"	"	"	7 .15	2501 (1800)	2c black	.....	canary	3	.75
1158	4c	"	"	"	8 .15	2502	2c	.....	"	3	1.25
1159 (1582)	4c	"	"	am. ma.	5 .25	2503	2c	.....	"	5	.75
1160	4c	"	"	"	9 .15	2504	2c	.....	"	7	1.25
1161	4c	"	"	"	7 .10	2506 (1801)	3c	.....	"	3	.35
1162	4c	"	"	"	8 .15	2507	3c	.....	"	3	.35
1163 (1551)	5c blue	.....	A	white	4 1/2 1.00	2508	3c	.....	"	5	.10
1163 (?)	5c	....	A	cr. wh.	4 1/2 1.00	2509	3c	.....	"	7	.25
1164 (1551)	5c	....	A	white	5 .10	2509a	3c	.....	"	7	10.00
1165 (1558)	5c	....	A	amber	4 1/2 .10	2512 (1802)	6c	.....	"	5	1.50
1166	5c	....	A	"	5 .10	2513	6c	.....	"	7	.40
1167 (1564)	5c	....	A	o. buff	5 .15	2513a	6c	.....	"	7	4.00
1168 (1570)	5c	....	A	blue	5 .15	2514	6c	.....	"	8	.50
1171 (1552)	30c	brown	....	white	7 1.25	Plimpton Series, Issue of 1874-79.					
1172	30c	"	"	"	8 1.00	2525 (1804)	3c black	.....	canary	5	.25
1173 (1559)	30c	"	"	amber	7 1.00	2526	3c	.....	"	7	.25
1174	30c	"	"	"	8 .75	2533 (1805)	6c	.....	"	8	.10
1175 (1565)	30c	"	"	o. buff	3 1.00	2536 (1806)	2c	.....	white	5	1.00
1176	30c	"	"	"	9 .60	2548 (1803)	2c	.....	canary	5	.50
1177	30c	"	"	"	7 1.25	2548 (1805)	6c	.....	"	8	.10
1178 (1571)	30c	"	"	blue	3 1.00	2567 (1804)	3c	.....	"	7	.25
1179	30c	"	"	"	9 .60	2570 (1809)	3c	.....	amber	5	2.50
1180	30c	"	"	"	7 1.25	2577 (1805)	6c	.....	canary	8	.25
1181 (1577)	30c	"	"	manila	4 1/2 1.00	2582 (1804)	3c	.....	"	7	.25
1182	30c	"	"	"	7 1.00	Postal Service, Issue of 1877.						
1183 (1583)	30c	"	"	am. ma.	4 1/2 1.00	2602 (1813)	blue	.....	blue	5	.10
1184	30c	"	"	"	7 1.00	2606	"	.....	"	7	.10
1185 (1553)	90c	purple	....	white	7 1.60	2607	"	.....	"	8	.10
1186	90c	"	"	"	8 2.00	2613a (1810)	black	.....	white	5	.10
1187 (1560)	90c	"	"	amber	7 2.00	2613a?	black on white, star watermark, knife same as 2613a very scarce.	.....	"	5	100.00
1188	90c	"	"	"	8 1.75	2614 (1810)	black	.....	white	8	.10
1189 (1566)	90c	"	"	o. buff	9 2.00	2615	"	.....	"	8	.10
1190 (1572)	90c	"	"	blue	9 2.00	2621 (?)	"	.....	cream	7	2.00
1191 (1578)	90c	"	"	manila	7 1.75	2621? has the same knife and watermark as No. 2614, the paper is not a deep cream, it is too deep to be classed as creamy white.						
1192 (1584)	90c	"	"	am. ma.	7 1.75	WAR DEPARTMENT.						
Thirteenth Series, Issue of 1890.						Reay Series, Issue of 1873.						
1222 (1549)	2c green	....	B	white	9 1.25	2703 (1816)	3c dark red	.....	white	3	.25
1223	2c	....	B	"	8 .15	2705	3c	.....	"	7	.40
1220 (1556)	2c	....	B	amber	9 1.25	2710 (1817)	6c	.....	"	5	1.50
1225	2c	....	B	"	8 .75	2712	6c	.....	"	8	1.50
1233 (1562)	2c	....	B	o. buff	8 .75	2715 (1819)	12c	.....	"	7	1.50
1241 (1568)	2c	....	B	blue	8 .20	2719 (1821)	24c	.....	"	8	2.75
1249 (1575)	2c	....	B	manila	8 .15	2729 (1836)	3c vermilion	.....	cream	3	.10
1253 (1581)	2c	....	B	am. ma.	9 .25	2730	3c	.....	"	3	.10
1257	2c	....	B	"	8 .10	2736 (1826)	6c	.....	white	7	3.00
1257m (1550)	4c	carmine	....	white	4 1/2 2.00	Plimpton Series, Issue of 1874-83.					
1258	4c	"	"	"	7 1.00	2747 (1859)	2c red	.....	orange	6	.25
1260	4c	"	"	"	H .80	2750 (1840)	3c	.....	white	7	2.50
1261	4c	"	"	"	8 .80	2755 (1854)	3c	.....	cream	3	.15
1263 (1557)	4c	"	"	amber	7 .10	2756	3c	.....	"	3	.10
1264	4c	"	"	"	H .15	2790 (1840)	3c	.....	white	3	.75
1266 (1563)	4c	"	"	o. buff	9 .10	2798 (1854)	3c	.....	cream	3	.10
1267 (1569)	4c	"	"	blue	9 .10	2801 (1860)	3c	.....	blue	3	.25
1268	4c	"	"	"	8 3.75	2820 (1848)	3c	.....	amber	3	.25
1271 (1589)	4c	"	"	manila	8 3.75	2822	3c	.....	"	3	.10
1272	5c	....	A	white	4 1/2 .10	2824 (1854)	3c	.....	cream	7	.75
1275 (1564)	5c	....	A	o. buff	5 .10	2827 (1860)	3c	.....	blue	3	.15
1276 (1570)	5c	....	A	blue	5 .10	2831 (1855)	6c	.....	cream	7	7.50
Fourteenth Series, 1893, Columbian Issue.						2834 (1856)	12c	.....	"	7	12.50
1283 (1585)	1c blue	.....	2	white	N(11) .10	2836 (1857)	15c	.....	"	7	17.50
1285	1c	....	2	"	R(-) .10	2838 (1858)	30c	.....	"	7	22.50
1289	1c	....	1	"	Q(-) .10	2842 (1840)	3c	.....	white	1	.25
1293 (1586)	2c maroon	....	3	"	A(3) .10	2844	3c	.....	"	3	.15
1295	2c	....	4	"	A(3) .10	2845	3c	.....	"	7	.25
1296	2c	....	3	"	N(11) .10	2848 (1861)	3c	.....	fawn	3	.25
1299	2c	....	3	"	R(-) .10	2849 (1860)	3c	.....	blue	3	.10
1302	2c	....	3	"	P(-) .10	2850 (1841)	6c	.....	white	3	.50
1305	2c	....	1	"	Q(-) .10	2851	6c	.....	"	7	.30
1311	2c	....	4	"	G(7) .10	2858 (1847)	2c	.....	amber	2	.25
1313	2c	....	3	"	H(-) .10	2859 (1840)	3c	.....	white	3	.20
1315	2c	....	3	"	I(8) .10	2860 (Y)	3c dark red	.....	"	3	.50
1319 (1587)	5c chocolate	....	1	"	P(-) .15	2861 (1861)	3c red	.....	fawn	2	.35
1320	5c	....	1	"	R(-) .10	2862 (1860)	3c	.....	blue	3	.10
1323	5c	....	2	"	Q(-) .10	2863 (1841)	6c	.....	white	7	.75
1327	5c	....	2	"	G(7) .10						
1329	5c	....	1	"	H(-) .10						
1331	5c	....	1	"	I(8) .10						
1333 (1587a)	5c slate br'n.	....	1	"	G(7) 15.00						
1334 (1586)	10c	....	3	"	Q(-) .20						
1335	10c	....	3	"	H(-) .15						
1336	10c	....	3	"	I(8) .20						

"Our Eye" • •

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE.

—L. H. Springer of Aspinwall, Pa., an old friend of the ERA has passed away, his funeral occurring from his old home at Eagle Mills, N. Y., on Thursday, March 3.

—We are also called upon to announce the death of Geo. E. Peters, of the firm of C. J. Peters & Son of this city. Mr. Peters had been a very active philatelist taking a keen interest in everything pertaining to the work.

—The chief feature of the evening's entertainment at the meeting of the C. P. S. March 3d, was the exhibition of the first volume of the collection of F. N. Massoth. Mr. Massoth explained to those members present the reason for the few vacant spaces, showing that some stamps, which are comparatively low priced, were extremely difficult to obtain. The total number of stamps in album was 10,017. The number of countries completed was 63. In the album, which is an 1899 edition, there were only 397 stamps lacking to complete countries as had spaces allotted in the album, but not including native Indian States or Chinese Treaty ports which, however, were well represented.

—Whitfield, King & Co. favor us with the following:

"Our agent in Guatemala has just sent us some startling news concerning a Mr. Federico Saureck, a stamp dealer who has resided in Guatemala for some years and with whom we formerly corresponded.

"Mr. Saureck was a German by birth but a naturalized citizen of the Argentine Republic. Some months ago he had some stamp transactions with another German, through which transactions a quarrel arose between them, and having met in a Cantine (Public House), the other German emptied his revolver into Saureck, who fell dead on the spot, and the assailant got clear off. The dead man's effects were taken in charge of by the Argentine Consul, when it was found that Saureck's entire collection of stamps, worth about £1700, had been stolen. Amongst his effects were found a set of dies for surcharging the word 'Oficial' on Uruguay stamps, a large quantity of obliterating stamps of various kinds and some stamps wherewith he had surcharged Guatemala stamps with the words 'Via Puerto Barrios,' what the surcharge signifies we do not know."

—R. P. H. Wolle, alias Fischer, of Jefferson City, Mo., just captured in this city, has been operating in Chicago for the last week, according to a correspondent. A number of fake "inverts" and counterfeits of rarities have been offered to both collectors and dealers. It is not known, however, that he succeeded in victimizing any of the local philatelists.

Chronicle • •

By HENRY A. KIDDER.

Friends of the ERA are invited to send to the editor of this department any information regarding new issues or varieties that may prove of interest. Such information will be suitably acknowledged. Address, HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison Street, Arlington, Mass.

Exchanges will please send Mr. Kidder a copy of each issue to the foregoing address, and an extra copy of the ERA will be gladly sent whenever desired.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. F. L. Smith reports the following new varieties of pre-cancelled:

Danbury, Conn., 1c 1902, no period inv.
So. Gastonbury, Conn., 1c 19 2, vert. down.
Chicago, Ill., 10c, "9-1" double.

Peoria, Ill., No. 1, diagonally up.
Minneapolis, Minn., ac 1903, normal and inv.
Binghamton, N. Y., "3 04" 1c and 5c.
Deposit, N. Y., 1c 1902, inv. double.
Lockport, N. Y., 1c "11-01" blue ink inv.
Cleveland, Ohio, 5c 1902.

2: 1903.
Springfield, Ohio, small letters, 1c 1902 inv. double.
Harrisburg, Pa., ac 1903, up and down.
Pittsburg, Pa., ac 1898, double.
6c 1898, vert. down.
4c 1902, vert. down.

West Grove, Pa., 3c 1902, spaced 11/16.
Prov. R. I., 1c 1902, double.
4: 1902, double.

Burlington, Vt., 1c 1890, down double.
La Crosse, Wis., 6c 1898 normal.

CHINA.—*Der Philatelist* says that during a temporary shortage of 1c stamps at Foochow, 2c stamps were cut in half and used, and afterwards packets were sent unstamp and marked "Postage 1 cent Paid."

FUNCHAL.—This is said to be the only colony in the Azores which is to have due stamps of the new issue distinct to the regular issue for Azores.

GERMANY.—It is reported that the current 5mk stamp is likely to have its colors changed as the present impression in black and red is very favorable for photographic reproduction.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Another stamp has been added to the Levant series, with overprint in Turkish currency.

Adhesive (Regular):
1spi on ash 6d lilac; black overprint.

LAGOS.—Stanley Gibbons chronicles the new King's head set for this colony. The design is similar to that of 1874. The crown is placed above the circle containing the head; the name appears on a small, white label below the circle, while "Postage" and "Revenue" are printed on curved bands at either side. The value is in the second color.

Adhesives (Regular):

1/2d dull green and green.
1d purple and black on red.
2d purple and blue.
1/2d purple and blue on blue.
3d purple and brown.
6d purple and mauve.
1sh green and black.

MANGAIA.—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* says that the proposed issue of overprinted New Zealand stamps for this island has been abandoned by the New

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Antigua

21-3 1903, 1/2p (.02), 1p (.03), 2p (.06).....
24-5 " 3/4p (.07), 3p (.08).....

Bolivia, used

49-50 1897, 5c, 10c lake and black.....
51-52 " 5c, 10c.....
53-55 1899, 2c, 5c, 10c.....
56 " 20c rose pink.....
66 1902, 5c red.....

China, used

63-5 1898, 1/2c (.01), 1c (.01), 2c (.01).....
66-8-9 " 4c (.02), 10c (.03), 20c (.05).....
70-1 " 30c (.08), 50c (.12).....
72 " \$1.00 red and pale rose.....

Costa Rica, used

30 1889, 50c rose (unused).....
47-9 1901, 5c (.01), 10c (.02), 20c (.03).....

Cyprus

28 1894, 9pi brown and rose.....
34 1896, 2pi.....
38-9 1903, 1/2pi (.03), 30pa (.04).....
40 " 1pi.....
42-3 " 4pi (.20), 6pi (.28).....

Guatemala

21-2 1882, 1c (.03), 2c (.02).....
23-4 " 5c (.04), 10c (.05).....
25 " ac yellow and green.....
26 1886, 25c vermilion.....
50-61 1897, 2c, 6c, 10c, 2c each.....
88 1898, 1c on 10c blue green.....
98 1900, 1c on 10c red.....
99 " 1c dark green.....
106 1902, 1c on 2c green.....
107 " ac on 20c.....
108 " 1c on 25c orange.....
110 1902, 2c on 1c dark blue.....
111 " 6c on 25c rose.....
114-5 " 1c, 2c.....

Guatemala, used

114-6 1902, 1c, 2c, 5c.....
117-8 " 6c, 10c.....
119-20 " 20c (.03), 50c (.05).....
121 " 75c (.09), 1p (.12).....
124 1903, 25c 1c dark green.....
125 " 25c on 2c carmine.....

Hawaiian Islands

35 1875, 2c brown, (used).....
101-6 1896, Official, Set of 6, complete.....

Haiti

52-3 1898, 1c (.02), 2c (.04).....
54-5 " 3c (.03), 4c (.04).....
56-7 " 5c (.07), 7c (.06).....
58-9 " 8c (.08), 10c (.09).....
67 1902, 1c ultramarine.....
68 " 1c yellow green.....
70-2 " 2c (.03), 3c (.04), 4c (.05).....
74-5 " 5c (.06), 7c (.08).....
76-7 " 8c (.10), 10c (.11).....
78-9 " 15c (.17), 20c (.21).....

Hong Kong, used

40 1885, \$1.00 on 96c.....
43 1890, 20c on 30c.....
44 " 50c on 48c.....
116 " \$5.00 on \$10.00.....
54-6 1900, 2c (.01), 4c (.01), 5c (.01).....
57-8 " 10c (.01), 30c (.04).....
62 1902, 4c.....
65-7 " 10c (.01), 20c (.02).....
68-9 " 30c (.05), 50c (.08).....
70 " \$1.00 olive green and lilac.....
71 " \$2.00 scarlet and black.....
72 " \$3.00 deep blue and black.....
73 " \$5.00 blue green and lilac.....

Liberia

24-6 1885, 1c (.03), 2c (.04), 3c (.06).....
27-9 " 4c (.08), 6c (.12), 8c (.14).....
32 " 8c blue.....
33-5 1892, 1c (.02), 2c (.03), 4c (.07).....
30-8 " 6c (.09), 8c (.12), 12c (.16).....
45 1893, 5c on 6c green.....
47 1894, 5c imperforate, triangle.....
48 " 5c rouletted, triangle.....
49 1896, 3c magenta.....
49a " 1c violet.....
50-1 " 2c (.03), 5c (.07).....
52-3 " 10c (.14), 15c (.22).....
58 1897, 3c red and green.....
59-1 1900, 1c (.02), 2c (.03), 5c (.07).....
76 1903, 3c black.....
178 1893, 2c orange.....
231-2 1892, 1c (.02), 2c (.03).....
263 1893, 5c on 6c.....
265-6 1894, 1c (.02), 2c (.03).....
276-0 1898, 1c (.02), 2c (.03), 5c (.07).....
287-9 1900, 1c (.02), 2c (.03), 5c (.07).....
290 1903, 3c green.....
Set of three.....

Newfoundland

44-5 1887, 1/2c (.01), 1c (.02).....
48 " 5c blue.....
50 1890, 1/2c black.....
53 " 6c carmine lake.....

Newfoundland, continued

61-2 1897, 1c (.05), 2c (.05).....
63-4 " 3c (.08), 4c (.07).....
65 " 5c purple, (used).....
66-7 " 6c (.09), 8c (.11).....
68 " 10c black brown (used 8c).....
69-0 " 12c (.16), 15c (.19).....
72 " 30c slate, (used).....
74 " 60c black, (used).....
78-9 " 1c (.04), 2c (.05).....
80-2 1898, 1/2c (.02), 1c (.02), 2c (.03).....
85 1901, 4c purple.....
Orange River Colony
54-5 1901, 1/2p (.02), 2 1/2p (.08).....
56 1902, 1p carmine.....

Panama

12 1892, 1c green.....
13 " 2c rose.....
14 " 5c blue.....
16 " 20c violet.....
17 1894, 1c on 2c.....
18 " 1c on 2c.....
26 1896, 50c bistre brown.....
27 " 1p brown carmine.....

Panama Republic

Panama Print:

1c first issue, red surcharge.....
2c " blue black surch.....
2c second issue, dull black surch.....
2c " blue black surch.....
5c " red surcharge.....
1c third issue, carmine surcharge.....
2c " ".....
5c " ".....
10c " ".....
20c " ".....
50c " ".....
1p " ".....

Colon Print:

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2c ".....
5c ".....
10c ".....
20c ".....
50c " (surcharged on No. 10).....
50c " on Pelure Paper.....
1p ".....
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1890 3, 15, 50c, surch. on U. S., set of three.....
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48-9 1902, 1/2p (.02), 1p (.03).....
50-2 1903, 1/2p (.02), 1p (.03), 2p (.06).....
53 " 8p brown and black.....
Salador, used
283 1903, 1c.....
285-6 " 3c.....
287-8 " 10c.....
289 " 13c red brown.....
290 " 24c scarlet.....
291 " 26c yellow brown.....
292 " 50c bistre.....
Serbia
21 1869, 20p blue.....
22 " 25p rose.....
24 " 40p violet.....
27 1873, 2p black.....
28 1879, 10p orange.....
29-0 1881, 5p (.01), 10p (.01).....
32-3 " 25p (.02), 50p (.02).....
34 " 1d violet.....

Transvaal
178 1900, 1/2p V. R. I. sur.....
179 " 1p V. R. I. sur.....
215 1901, 1p E. R. I. sur.....
216 " 1/2p on 1p E. R. I. sur.....

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9 " ".....	" .03, " ..	.03
12 " ".....	" .01, " ..	.01
24 " ".....	" .04, " ..	.04
10 on 12 blue.....	" .02, " ..	.02
10 on 24.....	" .08, " ..	.08
1 krona, 1900.....	" .02, " ..	.02
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2 " Posthorn.....	" .02, " ..	.02
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MAURITIUS.—It is now stated that instead of 90,000 copies of the 4c green and violet stamp, the number sent out to the colony was 1,213,440. The 15c Labourdonnais is now obsolete, all having been surcharged.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The advance illustration for the new series of stamps being published in this colony has been printed in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste*, and is a pretty picture, though when reduced some of the details will be lost. The only striking feature is the figure of value which appears at the top in large, white letters in a colonial circular ground. The word "Postes" is printed in the upper right corner, while "Nouvelle-Caledonie et Dependencies" is borne on a floating ribbon crossing the stamp twice and twined around the trees on either side. "1853" and "1903" are at the bottom. The main design is a tropical water scene with reefs and palm trees in the distance and a native double progue in the foreground.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—Angra, Horta, Ponta Delgada, and Madeira have issued new post cards and reply cards, the stamp being of the style of 1897. The various colonies are the same excepting the name of the colony.

Post Cards (Regular):

25r rose on brownish.
25x25r rose on brownish.

SENEGAL.—Three postage due stamps have been overprinted, "10," with the old value obliterated by a thick rule. All surcharges are in black. The number printed was 3,000 each of the 50c and 60c and 1,000 of the 1fr.

Adhesives (Provisional):

10c on 50c lilac.
10c on 60c brown.
10c on 1fr brown red.

SEYCHELLES.—The 2c King's head now comes in orange-brown instead of dark red-brown.

Correspondence.

BOSTON, MASS., March 11, 1904.

DEAR MR. WYLLIE:

Your favor of the 9th inst. at hand. I note with interest that you are going to consolidate the two papers and remove the *Weekly* to Boston. This is a good idea, and I was hoping that it would be done before this. In union there is strength, and I hope that this will apply to your publication.

I am expecting to take an unusual amount of space in this issue, in order to advertise for the stamps wanted by the U. S. Government to complete the collection for St. Louis. By that time I shall be able to go ahead with the work, as I hope to hear definitely about this next week. Already the bulk of the new collection has left for St. Louis, and I expect to leave here April 20th to go there for several weeks to take charge of the arranging of the Foreign collection, as well as mounting the U. S. and Colonies.

The Department decided to include in the new collection not only United States complete, but also all the old issues of Hawaii, Philippines, Porto Rico, Cuba, Samoa, Panama and the Confederate States, as far as they can be obtained. Some heavy purchases have already been made out of the amount appropriated by Congress, but there are still some gaps to be filled.

I am looking with much satisfaction on the work thus far accomplished, and the fine lot of stamps which have been gotten together from various sources. Collectors should take an interest in this collection, and as far as possible give evidence of it. If the Government sees that its efforts in this direction are appreciated it is far more likely to make further appropriations in the future, especially when exhibitions are planned. If, on the other hand, no one seems to take much interest in the matter, it is very probable that they will consider this expenditure more in the nature of an experiment, and will say in the future that the appropriations had better be made in some other direction of more interest to the general public. I wish you would speak of this matter in the paper from time to time, and try to keep the interest alive. It will do good in general and help to support stamp collecting.

Sometime I may give you an idea of just what the collection contains, although there will be little to say in addition to what I have already stated. Practically all stamps will be unused, but the policy will be to take a used copy if no unused one can be had.

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1873 Agriculture Dep., 3c.....		.12
*1873 Interior Dep., 2c.....		.08
1873 " ".....	3c.....	.10
*1873 " ".....	6c.....	.25
1873 Navy Dep., 3c.....		.12
*1873 Post Office Dep., 2c.....		.12
*1873 " ".....	6c.....	.10
1873 Treasury Dep., 1c.....		.15
1873 " ".....	2c.....	.13
1873 " ".....	3c.....	.10
1873 " ".....	6c.....	.25
1873 War Dep., 1c.....		.05
1873 " ".....	2c.....	.05
1873 " ".....	3c.....	.03
1873 " ".....	6c.....	.05
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*1873 " ".....	15c.....	.20
*1873 " ".....	30c.....	.75
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1885 Special Del., 10c.....		.15
1888 " ".....	10c.....	.05
1893 " ".....	10c orange.....	.05
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? QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS

EDITED BY

C. A. HOWES, 55 KILBY ST., BOSTON.

27. I have some marked shades of the 8, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 50kr, 1888-91 issue of Hungary which do not seem to be noted in Scott, and only one is noted in Gibbons—the 12 kr in "brown and pale green." Are these worth collecting?

Ans. Yes, to those interested in Hungarian stamps these shades are quite interesting as they denote the later printings of the issue in question. The stamps were issued June 1, 1887 (except the 5 kr, No. 23) and not in 1888 as the catalogue has it. The first prints are all distinguished by darker shades and heavier background (of parallel lines), and the later prints (of June 1898) by lighter tints and paler background of lines—in fact they are almost the same as the succeeding issue on the paper watermarked crown in circle, and can be distinguished generally by comparison with these latter. The difference in the two 12 kr is particularly noticeable, which is probably why Gibbons notes it—the early print being in a distinct yellow-brown with dark green background, and the later one in a rather pale brown with no trace of yellow and a lighter green background.

28. What is the best way to affix a hinge to a stamp and how is it done?

Ans. In the first place use a good peelable hinge—by that I mean one that will adhere firmly to the stamp to keep it in place, yet which can readily be peeled from the back without "skinning" the paper of the stamp itself. It is not necessary with stamps having no gum on the back to use a large part of the hinge on the stamp; from $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. is usually all that is required to take a firm hold. With stamps having gum on the back it may be found necessary to use a larger portion of the hinge as it will not then hold as readily as to an ungummed surface.

The usual method is to attach the hinge so that its fold will come just a trifle beyond the margin or the perforations at the top of the stamp. This allows the stamp to be turned up for examination of the back without creasing its upper margin or bending up the perforations. Some advanced collectors attach the hinge lengthwise on the left side of the stamp, letting it project slightly beyond perforations or margins for the reasons given above. This method is usually adopted when the collection is arranged "Chinese fashion", i. e., when it begins on the last right hand page and the sequence is toward the front of the book. By this arrangement each page is flat when the next one is closed over it, and the additional precaution of having the hinge at the left removes all danger of the stamps

being caught and crumpled up, as the page being turned will naturally smooth out toward the right any stamps under it that are not down flat.

29. I collect U. S. and only those stamps of its possessions issued since coming under its dominion. What stamps of 1893 issue Hawaiian Islands were in use after July 7, 1898, the date of annexation to U. S? Am I to include Cuba Scott's Nos. 227 to 231 incl. as used under American military occupation, or do they belong to the established government?

Ans. No stamps of Hawaii, 1893 issue, were in use at the date mentioned. By an act of the Legislature of the Republic dated May 27, 1896, the sale of the provisionals of 1893 ceased on Dec. 31, 1896, and the remainders were burned by a Commission on Jan. 28, 1897. The six values of the 1894 set were therefore the only ones in use at the time of annexation, except the official set which continued to be used up to Aug. 12, 1898, when the formal transfer of the Islands to the United States took place. In 1899 the change in colors of the 1, 2 and 5c stamps took place so that there are 9 regular and 6 official stamps of Hawaii which were used after July 7, 1898.

As for Cuba, the status of the set surcharged on the U. S. stamps (Scott Nos. 221-226 and 351) and the permanent set (Nos. 227-231 and 352) is exactly the same. Both were issued under the American military occupation and were treated as foreign stamps by our Postoffice Department. It must be remembered that Cuba was never a "possession" but was held by our troops "in trust" for the Cubans, and that the Cuban Postoffice, though run by officials lent by our Postoffice Department, was in reality the Postoffice Department of a foreign country. The privilege, recently withdrawn, of using in the United States mails stamps surcharged for the "island possessions" never included Cuba, though the stamps so surcharged often went through by carelessness. Only Porto Rico, Guam and Philippine stamps were given this privilege, those belonging to Cuba being in reality foreign stamps. If you collect only the U. S. "possessions", therefore, all Cuban stamps must be omitted; but if you desire to add those issued under American military occupation in Cuba it will include all the stamps surcharged on U. S. (regular, dues and special delivery) and the current set except the 1c on 3c provisional and the special delivery with corrected spelling. The Puerto Principe provisionals would also come under this head.

30. What is the meaning of and the reason for the surcharge "Anotado" on the 1868 issue of Mexico, but issued in 1872?

Ans. *Anotado* is Spanish for "noted" and here signifies "registered" or "accounted for." When the new stamps of the 1872 issue (profile of Miguel Hidalgo) were placed in use it was found that the stock was not sufficient to supply all the

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postoffices in the country. The previous issue (that of 1868 with portrait of Hidalgo) had been withdrawn, so a small portion surcharged *Anotado* was released for temporary use until a sufficiency of the new issue was on hand. This accounts for their scarcity and also shows that they correspond in character to reissued Spanish and Spanish colonial stamps surcharged *Habilitado*.

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—The February issue of *Dyer's Govt. Counterfeit Detector* contains a lengthy article on "Makers of Bad Money, etc." Amongst the various articles of counterfeiting there is one item on stamp counterfeiting which no doubt will be of interest to the general collectors, it reads as follows: "Another queer counterfeiter was Tintza McMillan alias Mrs. Mary T. Mack, whose specialty was manufacturing bogus two cent postage stamps. Her partners in the fraudulent postal business were two men, Jones and Thompson. The trio were captured at Hamilton, Ont., and extradited to Buffalo, N. Y., and sent up for eighteen months each. In this haul the Secret Service men captured 48,000 postage stamps, which were found concealed in a capacious cotton bag, besides over 100 counterfeit plates. These stamps were regarded as the most dangerous ever produced. They were readily sold at the rate of \$115 for \$100 cash. Thompson published a matrimonial paper in Chicago and used a large number of the stamps in his extensive correspondence.

—Okemos, Mich., not only has a minister of the gospel in the rural mail service, Rev. George H. Hudson, who carries route No. 9, and is thought to be the first preacher in the service, but also boasts of the only rural carrier in the state as far as known, who was married by a rural carrier. This is B. J. Potter, carrier on route No. 10. His marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Hudson, who has officiated at 13 weddings and 20 funerals since he was appointed to the rural mail service three years ago. Rev. Hudson is pastor of the Baptist Church and one of the brightest and best liked men in Ingham county.

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PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 11, 1904.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Society held at the residence of Dr. S. A. Welch March 11, thirteen members were present. Mr. F. Putney, Jr., was elected to membership. The Society is much pleased to enroll his name in the R. I. Philatelic Society which is the oldest stamp society in continual existence in the United States. The business meeting was cut short to allow the auction committee time for its auction sale of 90 lots. Dr. Welch as usual entertained the members with his fine exhibition of stamps.

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*18 1884-5	1/2p carmine.....	.04	*129 1902	2c scarlet and black.....	.02	*26 1885	1c violet.....	.06
*18 1886	2 1/2p blue.....	.12	*130 1902	3c blue and black.....	.02	*27 1885	4c brown.....	.12
*19 1886	4p brown orange.....	.12	*131 1902	3c orange and black.....	.02	*28 1885	6c gray.....	.12
*21 1903	1/2p green and black.....	.02	*132 1902	2c orange and black.....	.02	*29 1885	8c gray blue.....	.15
*22 1903	1/2p carmine and black.....	.02	*133 1902	2c purple and black.....	.02	*30 1885	8c blue.....	.15
*23 1903	2p orange brown and violet.....	.02	*134 1902	50c brown and black.....	.30	*31 1885	1 and 2c.....	.05
*24 1903	2 1/2p ultramarine and black.....	.02				*32 1885	4c green and black.....	.07
*25 1903	3p ochre and green.....	.02				*33 1885	6c blue green.....	.09
*26 1903	6p black and red violet.....	.17				*34 1885	8c brown and black.....	.12
*27 1903	15b violet and ultramarine.....	.33				*35 1885	10c rose red.....	.16
*28, 29, 30	1903 2 1/2p and 5sh. per sh. (on order)	.33				*36 1885	16c lilac.....	.27
BAHAMAS.			GIBRALTAR.			*37 1885	24c olive green.....	.33
*33 1901	1p carmine and black.....	.02				*38 1885	32c greenish blue.....	.45
*34 1902	1/2p carmine.....	.03				*39 1885	5c on 6c blue green.....	.10
*35 1902	2 1/2p ultramarine.....	.07				*40 1885	5c imperforate.....	.10
*36 1902	4p orange.....	.11				*41 1885	5c rouletted.....	.08
*37 1902	6p bistre brown.....	.12				*42 1885	1 and 2c.....	.05
*38 1902	15b black and carmine.....	.33				*43 1885	1c violet.....	.15
*39, 40, 1902	5sh and 1c per sh. (on order).....	.33				*44 1885	5c carmine and black.....	.07
*41 1903	5p orange and black.....	.14				*45 1885	10c yellow and blue.....	.14
*42 1903	25b ultramarine and black.....	.66				*46 1885	15c slate.....	.22
*43 1903	25b green and black.....	.99				*47 1885	20c vermilion.....	.28
BRITISH GUIANA.			HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.			*48 1885	25c yellow green.....	.35
*133 1880-01	6c lilac and brown.....	.11				*49 1885	30c steel blue.....	.42
*140 1880-01	1c green.....	.02				*50 1885	30c brown and black.....	.70
*141 1880-01	5c ultramarine.....	.07				*51 1885	3c red and green.....	.09
*142 1880-01	8c lilac and black.....	.12				*52 1885	1 and 2c.....	.05
*153 1880-01	2c on 10c.....	.05				*53 1885	5c blue and black.....	.07
*154 1880-01	2c on 15c.....	.05				*54 1885	75c on 10c.....	1.10
*155 1901-02	2c brown and black red.....	.08				*55 1885	3c black.....	.05
*157 1901-02	6c black and ultramarine.....	.08				*56 1885	3c Unpaid.....	.03
*158 1901-02	48c gray and brown.....	.70				*57 1885	4c Unpaid.....	.06
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*27 1888	2c on 1p rose.....	.04				*59 1885	10c blue and black.....	.15
*28 1888	3c on 3p brown.....	.05				*60 1885	10c vermilion and black.....	.15
*29 1888	10c on 4p violet.....	.18				*61 1885	10c green and black.....	.15
*33 1891	6c on 10c violet.....	.15				*62 1885	10c purple and black.....	.15
*37 1891	6c on 3p blue.....	.18				*63 1885	10c magenta and black.....	.15
*38 1891	2c rose.....	.03				*64 1885	1 and 2c, surch. "Official".....	.05
*44 1895-8	1c green.....	.03				*65 1885	4c, surch. "Official".....	.07
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1895	1fr yellow buff.....	.09				*69 1885	1 and 2c surch. "O. S.".....	.05
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1902	70c (.06), 90c (.07).....	.13				*71 1885	8c, surch. "O. S.".....	.12
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*150 1900	12c olive green and carmine.....	.08				*73 1885	16c, surch. "O. S.".....	.23
*156-7 1903	2c (.02), 3c (.03).....	.04				*74 1885	24c, surch. "O. S.".....	.35
*158-9 1903	4c (.03), 5c (.03).....	.06				*75 1885	32c, surch. "O. S.".....	.45
*170-1 1903	6c (.03), 12c (.07).....	.10				*76 1885	5c on 10c surch. "O. S.".....	.05
*172-3 1903	15c (.08), 25c (.12).....	.20				*77 1885	1 and 2c surch. "O. S.".....	.05
*174 1903	30c violet and green.....	.14				*78 1885	4c, surch. "O. S.".....	.12
CONGO.						*79 1885	8c, surch. "O. S.".....	.12
*14 1894	5c pale blue and black.....	.30				*80 1885	12c, surch. "O. S.".....	.17
*15 1894	10c red brown and black.....	.35				*81 1885	16c, surch. "O. S.".....	.23
*19 1894	5fr carmine and black.....	.40				*82 1885	24c, surch. "O. S.".....	.35
*20 1895	5c red brown and black.....	.40				*83 1885	32c, surch. "O. S.".....	.45
*21 1895	10c blue and black (used 4c).....	.04				*84 1885	5c imperf., surch. "O. S.".....	.15
*22 1895	15c yellow and black (used 4c).....	.05				*85 1885	1c rouletted, surch. "O. S.".....	.05
*23 1896	40c green and black.....	.80				*86 1885	1 and 2c, surch. "O. S.".....	.05
*24 1898	3fr 50c red and black.....	.10				*87 1885	5c, surch. "O. S.".....	.07
*25 1898	10fr green and black.....	1.00				*88 1885	10c, surch. "O. S.".....	.14
*26 1900	5c green and black (used 2c).....	.02				*89 1885	15c, surch. "O. S.".....	.22
*27 1900	10c rose and black (used 3c).....	.03				*90 1885	20c, surch. "O. S.".....	.28
*28 1900	25c blue and black.....	.07				*91 1885	25c, surch. "O. S.".....	.35
*29 1900	50c olive and black (used 12c).....	.14				*92 1885	30c, surch. "O. S.".....	.42
*30 1901	1fr carmine and black.....	.14				*93 1885	50c, surch. "O. S.".....	.70
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*18, 19 1900	2 re and 1 ch.....	.02				*95 1885	5c, surch. "O. S.".....	.07
*21 1900	3 ch red.....	.03				*96 1885	10c, surch. "O. S.".....	.14
*22 1900	4 ch carmine.....	.04				*97 1885	15c, surch. "O. S.".....	.22
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*27 1900	20 ch red.....	.18				*102 1885	1 and 2c, surch. "O. S.".....	.05
*28 1901	2 ch blue.....	.08				*103 1885	5c, surch. "O. S.".....	.07
*29 1903	1 ch on 25p maroon.....	.04				*104 1885	10c, surch. "O. S.".....	.14
*30 1903	3 ch on 25p maroon.....	.06				*105 1885	15c, surch. "O. S.".....	.22
*37 1903	3 ch on 50p purple.....	.08				*106 1885	20c, surch. "O. S.".....	.28
CYPRUS.						*107 1885	25c, surch. "O. S.".....	.35
*38 1894	9 pi brown and rose.....	.80				*108 1885	30c, surch. "O. S.".....	.42
*39 1894	18 pi slate and brown.....	.80				*109 1885	50c, surch. "O. S.".....	.70
*41 1896	1/2 pi green and carmine.....	.03				*110 1885	1 and 2c, surch. "O. S.".....	.05
*42 1896	3 pi violet and green.....	.06				*111 1885	5c, surch. "O. S.".....	.07
*43 1896	1 pi rose and ultramarine.....	.06				*112 1885	10c, surch. "O. S.".....	.14
*44 1896	1 pi ultramarine and maroon.....	.18				*113 1885	15c, surch. "O. S.".....	.22
*45 1896	4 pi olive green and violet.....	.18				*114 1885	20c, surch. "O. S.".....	.28
*46 1896	6 pi olive gray and green.....	.30				*115 1885	25c, surch. "O. S.".....	.35
*47 1896	12 pi orange and black.....	1.00				*116 1885	30c, surch. "O. S.".....	.42
*48, 49, 50	1903 1/2 pi, 30 pa and 1 pi.....	.09				*117 1885	50c, surch. "O. S.".....	.70
*41 1903	2 pi rose and ultramarine.....	.18				*118 1885	1 and 2c, surch. "O. S.".....	.05
*42 1903	4 pi olive green and violet.....	.15				*119 1885	5c, surch. "O. S.".....	.07
*43 1903	6 pi olive gray and green.....	.32				*120 1885	10c, surch. "O. S.".....	.14
*45 1903	12 pi orange and black.....	.44				*121 1885	15c, surch. "O. S.".....	.22
DOMINICA.						*122 1885	20c, surch. "O. S.".....	.28
*25-6 1903	1/2p and 1p.....	.05				*123 1885	25c, surch. "O. S.".....	.35
*27 1903	2p brown and gray green.....	.08				*124 1885	30c, surch. "O. S.".....	.42
*28 1903	2 1/2p ultramarine and black.....	.07				*125 1885	50c, surch. "O. S.".....	.70
*29 1903	3p black and violet.....	.17				*126 1885	1 and 2c, surch. "O. S.".....	.05
*30 1903	6p brown and black.....	.17				*127 1885	5c, surch. "O. S.".....	.07
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The philatelic point to this change is that the striking out of the words quoted above brings the four-pound limit in effect on first class matter, and consequently may to some extent affect the use of the higher denominations of stamps.

The printing of the two cent Louisiana stamps goes merrily on, the printing of the five centers began the early part of the week, the plates of the three and ten are nearly completed and the revised die of the one cent has been approved by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. The designs, therefore, may be regarded as finally settled.

The report mentioned in notes of January 23, as giving a part of the investigation of Mr. Bristow in the Postoffice Department cases, has been supplemented by a later report (House Report No. 1395) which gives a statement of the relations of Members of Congress in connection with allowances of clerk hire and rental of Post-office Buildings.

*Antigua 1882 85, 1/2p, cat. 6c.....	.02
*Antigua 1882 85, 1p, cat. 8c.....	.03
*Antigua 1886, 1/2p, cat. 18c.....	.06
*Antigua 1886, 4p, cat. 25c.....	.10
*Antigua 1903, 1/2p blue green and black....	.02
*Antigua 1903, 1p carmine and black.....	.02
*Antigua 1903, 2p brown and violet.....	.06
*Antigua 1903, 1/2p ultra. and blk.....	.07
*Antigua 1903, 3p ochre and green.....	.08
*Antigua 1903, 6p black and violet.....	.18
*British Guiana 1808-99, 2c on 5c.....	.04
*British Guiana 1808-99, 1p, cat. 25c.....	.06
*British Guiana 1808-99, 2c on 10c.....	.07
*British Honduras 1864, 1p, cat. 25c.....	.10
*British Honduras 1891, 6c on 3p, cat. 25c.....	.10
*British Honduras 1891, 2c rose.....	.02
*British New Guinea 1901, 1/2p.....	.03
*British New Guinea 1901, 1p.....	.06
*British New Guinea 1901, 2 1/2p.....	.07
*British New Guinea 1901, 4p.....	.10
*British New Guinea 1901, 6p.....	.18
*British New Guinea 1901, 1sh.....	.25
*D. W. L. 1902, 2c on 3c (No. 24).....	.05
*D. W. L. 1902, 8c on 10c (No. 25).....	.10
*Dominica 1886, 1/2p on 6p, cat. 6c.....	.25
*Dominica 1883, 1p violet, cat. 75c.....	.30
*Gambia 1887-89, 4p brown, cat. 35c.....	.15
*Gold Coast 1884 91, 6p, cat. 85c.....	.35
*St. Christopher 1884, 4p, cat. 25c.....	.10
*St. Vincent 1898, set 8 var. (Queen).....	1.10
*Sierra Leone 1866-97, set 10 var. (Queen).....	1.20
*Turks Is. 1887, 1p carmine, cat. 8c.....	.03
*Uganda 1902, 1/2, 1, 2, 4 on B. E. A.....	.30
*West Australia 1882-85, 3p, cat. 50c.....	.18
*Zanzibar 1899, 1/2 green and red.....	.02
*Zanzibar 1899, 1a black blue.....	.05
*Zanzibar 1899, 2a red brown.....	.06
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