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## EDITORIAL.

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WE must apologise to our readers for not sending out the last number promptly. This was owing to the change of printers etc., which unfortunately unavoidably made it late.

We propose starting a Question and Answer Competition in the November or December number, if sufficient readers can be got to take interest in it. The proposal is: That each month one or two readers to send on a Post Card, a question of interest to Philatelists, to be published one month and answered the next month. Stamps to the value of 2s. 6d. will be given for each Question accepted, and stamps value 5s. for each answer, and at the end of six months a prize of a collection of Portuguese Colonials, value £8 10s. will be given to the reader who gets most questions and answers published, either to count as one.

# A HISTORY OF The Postmarks of London from 1840 to 1901.

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BY "DUPLEX."—(Continued)

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being broken to admit a stamper's number.

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## THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CHINA.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Author of "South African War Provisionals.")

## FOURTH ISSUE.



Towards the close of 1897 the new Japanese printed set of stamps arrived and they were issued to the public on October 1st. The motley assortment

of provisionals was accordingly withdrawn from circulation, and they are supposed to have been destroyed. Of this, however, I "hae me doots," as our brothers in bonnie Scotia would say. The set consists of twelve values, ranging from  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent to 5 dollars. The stamps were printed on paper watermarked with the "shell" and the perforation gauges 11. The low values were printed in sheets of 240 stamps arranged in 12 panes of 20 each in 4 rows of 5. The higher values were in sheets of 80 in 4 panes of 20, each pane having stamps in 5 rows of 4 each. On the values up to 10 cents China's famous yellow dragon forms the centrepiece. If anything, his expression is more malignant than it appears in the previous issues, and he is decidedly in a "fighting attitude." To the left of this gentleman may be noted a curious kind of pearl, said to be endowed with various magic virtues, and which is generally supposed to be carried by the dragon on his forehead. The 20, 30, and 50 cents stamps have, as the central design, the carp, in a much improved form, while the symbol on the dollar values is a wild goose on

the wing. The particular significance of the dragon and carp I have explained in back numbers of the *P.M.R.* The wild goose is introduced as an



emblem because a popular expression for "the mail" is *lung-pien*, meaning "the convenience of the wild goose."

The stamps of this issue are inscribed with the words "Imperial Chinese Post," and the value in English. Above the central design in each value are the five native characters meaning Chinese Post-office. The Celestial characters denoting the value appear in the top corners of the values up to 50 cents, while in the dollar values they appear on two shields—one on each side of the central symbol. A small quantity of the 50 cents value was printed in the deep green shade of the 10 cents stamp.

1897 WMK. "SHELL" PERF. 12.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cent,	brown purple.
$\frac{1}{2}$ "	lilac rose.
$\frac{1}{2}$ "	claret.
$\frac{1}{2}$ "	deep claret.
1 cent,	yellow.
1 "	pale yellow.
2 cents,	deep orange.
4 cents,	brown.
4 "	deep brown.
4 "	yellow-brown.
5 cents,	rose.
10 cents,	deep green.
10 cents,	green.
20 cents,	brown lake.
30 cents,	carmine.
30 "	pale carmine.

- 50 cents, yellow green.  
 50 ,, pale green.  
 1 dollar, carmine and rose.  
 2 dollars, orange and yellow.  
 5 dollars, yellow green and rose.

## VARIETY.

Printed in colour of the 10 cents.

50 cents, deep green.

## FIFTH ISSUE.



The Postal authorities were very displeased with the Japanese productions, and almost as soon as the new issue arrived another one was ordered from

Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, of London. These reached China early in 1898, and they were placed on sale, as the supplies of the various values of the Japanese set were exhausted.

These stamps are engraved in *taille-douce* on unwatermarked paper, and altogether make a very handsome set. The perforation, as is usual with Waterlow's productions, varies from 14 to 15½. The designs, generally

speaking, are much the same as those in the previous issue, though the details are more elaborated, and the English inscription is altered to "Chinese Imperial Post." The lower values of this set are issued in sheets of 120 in two panes of 60 arranged in 10 rows of 6. The high values are printed in small sheets of 48 stamps in 8 rows of 6.

In 1899, when another supply of the 5 cents value was printed, the colour was altered from salmon to orange.

1898.—NO WMK. PERF. 14 TO 15½.

- ½ cent, brown.  
 1 cent, ochre.  
 2 cents, scarlet.  
 4 ,, yellow-brown.  
 5 ,, salmon.  
 5 ,, orange.  
 5 ,, orange red.  
 10 ,, deep green.  
 20 ,, brown lake.  
 30 ,, rose red.  
 50 ,, green.  
 1 dollar, carmine and salmon.  
 2 ,, carmine and yellow.  
 5 ,, green and salmon.

## VARIETY.

Imperforate horizontally.

5 cents, salmon.

THE END.



# Impressions of a Philatelic Auction.

By J. T. BOLTON.

## I.—THE COSTER.

Have you ever been to an Auction? particularly a Philatelic Auction. Has it ever struck you that these people seated near you, all apparently engrossed in the one subject, "stamps," may be present for reasons as far apart as the poles? Some for pleasure, some out of curiosity, some stern necessity, or a hundred and one other reasons. Ask them their views, and how differently each individual will be struck, influenced by his daily sphere of life.

"Hev I ever bin to a' horction, sir? Yes, I has. What? No, I ain't no stamp collector, but a pal o' mine works up at a horction room, an' he ses as 'ow they giv whiskey away, and also cigars. Cigars, mind yer, not common fags. We-ll, when I gets inside I sees a lot o' fellars sitting down at a table wiv a big 'ole in the middle. an' there was a bloke in the 'ole. I suppose there wasn't no room anywhere else for 'im. Then there was another chap with a 'ammer, an' e said, 'Ow much for lot 97, Barbades large star?' when some chap what 'ad been going over it wiv 'is fingers yells, 'taint no large star, it's a small 'un,' and another feller ses, 'Well, it must hev shrunk. Pesenally, I couldn't see no bloomin' star at all. Well, then they brings (the feller what was in the 'ole in the table) around some more stamps on a bit o' paper, when the first chap to see 'em kept turning over, a feller a little further down ses to 'im, 'Don't eat 'em.' I never knew as 'ow 'stamps' could be ate, but there's

no knowing, I suppose, what yer can do when yer 'ungry. Then they brought round tea and corfee (I 'ad corfee, tea's too bloomin' weak), and arter that I felt a full blowed phil, you know, and fought as 'ow I would collect, but I soon 'ad to change my mind, I tell yer, strait tip, for the next lot was a black lot, the feller with the 'ammer sed. Black! 'Veller,' I called it by the looks of it, any'ow, he get fifty quid for it. Fifty quid! lumme, I could git a small pub for that money. Then Bill (that's my pal) he brought round some whiskey and claret. Wot O! when I found this also was giv away I was bloomin' sorry I 'ad so much blessed corfee. Then he brought round some cigars in a box, and when it come to me I 'ad a dip and got three. an' by this time it was just over, an' the chap wiv the 'ammer ses, 'Thanks, gents, for yer kind attendence.' Lumme, fancy 'is thanking me for drinkin' 'is bloomin' whiskey! Yus, your horctions is alright. The're! the're! —well, there ain't no bloomin' word for 'em.'



## Stamp Burglaries.

Unfortunately Messrs. Bright & Sons' premises seem (recently at any rate) to be quite overlooked by Dame Fortune, though her daughter, Misfortune, has given several calls of late, the last being represented by burglars, who stole amongst others the following :—

1 to 12 of each of 78 different sets of stamps, foreign and Colonial, one rather noticeable being imperf. Borneo unused. A quantity of new issues and other attractive stamps from the counter book, including the very latest Colonials, such as King's Head, Northern Nigeria, Mauritius surcharged "Postage and Revenue," &c.

A collection of Colonials, comprising Antigua, Bahamas, Barbadoes, Bechuanaland, Bermudas, B. Central Africa, B. Colombia, B. East Africa, B. Guiana, B. Honduras, B. S. A. One of the most notable stamps of this collection was the 6d. green Antigua, watermarked star, imperf. No. 4 in their catalogue, used, also Barbadoes 1d. pin perf unused. B.S.A. £10 Fiscal cancellation. Several of the provisional surcharges of Bermudas with clipped perfs.

A number of loose stamps and new issues taken from assistants' work tables, principally sets and dozens

of unused Colonials issued during the last three months, including Malta error, "One Penny" in block of 9.

Used British India stamps :—

300 1A rose current.

78 2½A green.

73 3A orange.

77 12A red.

193 8A mauve.

A quantity of Austrian, Austrian Levant, and Bavarian stamps commoner varieties in bulk. Cape of Good Hope ½d. on 3d. C.C. British Bechuanaland 2d. on Cape 1st issue unused. Selection of stamps from France, mixed countries, containing considerable number of 1st issue Servia, also sets of Roumania unpaid, letter and delivery stamps, these latter being loose. This lot was probably to the value of about £20.

Quantity of Cape stamps in bulk, being the 4d., 6d., and 1s. C.C. of 1865, ½d., 1d., and 4d. of 1871, and the 3d. of 1879, all used.

If any reader should by chance be offered any of these stamps they are requested to communicate with the authorities at Bow Street or Messrs. Bright & Sons, 164, Strand, London, W.C.

## STAMPS STOLEN (Used).

Another two burglaries have taken place of which part particulars of one are given below.

The following are the property of Lt.-Colonel T. Schletter, The King's Yeomanry :—

Cat. No. S. Gibb, 1902.	Number of Stamps.	Remarks.
<b>Great Britain.</b>		
8, 9, 10, 11, 13	Several	Very fine copies ; in small thin red book
17-21	Ditto	
62, 66, 72	Ditto	
86	One	Very fine copy
110, 111	Two	
112	A pair	Very fine
122-125	Several, very fine	Many bearing Kirkwall post-
131	One	Very fine [mark
132	Fine copy	Cancellation with rectangular Registration postmark
134	A pair	Very fine ; bluey tinge of paper
175	A pair	Very fine ; lightly cancelled
118-119	Several single copies	Very fine, ditto
151	Two or three	One very fine [entire
162		Pale carmine sur., on piece of
P1 to P18	Many different	All fine copies
<b>Barbados.</b>		
112, 113, 114		Cancelled to order ; with gum ; in strips
<b>B. Bechuanaland.</b>		
9		Fine
69	A pair	On piece of envelope ; one slightly torn
67		
<b>B. Cent. Africa.</b>		
24		On piece entire
23 or 34		Ditto
43, 44, 45, 47	Singles	
48, 50	Ditto	Lightly c'ncell'd, fine copies
53		
<b>Br. East Africa.</b>		
31, 42	Single copies of each	
72 to 86	All except 82 1r. ultra.	All fine copies
102	1 rupee, ultra.	Rather smudgy colour
<b>Br. South Africa.</b>		
8	10/- green	One
<b>Canada.</b>		
32, 33, 34	Two or three	Different shades (1 clipped)
40	Ditto	Ditto
36-38	Ditto	Ditto
47	One	Fine
49-61a	Several	All fine copies (in note book)

STAMPS STOLEN—*Continued.*

## USED STAMPS.

Cat. No.		Number of stamps,	Remarks.
S. Gibb, 1902.			
	<b>Cape Colony.</b>		
3		One or two	Very fine
8 or 9		Ditto	
11		Ditto	One with slightly torn left-hand corner, but specimen superb in full margin; deep colour; lightly
25	De la Rue		Frayed edge, light cancellation
38		One	Heavy cancellation
—	N'wsp'per Tax (magenta, 6d. ?)	One	Fine; one side slightly rounded by cutting
	<b>Mafeking.</b>		
17 and 18			On piece of entire; fine copies
	<b>Ceylon.</b>		
20-77		Several	Magnificent specimens
112-143		Ditto	Ditto
	<b>Grenada.</b>		
3-9 and 11		Ditto	Ditto
	<b>Natal.</b>		
25, 65, 75, 77		Single copies,	Splendid condition [etc.
	<b>New South Wales.</b>	many others	In book with African colonies,
387	5/- O.S.	One	
	<b>New Zealand.</b>		
4, 15			Poor copies; No. 15 split, in book with others
83, 85, 86, 89		One or two of each	Fine copies
86		One	Poor copy
	<b>Nova Scotia.</b>		
21		One	Torn
22			Pen cancelled
	<b>O.R. Colony.</b>		
87, 110		Single copies	
101 and 105		Two on piece of	original
	<b>Queensland.</b>		
20-49		A large selection	of early perms.
?	Bill stamp	King's Head 6d. (1)	Small perms., badly centred
1	<b>St. Helena.</b> imperf.d.		Very fine copy, stain or light perf. in centre
200			Heavy cancellation
	<b>St. Vincent.</b>		
9a	irregular perforation	One	Superb
38		One	Ditto

## STAMPS STOLEN—Continued.

Cat. No.—S. Gibb. 1902.	Remarks.
<b>S. Australia.</b>	
80 (10 by 11½) & 104 (11½ by 10) Many of this	Fine in Note Book
<b>Tasmania.</b>	
59 or 70	One
9	One
<b>Tasmania.</b>	
6d. mauve-lilac	Many
	Fine copies in book (We shall publish a further part of this list next month).

## FOX HILL LOCAL.

In a previous number of this Journal there was an article on Fox Hill Locals, and the correspondent mentioned has since then written to the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* explaining their issue, which we give below:—

"You may perhaps be pleased to know (writes this gentleman, under date August 1st) that the stamp described in the *Fortnightly* for July 5th is neither an 'elaborate hoax' nor a new 'War Provisional.'

"It was simply a private local manufactured by myself and used on letters which my native carried to a friend of mine some few miles off. This Kaffir was paid at the end of the month at the rate of one penny for each letter he had carried during that period. Not wishing to take the trouble of making a note of each letter or packet I sent, I printed a certain number (100) of this stamp and despatched half to my friend. At the end of the month it was of course plain to see how many letters had been carried each way by the number each of us had left. Thus each paid his own postage in a lump sum. Being dissatisfied with the first design I subsequently manufactured a second and finally a third type,

printing 50 of the former and 50 of the latter.

"When my friend moved away a short time ago it was more convenient to write per Post, and hence the Local Service was discontinued. When the Editor of the "*P.M.R.*" asked for an explanation of the stamps, I, not dreaming that he had an eye to publication, merely gave him a short sketch of their character, not mentioning that they were used by myself alone. As your paper is published before the "*P.M.R.*," I should be glad if you could give publicity to this letter or any part of it you may deem sufficient.

The difference between my 'Locals' and the Natal stamps is that mine had no value until used, when they were worth 1d. to the Runner, while Government stamps are worth face value before use, but are valueless afterwards!

"Kindly do not mention my name in any contradiction you may make, as were you to do so I should be deluged with letters of enquiry, &c. It is still a mystery to me how the specimen came to be affixed to my letter to the "*P.M.R.*," but at any rate the error cost me one penny and enriched the Runner by that sum!"

## NEW ISSUES.

### Australian Federation.

Last month we chronicled the  $\frac{1}{2}$  green N.S.W. with N.S.W. erased at base. The P.J.G.B. now reports, on the authority of Mr. Boyes of Eudunda, 4 other values.

Unpaid 1d.	emerald green.
" 2d.	"
" 4d.	"
" 6d.	"

### Chili.

We have the 1c., green on the New Type 1902 1c. green.

1902 1c. green.

### Cooks Islands.

We have received the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in blue.

### Fiji.

The "Philatelic Record" reports two new perforation, of the 20 and 1s. perf., 11 by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

2 green, perf. 11 by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

1s. brown, perf. 11 by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### Great Britain.

We hear on good authority that the 1s. green and rose King's Head I.R. official have been delivered to the various post-offices, and that one office has actually issued them, 1s. green rose King's Head surcharged I.R. official.

1 R official, (King's head),  
1s. green and rose

### Guatemala.

Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. send the "S.C. Fortnightly" 3 Fiscal stamps surcharged for postal purposes.

1 centavos in red on 1c.

2 " " 1c.

6 " " in black on 2c.

### Hayti.

The monthly journal chronicles the 8c. of the Recent Provisionals with double surcharge.

May, 1902, 8c. carmine (palm).

### India.

We have received the three lowest values of the new King's Head stamps issued on August 9th.

3 pies slate.

$\frac{1}{2}$  an. green.

1 an. red.

### Leeward Islands.

The *Philatelist Journal* of Great Britain states that three Provisionals have been issued. The 4d, 6d. and 7d. being surcharged one penny in two lines on the 4d. and 6d.; in one line in small type on the 7d., 31, 200, representing £130 face value, were issued and bought up the same day.

One penny on 4d.

One penny on 6d.

One penny on 7d.

We hear they are being sold in the Islands at 1s. 3d. a set of 3.

### Mauritius.

Two new stamps of the arms type have been issued, viz., 8c. and 12c., while the 4c. and 6c. of same type, together with 25c., 50c. 250c. Queen's Head have been surcharged *Postage and Revenue*.

Old type arms 8c. green and black on yellow paper.

" 12c. grey, black and red.

Surcharged postage and revenue.

4c. brown and red or yellow (arms).

6c. green and red. ( " )

25c. bistre, Queen's Head.

50c. green, Queen's Head.

2 R 50c. brown purple.

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STAMPS STOLEN—*Continued.*

Cat. No.—S. Gibb. 1902.	Remarks.
<b>S. Australia.</b>	
80 (10 by 11½) & 104 (11½ by 10)	Fine in Note Book
<b>Tasmania.</b>	
59 or 70	One
9	One
<b>Tasmania.</b>	
6d. mauve-lilac	Many Fine copies in book
<i>(We shall publish a further part of this list next month).</i>	

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## FOX HILL LOCAL.

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In a previous number of this Journal there was an article on Fox Hill Locals, and the correspondent mentioned has since then written to the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* explaining their issue, which we give below:—

“You may perhaps be pleased to know (writes this gentleman, under date August 1st) that the stamp described in the *Fortnightly* for July 5th is neither an ‘elaborate hoax’ nor a new ‘War Provisional.’

“It was simply a private local manufactured by myself and used on letters which my native carried to a friend of mine some few miles off. This Kaffir was paid at the end of the month at the rate of one penny for each letter he had carried during that period. Not wishing to take the trouble of making a note of each letter or packet I sent, I printed a certain number (100) of this stamp and despatched half to my friend. At the end of the month it was of course plain to see how many letters had been carried each way by the number each of us had left. Thus each paid his own postage in a lump sum. Being dissatisfied with the first design I subsequently manufactured a second and finally a third type,

printing 50 of the former and 50 of the latter.

“When my friend moved away a short time ago it was more convenient to write per Post, and hence the Local Service was discontinued. When the Editor of the “*P.M.R.*” asked for an explanation of the stamps, I, not dreaming that he had an eye to publication, merely gave him a short sketch of their character, not mentioning that they were used by myself alone. As your paper is published before the “*P.M.R.*,” I should be glad if you could give publicity to this letter or any part of it you may deem sufficient.

The difference between my ‘Locals’ and the Natal stamps is that mine had no value until used, when they were worth 1d. to the Runner, while Government stamps are worth face value before use, but are valueless afterwards!

“Kindly do not mention my name in any contradiction you may make, as were you to do so I should be deluged with letters of enquiry, &c. It is still a mystery to me how the specimen came to be affixed to my letter to the “*P.M.R.*,” but at any rate the error cost me one penny and enriched the Runner by that sum!”

## NEW ISSUES.

### Australian Federation.

Last month we chronicled the  $\frac{1}{2}$  green N.S.W. with N.S.W. erased at base. The P.J.G.B. now reports, on the authority of Mr. Boyes of Eudunda, 4 other values.

Unpaid 1d. emerald green.	
"   2d.          "	
"   4d.          "	
"   6d.          "	

### Chili.

We have the 1c., green on the New Type 1902 1c. green.  
1902 1c. green.

### Cooks Islands.

We have received the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  in blue.  
2 $\frac{1}{2}$  blue,

### Fiji.

The "Philatelic Record" reports two new perforation, of the 20 and 1s. perf., 11 by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
2 green, perf. 11 by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
1s. brown, perf. 11 by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### Great Britain.

We hear on good authority that the 1s. green and rose King's Head I.R. official have been delivered to the various post-offices, and that one office has actually issued them, 1s. green rose King's Head surcharged I.R. official.

1 R official, (King's head),	
1s. green and rose	

### Guatemala.

Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. send the "S.C. Fortnightly" 3 Fiscal stamps surcharged for postal purposes.

1 centavos in red on 1c.	
2   "   "   "   "   1c.	
6   "   "   in black on 2c.	

### Hayti.

The monthly journal chronicles the 8c. of the Recent Provisionals with double surcharge.

May, 1902, 8c. carmine (palm).

### India.

We have received the three lowest values of the new King's Head stamps issued on August 9th.

3 pies slate.	
$\frac{1}{2}$ an. green.	
1 an. red,	

### Leeward Islands.

The *Philatelist Journal* of Great Britain states that three Provisionals have been issued. The 4d, 6d. and 7d. being surcharged one penny in two lines on the 4d. and 6d. ; in one line in small type on the 7d., 31, 200, representing £130 face value, were issued and bought up the same day.

One penny on 4d.	
One penny on 6d.	
One penny on 7d.	

We hear they are being sold in the Islands at 1s. 3d. a set of 3.

### Mauritius.

Two new stamps of the arms type have been issued, viz., 8c. and 12c., while the 4c. and 6c. of same type, together with 25c., 50c. 250c. Queen's Head have been surcharged *Postage and Revenue*.

Old type arms 8c. green and black on yellow paper.	
"   12c. grey, black and red.	
Surcharged postage and revenue.	
4c. brown and red or yellow (arms).	
6c. green and red. (   "   )	
25c. bistre, Queen's Head.	
50c. green., Queen's Head.	
2 R 50c. brown purple.	

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### Straits Settlements.

The 1 cent and 30 cents of the King's Head series have now appeared.

1c. green and pale green.  
30c. grey and rose.

### United States.

An interesting description of the accepted design for the new 4 cents stamp (General Ulysses S. Grant) is given by the Washington correspondent of the "Metropolitan Philatelist," and it makes such interesting reading that we quote it here in full:—

"The bust of Grant occupies the middle of the stage, writes "The Optimist." He faces slightly toward the right, in a circle cut off on the lower side; in fact the shoulders of Grant form the southern boundary line, cutting off a small slice of the circle.

"It appears that the question of portrait was the one over which the hitch has occurred. It is understood that when the Bureau submitted a drawing of the stamp the portrait of Grant did not seem to strike the Post Office officials exactly. The Bureau prepared a bust of Grant representing the General in later years, as he appeared a few years prior to his death. It was a particularly fine picture as a picture, and, while it represented Grant, clearly, it was not exactly the Grant that people, generally speaking, know.

"The Chief of the Stamp Division in the Post Office Department is an old veteran of the civil war. Undoubtedly he knew Grant; likely served under his command; therefore he wanted a picture of Grant that represented Grant the fighter.

"Everybody is acquainted with that photo. It has appeared upon the 5 cents stamp for more than a

decade. That is the photo that appears upon the new 4 cents denomination. The circle is so small, however, that the effect is not of the best.

"At the extreme top of the design there is a panel containing the inscription 'Series of 1902.' At either end of the panel are heads of eagles facing outward.

"Beneath the photo is the word 'Grant' in small type. A trifle below and at either side of this word are small circles within which are, on the right, 1822, representing date of Grant's birth, and, on the left, 1885, the date of his death.

"Still nearer the edge of the stamp appear the figures '4'; good, large, plain figures. Then the denomination in letters, "Postage Four Cents," is contained in two panels, or a two-stor panel, at the extreme lower portion of the design. Above the figure 4, on either side, is a bunch of flags. The inscription, 'United States of America,' is found in small extended letters following the circle around the portrait.

"I should say that the designer had done exceedingly well considering the tremendous amount of matter to be crowded into a very small space. Then again each design is to be distinctive. There must be something new as well as pretty. In the current series the only change in design is that of the photograph and the value. There is no 'Series of 1902,' no name of the subject, no date of birth and death. These features are very nice and increase the historic character of the stamp but they impose a terrific job upon the designer and engraver. If the latter makes the letters large enough to be seen he has room for nothing else, and if he makes them small enough to give space they can hardly be read."

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## EDITORIAL.

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This month we are starting the Question and Answer Competition as stated in the last number, and we hope every reader will support it as far as possible, and get their friends also to contribute questions or answers of general interest, as it will be noted we do not restrict it to Subscribers, though we shall be grateful to any readers who can get new Subscribers for us.

The big German collection that was stolen (value £10,000) from a Collector in Hamburg, and sold in London for £382, has, we learn as we go to Press, now been restored to its owner.

We have to thank numerous readers for their kind congratulations for the improvement made in this paper last month, and we shall improve it still more if we only get sufficient support.

# A HISTORY OF The Postmarks of London from 1840 to 1901.

*Illustrated by special permission of the Postmaster General.*

By "DUPLEX."—(Continued)

## VII.—REGISTERED LETTER MARKS.



TYPE 93.

a stamper's number below. The numbers range from 1 to 16 (see illustration).



TYPE 94.

No. 94.—This type consists of a circle surmounted by a semi-circular scroll in which the word "REGISTERED" appears. At the top of the circle "LONDON" is curved, while the date is in one line across the centre. Below the date a number, in very large figures, appears (see illustration.) The mark is to be found in both red and black, and is, I believe, a special obliteration impressed on registered packets from abroad, passing through London on their way to their destinations.



TYPE 95.

No. 95.—This is a somewhat similar type to the one just described (see illustration). It has a *double* line circle, so it will be seen our cut

is incorrectly drawn. There are no figures under the date. This mark is impressed in violet ink, and is made with a rubber stamp.

No. 96.—This type has the word "REGISTERED" curved at the top and G.P.O. at the base, with curved lines connecting them to complete the shape of a flat oval. In the date, which occupies two lines, the day of the month is twice shown, viz.:—"11 JAN 11—1857." It is a special mark which was in use for a short time at the General Post Office only. The only specimen I have seen was in red ink.

No. 97.—This cancellation, which may be said to be the usual type of Registered marks, is flat oval in shape, with the word "REGISTERED" curved at the top, and "LONDON" (or the name of a district) at the base. The date is printed in one line across the centre, and generally above this a code letter, denoting the time of posting, is placed. There are varieties.

(a) Large oval as described above, in red, with stamper's number over date.

(b) Medium oval with date, "18. 26, '97."

(c) Ditto, with date, "7 JAN '96," and a large letter "T" on the left-hand side of the date.





TYPE 98A.

No. 98A.—This type is of similar shape and arrangement to No. 97, but has the name of a district followed by its initials at

the base. I have these varieties:—

- (a) As described above (see illustration).
- (b) Similar, but with time of posting omitted.
- (c) Has the initials, "L.O." for Branch Office, between the name and its district initials.

No. 99.—This is a small circular

### VIII.—PARCEL POST MARKS.



TYPE 101.

No. 101.—This is a "wheel" cancellation, having continuous outer lines, with the name "LONDON" between two thick bars placed at regular intervals (see illustration.) This type is only used to cancel the stamps on parcels. Being in the form of a wheel any number of postage stamps can be cancelled at once by running the wheel along. The mark is equally effective in running over the uneven surfaces, often presented by bulky packages.



TYPE 102.

No. 102.—This also is a special parcel post "wheel" cancellation with continuous outer lines. The name "LONDON" is placed vertically instead of horizontally,

and has the thick bars above (see illustration).

mark with "REGISTERED" curved at the top and "LONDON" at the base. The date is in two lines in the centre, *i.e.*, "FEL. 28—'98," and above are code letters, to show the time of posting. This is by no means a common type.

No. 100.—This is a large rectangular mark measuring about 2 inches by  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch, containing the words "Registered, 2d." which is usually stamped on parcels. The mark is made with a rubber stamp, and is generally found in violet ink.



TYPE 103B.

No. 103.—This is a circular type with the name printed across the centre. Above and below the name are semi-circular lines. I have three varieties, *viz.*:—

- (a) Name in one line.
- (b) Name in two lines (see illustration),
- (c) Ditto, with the top semi-circular line broken to admit a stamper's number.

No. 104.—This is also a circular cancellation about the same size as the type just described. The circle is divided into seven portions by means of six thick parallel lines extending right across. The central space is occupied by the words "G.P.O., DEPOT." This is one of the earliest types of special cancellation for the Parcel Post Branch.

No. 105.—A circle, surmounted by a scroll like the "Registered" types 94 and 95, is the shape of this cancellation. In the scroll are the words "G.P.O., LONDON." In the circle "PARCEL POST" is curved at the to

and at the base is the word "DEPOT." The date is printed straight across the centre, and has two short lines above and below it. In the small space above the date a code letter appears. This type is only used in the Chief Parcels Post Branch.

No. 106.—This type merely shows the words "PARCELS POST," in one line, in very large letters. It is printed in black, and is impressed on packages, on which there is nothing else to show that they are to go at Parcel Post rates.

No. 107.—The words "PARCELS POST," in two lines, placed in a square, compose this type. The corners of the square are slightly indented. I have seen this mark only in violet ink.

No. 108.—This is a large roughly shaped rectangular mark, with the corners indented, divided into four parts by parallel straight lines. In the top division is "PARCEL POST," then comes "EUSTON DEPOT," below that the date, and at the bottom "PAID 6D." (See illustration.)



TYPE 108.

No. 109.—This also is a large rectangular mark, containing the same divisions and wording as the ordinary adhesive parcel post labels. It is impressed on book packets, bulky enough to go at parcel post rates, and is used to save the time and trouble that would be necessary to affix the adhesive labels where a large number of similar packages are posted at once.

No. 110.—This postmark is of the shape of a large double lined oval. At the top are the words "PARCEL POST," with the Royal Arms between, and at the base is the name of the office. In the centre is a rectangle containing the date and a notification to the effect that postage has been paid. On the left-hand side of this is a space containing the words "LIST NUMBER," and in a similar space on the opposite side the amount paid for postage is stated. This type is impressed on packets on which the postage has been paid in cash instead of having stamps affixed. I have two varieties:—

(a) Contains the words "PREPAID IN MONEY" over the date; printed in blue. (See illustration.)

(b) Has the word "PAID" above the date; printed in pink.



TYPE 110.

(To be continued.)



## The Philatelic Auctions.

The Auctions are now again in full swing, and some extremely nice things have been sold. Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper have obtained some prices for Triangular Cape woodblocks that must delight the hearts of the lucky vendors, 150 per cent. over S. G.'s Cat. in some instances being realized.

### Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S SALE,

September 25th and 26th, 1902.

Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1861, 1d. scarlet, a block of 4 containing the 4d. red error, on entire...	350	0	0
Do., woodblock, 1d. scarlet, block of 4 on entire (cat. £20) ...	50	0	0
Do., 4d. blue, uncancelled specimen on entire...	30	0	0
Bolivia, 1871, eleven stars, 500c. black with gum ...	2	17	6

### Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE,

September 23rd and 24th, 1902.

Great Britain, 1840, imperf., 1d. black, V.R., unused and fine, no gum ...	7	0	0
Do., 1854-57, wmk. small crown, perf. 14, 2d. blue unused in mint state ...	5	2	6
Do., do., wmk. large crown, perf. 14, 2d. Blue, plate 6, a fine block of 12, unused in mint state ...	12	15	0
Do., 1855-57, 4d. carmine, wmk. small garter, unused and fine, but has been re-perforated at top ...	7	5	0
Do., 1/- green, die 2, very fine bright shade, unused in mint state ...	7	7	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, woodblocks, 1d. red, fine ...	4	4	0
Do., 1d. scarlet, very fine, but cut close at right ...	2	17	6
Do., 4d. blue, a very fine pair ...	8	0	0
Do., 4d. dark blue, very fine ...	7	10	0
Do., 4d. dark blue, a superb block of 18 ...	17	5	0
Do., 6d. mauve, a superb pair, unused in mint state ...	3	5	0
New Zealand, on bleute, 1/- green, unused, very small defect on "D" of "Zealand," but a nice copy, exceedingly rare ...	9	10	0
Do., 6d. black-brown, a superb strip of 4, unused, in mint state ...	8	5	0
Do., 6d. deep red-brown, a superb block of 4, unused, in mint state ...	6	15	0
Do., 1872, wmk. N.Z., 1d. brown, very fair...	10	10	0

### Mr. W. HADLOW'S SALE.

September 29th and October 2nd, 1902.

British East Africa on Zanzibar, 1r., double surcharge ...	1	4	0
Niger Coast, S.G. No. 25 ...	4	12	6
Do., ,, No. 26 (3) ...	3	15	0
Do., ,, No. 22 (3) ...	13	5	0
Do., 1898-01, 10/- deep violet, mint sheet of 20 ...	13	15	0
Do., Gibbons' No. 22 ...	4	15	0
Do., do., No. 9 ...	3	3	0

## Messrs. PLUMRIDGE &amp; Co.'s SALE,

September 30th and October 1st, 1902.

British East Africa, 1891, 1a. on 3a. dull-red, surcharged in manuscript on small piece, fine...	2	5	0
Do. another, not on piece, very fine ...	2	5	0
Do. 1a. on 4a. brown, used, on small piece, fine ...	2	5	0
British Guiana, 1888-9, 1 dollar green and black, very fine, used ...	1	18	0
Cape of Good Hope, Mafeking Besieged, 1/- on 6d. lilac and red, very fine ...	2	0	0
Ceylon, 1861, rough perf., 4d. rose-red, very fine ...	1	6	0
Great Britain, 1867-82, £5 orange, very fine ...	4	0	0
New South Wales, Sydney view, plate 1, 4d. carmine on yellowish, superb...	4	0	0
Sierra Leone, 1897, 2½d. on 2/- mauve, fine, with gum, but slightly creased ...	2	2	0
Transvaal, 1877, V.R. Transvaal, 6d. blue, surcharge inverted, imperf., top right corner damaged, otherwise fine...	2	18	0
Do. 1900, V.R.L., £5 green, mint ...	5	5	0



## PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

We have received from Mr. H. F. Johnson (*Hon. Sec.*) of the Junior Philatelic Society, London, the programme for the new season. A very good one it is: a host of interesting meetings have been arranged. Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A., will display his colossal collection of British Stamps in eight parts and Mr. Rudolph Frentzel will display his Mexican locals, also several other exhibits as will be seen by referring to the programme.

**PROGRAMME.**

1902-3.

*Subject to Revision.*

The following arrangements have been made for Lectures and Papers in Clapham Hall:

		P.M.	
1902	Saturday, October 4	{ 7-45—General Sale and Exchange. 8-15—President's Address. 8-45—Display. Great Britain. Part I.	
*Monday, ,, 20			{ 8-0—Lantern Lecture, "His Majesty's Mails," by F. J. Melville, Esq., in Clapham Assembly Rooms.
Saturday, Nov. 1			{ 7-45—Sale and Exchange. 8-15—Display—Great Britain. Part II. 8-30—Ten Minute Papers—"The growth of my collection."
" " 15	{ 8-0—Paper and Display, "Mexican Local Stamps," by Rudolph Frentzel, Esq.		

Saturday, Dec.	6	{	7-45—Sale and Exchange.
		{	8-15—Display—Great Britain. Part III.
		{	8-30—General Exhibit of Member's Albums.
.. ..	20	{	8-0—Paper, "The Manufacture of a Postage Stamp," by
		{	A. R. McCallum, Esq.
1903		{	7-45—Sale and Exchange.
.. January	3	{	8-15—Display—Great Britain. Part IV.
		{	8-30—Debate, "Should particulars of forgeries be published?"
.. ..	17		8-0—Beginners' Night. Lantern Display.
.. February	7	{	7-45—Sale and Exchange.
		{	8-15—Display—Great Britain. Part V.
		{	8-30—Paper, "Bisected Stamps used Provisionally," by Bertram
			Pooler Esq.
.. ..	21	{	7-0—Fourth Annual Conversazione and Dance in Raleigh Hall,
		{	Saltoon Road, Brixton.
.. March	7	{	7-45—Sale and Exchange.
		{	8-15—Display—Great Britain. Part VI.
		{	8-30—"Ten minutes with my best Stamps."
.. ..	21	{	8-0—Paper and Display, "Entirely about Entires," by
		{	B. W. Warhurst, Esq.
		{	8-30—Debate, "The pricing of Stamps in Exchange
			Packets."
.. April	4	{	7-45—Sale and Exchange.
		{	8-15—Display—Great Britain. Part VII.
		{	8-30—Paper, "How to make Stamp Exchanges more
			popular," by C. J. Patman, Esq.
.. ..	18	{	8-0—Paper and Display, "The Stamps of France," by
		{	William Darwin, Esq.
.. May	2	{	7-45—Sale and Exchange.
		{	8-15—Display—Great Britain. Part VIII.
		{	8-30—Ten Minute Papers. Any Subjects.
.. ..	16	{	7-30—Annual General Meeting. Election of Officers.
		{	Revision of Rules. Reception of Reports.

\*The Meeting on October 20th, will be held in Clapham Assembly Rooms, opposite Clapham Road Station.





**NEW ISSUES.**

COMPILED BY R. T. MORGAN.

**Albania.**

The current 5c, 20c and 25c of Italy have been surcharged in black for use here. The surcharge is over-printed in two lines the bottom line being the value.

- 10 Para on 5c green.  
35 " " 20c orange.  
40 " " 25c blue.

**Bulgaria.**

Commemoration sets seem to be the order of the day for this country. A set of three values has just been issued, or rather was issued for a very short time, something like a day, in September. The stamps are about 3 times as large as the ordinary issues for this country. The design is very tragic, it depicting the Bulgarians casting huge stones on a couple of Turks by the side of what looks like a Precipice. This scene was supposed to have been enacted in September, 1877, and the stamps have been issued to remind one of the event. The values are

- 5c red.  
10c green.  
15c blue.

**Obock.**

The 25 and 50 of 1893 Triangular issue of this settlement has been surcharged in black as follows.

- 5 centimes on 25f brown and blue.  
10 " " 50f lilac and green.

**Paraguay.**

A Provisional from this Republic reaches me in the shape of the 24c dark blue of 1901 being surcharged in Red in four lines.

- Habilitado }  
  en            } on 24c Dark Blue  
  20            }  
centavos. }

I am informed the one stamp in each sheet has the first I in Habilitado missing, thus Hab litado.

**Sarawak.**

Mr. Ha Buey How kindly sends us information of a new postcard. It is inscribed as follows and printed on buff card in green.

**POST CARD.****Sarawak.**

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

1c GREEN

**Natal.**

The following values have been received of the new King Edward stamps. The design is a very welcome difference from the ordinary De la Rue type and the shades are most beautifully blended:—

- ½d. green.  
1d. Carmine  
1½d. Dark Green and Light Green centre.  
3d. Grey and Purple Centre.  
5d. Yellow and Black centre.  
6d. Chocolate and Green centre.  
1s. Pale Blue and Carmine centre.

**New Zealand.**

A new type of unpaid stamp has reached me from the Colony. It is inscribed at the top of a circle, Postage Due, and in a line along the bottom New Zealand.

- ½d. green and Carmine.

**Orange River Colony.**

Mr. J. W. Jones has sent us the 6d. Blue O.V.S. stamp surcharged E.R.I. The type used is very similar to the one used in the surcharge of the famous V.R.I. issue. *Even's Weekly* chronicles the

- 1s. on 5s. green V.R.I.  
6d. blue surcharged E.R.I.

**Djibouti.**

The 50c Carmine and Blue of the 1894 issue of this French settlement has been surcharged 10 centimes in black.

10c on 50c Carmine and Blue

The 25c. of Obock has also been surcharged in three lines in red for use here as follows:—

10 CENTIMES } DJIBOUTI	} in Red on 25c Black and Blue.
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**Levant.**

The 5d. English has now appeared

with the surcharge 80 paras, for use here

80 PARAS on 5d. Lilac and Blue.

**Leeward Isles.**

The following values of the King Edward type have been received from here. The other values will, we presume, be issued as demand requires them.

½d. Green and Lilac.  
1d. Carmine and Lilac.  
2½d. Blue and Lilac.  
6d. Brown and Lilac.  
1/- Carmine and Green.



## Question and Answer Competition.

### WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.

Write on a sheet of paper any question you think of interest to Philatelists generally. Each month some questions will appear, and any reader can send in answers to be published next month.

For each question accepted, stamp value (s.g.), 2/- will be given and 2 points allowed.

For each answer, stamp value 3/- (s.g.) will be awarded, and 4 points allowed.

The series will run for 6 months, (if sufficient interest can be maintained for this period), at the end of this time prizes as follows will be awarded for largest number of points as follows:—

**First Prize**—Collection of Mint Portuguese, value £8 10/-

**Second Prize**—Ditto, value £4-

**Third Prize**—Block of 6 1d. Great Britain, Mint value 30/-

Foreign readers are invited to compete whether Subscribers or not.



## Philatelic & other Jottings from the South Pacific.

By "AO TEA-ROA."

*Our bright little contemporary "The New York Philatelist" publishes quite a large array of South Pacific notes that are so interesting that we reproduce them in full:—*

At an auction sale held recently at Karotonga, Cooks Island, a good quantity of the 1d. blue surcharged "one halfpenny" were put up by the auctioneer, and were disposed of at a face value, *i.e.*, ½d. There was only one bidder for them, a non-philatelist, who sent the stamps to England and realized a good price on his outlay. The stamps were amongst the effects of the late secretary of the Cook Island's Government, who was killed last June by a rocket exploding. I see Scott catalogues these stamps at \$1.00 unused.

The islands of Manikiki, Raka-hanga and Pukapuka, which were annexed along with the Cook group in October, 1900, are, for the present, using Cook Island stamps; and I have heard that they will continue to use them. However it yet remains to be seen what action the New Zealand Government will take as regards the postal affairs of the islands in question. At one or two of the islands Government officials have already been appointed by Col. Gudgron, C.M.G., the resident Commissioner at the Cook group, under whose jurisdiction they are.

The new coloured stamps 1d. and ½d., *i.e.*, rose and light green, respectively, of the Cook Islands, have far a better class of gum than the

former series. It is far more suitable to the hot climate, and the sheets do not stick together as formerly. The 2½d. blue has yet to be issued to complete the three colours of the Postal Union. This new kind of gum is much appreciated by the business people of the group.

Queen Lavinia, the wife of King George Tubou II. of Tonga (whose head appears on some of the stamps of the last issue of that place), died on April 25th last. The late Queen was married to King George Tubou II. on June 1, 1899. She was the grand daughter of the Lavinia who is recognised as the greatest chief in Tonga, and was the daughter of Lavinia Aime and Kupu. The wedding of the King and Queen was delayed for some time owing to the head chiefs raising objections, but the King was persistent in his choice of the Queen, and the objectors gave way.

Various reports are floating around as to what stamps the Cook Islands will adopt, now that the group is under New Zealand. I am of opinion that New Zealand stamps will eventually be used there, as the islands are now an integral portion of that colony. At the Chatham Islands and Kerma-dee Islands, which are also under the said colony, New Zealand stamps are in use. It is very unlikely that

Makea Ariki's head will be retained on the stamps. On the 1d. brown *croton* has already been surcharged on the stamp, over Makea's head, thus obliterating the face.

At Niue and Peurhyn (two of the islands annexed along with the Cook group) New Zealand stamps, *i.e.*, ½d., 1d., 2½d. surcharged Niue and Peurhyn are now in use. A few remarks on Niue may perhaps prove of interest to your readers.

Niue was annexed by the Governor of New Zealand, Lord Ranfurly, at the latter end of 1900. It is situated 580 miles W.N.W. from Rarotonga, C.I., and 300 E. from Tonga. The island is long and low, being about 17 miles by 7½, and about 40 miles in circumference. The population, about 4,500 in number, are a branch of the great Polynesian family, and on account of their isolation from the other islands they form a very interesting study. The natives are very industrious, and the men are in great request as labourers and workmen at Tonga and other islands. The women for the greater part of the time are employed plaiting hats by hand, which are exported to Sydney and Auckland, where they are sold as a cheap variety of Panama.

The island has no surrounding coral reef on account of the great depth of water, and steepness of the shores. The island is simply an elevated cushion of porous coral, seamed and tunnelled in all directions; on account of the porous nature of the land there are no streams on the island, and fresh water is therefore very scarce. It was on this island that the mission ship "John Williams" was wrecked in 1867.

There are four settlements at Niue, the chief is Alofi, which is the port, also the headquarters for the island of the London Mission Society. The trade, at present, is chiefly in the hands of a Sydney N.S.W. firm who have a steamer running there. Various trading schooners also visit the island, both from Rarotonga, C.I., and Auckland, N.Z. The New Zealand Government have appointed a *British resident* there to control the Postal, Judicial and Customs affairs. The chief exports from Niue are copra, coffee, hats, fungus and fruits. The island, I may say, comes under the jurisdiction of the Resident Commissioner of the Cook group.

It appears that only a certain number of the 1d. brown Cook Islands were surcharged with a "*small croton*." Of this number a very few were sent to some of the postmasters in the group. The rest were bought up in Rarotonga by a very limited number of people. I was in conversation recently with one person who bought a good number of them at Rarotonga, and who went round the various islands of the group on business and bought up all that were at all the post offices. He tells me there are none round the group now, and as for Rarotonga they were sold out in a few days. In my opinion this will be a rare stamp. The surcharge was executed at the Government printing office at Rarotonga.

Since New Zealand has taken the Cook Islands in hand great changes have taken, and will take place in the postal affairs. A chief postmaster has been appointed from New Zealand, and has taken up his duties at Rarotonga. Since the new Government auxiliary schooner has been trading

regularly round group, postal communication has been more frequent and more consistent. Formerly it was sometimes several months at a time before communication could be had with other islands of the group. During these times the trading schooners were all away, either at

New Zealand or the Society Group. Formerly the chief post office at Rarotonga was a large wooden structure, but now New Zealand Government has authorized the erection of a stone building, which is most necessary, as all the Government documents are contained in the post office.



## STAMPS STOLEN (Used).

(Continued.)

The following are the property of Lt.-Colonel P. Schletter, The King's Yeomanry:—

Cat. No. S. Gibb, 1902.	Number of Stamps.	Remarks.
<b>Transvaal.</b>		
109 and 110		On same piece of envelope, torn asunder & re-joined; light "circular" cancellation in centre; splendid copies
131		Fine copy
175, 178		178 rather heavily cancelled
194, 199, 222, 223		Fine
224,		Splendid copy
245, 246, 248		
<b>Pietersburg.</b>		
10 4d. blue		On upper corner of thick cream laid envelope
(type i.)		Without final dot (after I.)
307 6d. V.R.I.		
? 3d. E.R.I.		
(violet)		
<b>Victoria.</b>		
15, 16 or 27		Fine copy
121	Two copies	One with inverted WM
60		Fine copy
<b>W. Australia.</b>		
61, 67, 85	And others in Note Book	
<b>Zanzibar.</b>		
147, 149, 151, 152		Splendid condition, lightly cancelled
15, 155, 156, 157, 158		Ditto, most of them with top margins

## STAMPS STOLEN—*Continued.*

### USED STAMPS.

Cat. No. S. Gibb. 1902.	Number of stamps.	Remarks.
<b>Zululand.</b>		
23, 25,	26, 27,	
<b>Tuscany.</b>		
1	1 sol. on azure paper	One Cancellation PD, rather heavy running diagonally from upper left corner to lower right ditto; left margin rather clipped; WM back of Crown of WM type 2
<b>Parma.</b>		
32	20 blue	Top margin rather clipped; Long lower margin
<b>Neapolitan Provinces.</b>		
56	Inverted head	Fine
<b>Lorenzo Marques.</b>		
23a	50 on 509	Slightly and left lower perfora- tion slightly damaged; other- wise fine
41	50 on 75	

### UNUSED STAMPS.

**Great Britain.** Single, pairs, strips,  
blocks

201	2½d.	Large block	
197	½verm.	Ditto	Very pale shade
206	4½	Several blocks	
211	1/- green	Several small blocks and strips	
214	1/, gr. & scar	Ditto 8 to 12	
301	Receipt		WM inverted; no gum
172		One	WM inverted; poor gum
O 25	½verm.	Singles, prs. & strips	
O 26	1d.	" " " "	
O 28	½	Several "Singles" and 1 or 2	Se tenant
O 29	1d.	Singles	
O 29	½	Strips	Se tenant centre stamp of strip
O 30	½ green	Singles, pairs, strips	
O 31	6d.	Pairs, strips, small blocks	
M 33	1d.	About 2 singles	
M 34	2d.	1d.?	



## STAMPS STOLEN—*Continued.* Unused.

Cat. No.	Number of Stamps.	Remarks.
S. Gibb, 1902.		
M 41 $\frac{1}{2}$	Singles and strips	
King's Head 1d. carmine	Entire sheet	
<b>Barbados.</b>		
98	Block	Three out of block of four
112, 113, 114.	Several strips and small blocks	Also some cancelled to order in the full gum, postmarked about Sept. or Oct., 1897
117	One and	One with postmark of same period
<b>Brit. Bechuanaland.</b>		
20, 60	One of each	
30	One or two	



## A WARNING.

Below we publish a letter kindly sent us by Harry Law, Esq. Comment is needless:—

" British Consulate,  
Riga,  
Sept. 18th, 1902.

Harry Law, Esq.,  
Wakefield.

DEAR SIR,—I duly received your letters of the 11th and 12th July last, respecting your claim against L. Sikorsky, of Dorpater Street 46, for postage stamps you sent him. I wrote to the said Sikorsky asking him to pay his debt to you or to return the stamps. In the meantime I received also from other English stamp dealers similar claims against

the same individual, whereupon I requested our Secret Police to interfere in the matter, which they did.

The Chief of that Department now informs me that steps had been taken against Sikorsky and a certain Schneider (well-known swindlers) to punish them for fraud, and all stamps found in their possession were returned to the interested parties.

As these persons S. & S. are without means, there can be no prospects of your being refunded the balance of your account.

I am, dear sir,

Yours truly,

A. WOODHOUSE,



## A "Find" of Great Britain 1d. Blue.

We take the following from *Morley's Philatelic Journal*, as a description of these sheets will not be amiss, as they are probably the only two in existence :—

"Owing to a very remarkable "find" among old papers we have had the opportunity of inspecting three sheets of the old 1d. receipt stamp of 1853. Two of these sheets were quite complete but the other had four stamps, the last one of each of the four bottom rows removed. Especially remarkable is the fact that each sheet is from a different plate, so that we venture to put on record a description of each sheet as material for some future history of British Revenue stamps. The first sheet to be described is the one with the four stamps missing. It bears no plate number, and we believe it to be *plate 1*. The stamp is the type with the square buckle to the garter, and is printed in pale blue. There is no trace of blue in the paper, which from the ragged edges and general appearance seems to be hand made. The number of stamps on the sheet is 240, in twenty rows of 12 and each is watermarked, with a fowl anchor, with wooden stock, reversed. Round the edge is a single line watermark, enclosing the 240 anchors, and outside this single line, above and below are the words "Commercial Stamps" in script letters. On each side the watermarked inscription is "Com-

mercial Stamps—Penny Duties" in script letters twice repeated, with the signature "John Wood" (the chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue at the time) between. The tail of the "J" of John passes well into one stamp of each side of the sheet. The inscription read upwards on the left and downwards on the right. At each corner of the sheet is a reversed fowl anchor, with wooden stock, pointing outwards diagonally. The perforation is, of course,  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 15$ .

The second sheet is precisely similar except for the *plate number "2"* in white on a small blue oval above the eleventh stamp on the top row and the second stamp on the bottom row.

The third sheet differs from the other two in the fact that the stamp is of the type with the octagonal buckle, and it bears the *plate number "3"* in the same style and similarly placed as in *plate 2*. The colour of the stamps on plates 2 and 3 is pale blue, as in the first plate, and the paper white with no trace of blue.

We do not think it is known to collectors how many plates were prepared of this stamp, but the three sheets we have just described certainly appear to warrant the deduction that the square buckle type is from plates 1 and 2 and the octagonal buckle type from 3, and any others that may have been used, but there are probably not many others as the stamp was obsolete in 1855. The impression on blue safety paper is evidently among the last printings.



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