

THE PHILATELIST.

"Dunno whar he war," said Zip, scratching his head, doubtfully. "Spec'—"

"Do you mean to say," asked the Court, with a rising inflection, "that the defendant wasn't present?"

"Sartinly," replied Zip. "Ain't got ter dat p'int yet awhile. I's takin' yer beck to de beginnin, more'n two yeah ago; and as I war a-tellin yer, we war a-setten an' a-setten an' looken ober de ole stamp—"

"Mr. Bailiff, adjourn this Court?" shouted his Honor, purple with indignation. "And make these parties settle their difficulty out in the backyard."

The investigation came to an abrupt close, and the last I saw of old Zip, he was complaining loudly because he couldn't tell the entire history of his case.

Chronicle.

ECUADOR.—There is a ten cent stamp and two postal cards, 5 cent and 5 x 5 c.

ST. HELENA.—The 3d is lilac and the 6d is state gray.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—The 2d is now yellow-brown instead of violet.

AZORES.—The Portuguese letter cards have been surcharged for use in these islands.

VICTORIA.—The head of Victoria on the 4d stamp is now on horizontally lined ground.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—It is intended to issue $\frac{1}{2}$ cent stamps.

MARTINIQUE.—The 20 cent red on green has been surcharged "M. Q. E. 15c (2 var)"—"Martinique 015," and "Martinique 15."

GREAT BRITAIN.—The 2sh, 6d has been surcharged official.

MACAO.—There are three new surcharges from here. The 80 reis has become 5 reis, 10 reis and 20 reis. The surcharge is in black in two lines, with a bar across the original value. F. R.

The Stamp Album Man.

The stamp album man arrived in Vicksburg three or four days ago. He was a long-eared man, having a very solemn expression of countenance and a red nose. The red on his nose might have come from sunburn, and it might have come from crooked whisky, but there was no question that he was an earnest man and an honest one. He went right to business as soon as coming up the hill.

He met a small red-headed man on the walk—a man who was in a great hurry to get to the bank—and as he took him by the buttonhole, he said:

Mister, I have arrove in Vicksburg for the purpose of selling The Improved Stamp Album.

Arrove to thunder with you! exclaimed the little man as he broke away.

The stamp album man walked down Washington St., looking at the sights, and in about ten minutes he came upon the little red-headed man again, who had finished his business at the bank.