

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

FROM THE CONTINENT.

Another commemorative issue is announced for the City of Brussels, Belgium

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I have it on good authority that the revenues used for postage chronicled for British Central Africa are fraudulent.

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Mr. H. L. Ewen has just published the fifth addition of his valuable catalogue of English stamps and postmarks.

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An album will shortly be issued for the stamps of Great Britain. It fills a want long felt by our English specialists.

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A royal edict has been issued which suppresses the 50 and 100 lire unpaid letter stamps of Italy. It is hardly likely that any marked advance in prices will take place.

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The *Daily Mail* recently published a very interesting article on "A Night's Stroll in Stamp Land," in which the great stamp auctions of the metropolis are dealt with.

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Messrs. Puttick and Simpson held a two-nights' sale on Nov. 30th and Dec 1st, at their rooms, 47 Leicester Square, London. Nearly five hundred lots were offered, and fair prices were realized.

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Stanley Gibbons have just published the fifth of their philatelic hand-books. It deals with the stamps of Barbados in an exhaustive manner, and is very creditable to its publishers, and its editors, Messrs. E. D. Bacon and F. H. Napier.

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Among the recent removals that have come under my notice is that of Alfred Smith & Sons, who have left Bath and will make London their headquarters in future. Mr. Wm. Hadlow has removed to 327 Strand, and Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen, of Swage, has removed to Norwood.

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Buhl & Co., (Ltd.) held a sale on October 6 and 7. A Buenos Ayres, 1858 (steamship), 4 p. red, sold for \$75, while \$90 was realized for a lightly cancelled copy of a Nova Scotia 1st violet. At Hadlow's sale on Nov. 10th, a strip of four 5c Athens, an original, sold for £26. Good prices were realized at Cheveley and Co.'s sale, Nov. 2, among which was a Nevis, lithographed 6 p. olive, unused, which sold for about \$78.

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Some of the readers of STAMP-LORE will possibly remember the case of the Frenchman who was murdered for the purpose of obtaining his stamp collection. The trial has just closed, Aubert having been sentenced to imprisonment for life, and his accomplice, Marguerite Debouis, will serve a term of three years. So far as I know, this case is without precedent in philatelic history, and the prompt arrest and conviction of the principals is very creditable to the police.

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My friend, William Brown, of Salisbury, has made a new departure in connection with that peer of English publications, *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. Advertisements are now abolished from the journal proper, and inserted in a special advertising edition of the same. I am inclined to doubt the wisdom of this step, as an advertisement is usually more effective when published in with good reading matter. By the bye, the *P.J. of G.B.* still continues to devote considerable space to the boy collector and his interests, and is worthy of commendation for its efforts in this line.

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