

five cents used, of the five cent one hundred and forty dollars unused.

The stamps of the last two issues, with one exception are cheap. This is owing to the large number of remainders which were sold to stamp dealers and collectors. Nevertheless they are nice for collections and being cheap are in the reach of most collectors.

THE BOSTON RECORD

IN REGARD TO STAMP COLLECTING PRINTS
THE FOLLOWING.

Those people who think the "Stamp Craze" is dying out should have attended the convention of the Philatelic Association just finished in this city. Gray headed men show as much enthusiasm over collecting rare stamps as does the youth or maiden who has just fallen victim to the fascinations of collecting.

In regard to another point in stamp collecting it says: "The United States Government would very much like to know which of the Boston gentlemen in attendance at the convention of the American Philatelic Association has in his possession one of the only \$5,000 revenue stamps known to be in existence. There is little doubt, owing to prominence as a collector, that he is

taking an active part in its proceedings, but for prudential motives neither he nor his associates care to reveal his identity.

NEW POSTAL CARDS.

Two cards of the French Colonial type have been issued for the dependency of Grand Comora. They are valued and colored as follows

10 centimes, black on green.
10x10 centimes, black on blue.

It is announced that Hawaii is to have a new card which will excel all predecessors in beauty.

Sweden has issued a new card to celebrate King Oscar II's 25th anniversary of his accession to the throne. It is adorned with the portrait of the King. The stamp is formed by a large figure "5" in a shield, with the word "ore" between the two garlands. It is reported that the sales of these cards will go to a proposed consumptives hospital.

The U. S. government will not redeem uncanceled revenue stamps. The reason is obvious—these stamps are obsolete, the taxes so levied years ago, being no longer levied, so that the stamps having no mission to perform, are worthless in so far as having a face value is concerned. Their only value lies in their being objects of collection.

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