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Notes.

From Mr. Soost, of Berlin, we received the first specimen of the new German letter card, which was mailed to us the day they were issued.

We are indebted to some kind friend in St. Johns, Nfld., for several specimens of the new provisional, 1c on 3c, lilac-grey.

One who professes to know says that a new set of United States postage stamps will be issued about July 1st, 1898.

The Perforator is a bright, chatty, beautifully printed paper, and excels itself in its commemorative number.

The leading article in the Eastern Philatelist is from the pen of Rev. Herbert Clark, and describes very interestingly some of the features of a good collection as compared with a mere accumulation of stamps.

Under our system of liberal premiums, we are almost giving the *Messenger* away to subscribers. But as this ensures a rapidly growing circulation, it will recommend the paper still further to Advertisers.

The past year's business of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., of London, has amounted to about \$300,000.

The special New York number of the Weekly Stamp News is a marvel of philatelic enterprise and skill.

The first of the new $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamps to reach us were on a letter received from the Mark's Stamp Co., of Toronto, on Nov. 11th. The other values will be issued as the supply of the old stamps is exhausted.

The Philatelic Advocate for November appears in a new form and new cover design. Its bargain pages are as interesting as advertisements can be made. The editor discusses the question, 'Will a philatelic paper pay?' and thinks it will if conducted wisely.

We wish to organize a system of stamp exchange in connection with the P. M. Club, to apply to stamps catalogued at from 2c to 50c each. We ask our readers to favor us with their suggestions, and we will publish them in the *Messenger*.

We wish to secure regular correspondents in Montreal, Winnipeg, British Columbia, St. John, (N. B.), St. Johns, (Nfld.) and London, (England.)

Mr. Jas. A. Knight, of Halifax, informs us that there are three types of surcharge of the Newfoundland provisional. We have two types before us, one in Roman and the other in Old English. The latter seems to be the scarcer of the two.