

the many provisionals of this colony there are only 3 which are hard to obtain, 16 cent on 18 cent—1877 and 20 cent on 30 cent and \$1.00 on 96 cent—1890 without Chinese characters. A1 interesting stamp is the Jubilee Issue of 1891. It is now quite scarce.

As to the native inscriptions on the sides of these stamps I cannot say much as I never studied Chinese, but have been informed that the characters at the left indicate the value while those on the right read 'Hong Kong.'

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The Difference.

What is the difference between a lady and a postage stamp? One is female and the other a mail-fee.

Why is a boy and a postage stamp alike? Because both are licked and stuck in the corner.

"The only difference I can see between a postage stamp and a Donkey" said an Irishman describing it to his mate "is that the one you stick with a lick and the other you lick with a stick."

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