

A Condensed Philatelic Encyclopædia.

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By OBSERVER.

Emblems (Heraldic.) Watermarks in some of the early stamps of Great Britain. The two in the upper corners of the stamps represent roses of York and Lancaster. Those in the lower corners the Shamrock of Ireland and the thistle of Scotland.

Embossed. Stamps printed from a sunken die. Raised or in relief. The die is usually pressed against leather or some yielding surface, which is forced into the depressions of the die pressing the paper into shape—relief. This may be done without color as in the early Italian stamps or in part color as in the U. S. envelopes.

Engraving. Dies cut on soft steel then afterwards hardened and the impression given by pressure to other copper or steel plates. Upon this, ink is rolled filling up the little depressions or cuts made by the engraver. Then the plates are usually rubbed by the hand of the printer and then the printing made by the pressure over damp paper.

Engravers marks or secret marks. Little marks made on the die by an engraver so that he can tell his work, sometimes ordered by governments like the 1871-2 U. S. issue.

Entires. The whole envelope with the stamp on.

(to be continued.)

The D. P. A. Meet.

A special meeting of the D. P. A. officers was held at Toronto on Thanksgiving day. On account of distance some of the officers were not present. Some important business was transacted but lack of space compels us to hold over the report until next week.

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