ful to mention only those positive differences whereby the forgery can be at once detected by itself, without the necessity for comparison with a genuine specimen.

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These dangerous counterfeits are also sold obliterated, and the false postmarks have not been applied—as is usually the case with forgeries-in such a manner as to leave the best part of the stamp clean, but are struck over the stamps with apparently official carelessness, and thus are all the more deceptive. The genuine cancelling mark consists of a transverse oval, formed of ten horizontal bars, of which the top and bottom ones are curved, so as to complete the oval. The forged mark consists of an irregularly shaped transverse, oblong, formed of two horizontal lines of long, and three of short unshapen patches. They are sold three or four bgether, stuck on paper, and have every appearance of having been cut from an envelope.

# **Important Notice.**

We owe an apology to our subscribers, for our non-appearance last month, but as the October number was late, and important changes, which we will explain, have taken place in the management, it was found impossible, to issue the third number before December 1st.; in future we can promise to have the magazine out punctually on the The changes referred first of each month. to, are, that the International Stamp Co. finding that the publication of this journal, takes up more time than they can spare, have given the entire management over to the editor, to whom all communications, to insure attention, must be addressed. We hope publishers will take note of this, and address their exchanges accordingly. We have now a large circulation in Canada and the United States, and advertisers are requested to notice that the rates have been increased to 50 cents per inch, and 40 cents for subsequent insertions. Many subscribers have not yet sent in their postage, which is 10c. a year, all who receive this number with a red cross on the wrapper are quested to forward the amount immediasoly.

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