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Notes.

The limited use of the \$1. documentary red, which has now been displaced by the new stamp in gray, will cause the red stamp to become rare, especially in uncut condition.

Information from Washington tells us that in a time not far off the United States is to have a new set of stamps for regular use. They are to be similar in size and design to those now in use, but each portrait will have beneath it the name of the personage it represents.

China has still the old-fashioned system of letter-carrying. Letter shops are to be found in every town. If he has a letter to send the Chinaman goes to a letter shop and bargains with the keeper thereof. He pays two-thirds of the cost and leaves the receiver to pay the rest on delivery.

On the boundary line between Vermont and Quebec, in Canada, is an old building which is now used as a post office for both countries. It is seventy-five years old and is built at Becbo Plain, a town that is United States on one side of the street and Canada on the other. The post office is an exhibition of the good will of the people of the section. The father is postmaster for Quebec and the daughter postmistress for Vermont.

Official reports from Washington state that the Buffalo stamps will not be put on sale until the 1st of May, the day the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo opens. There are to be six stamps, corresponding in color to the stamps now

used, except that the central design in each case will be printed in black, making each a double-colored stamp. At this early date a large number of the stamps have been completed, ready for shipment to the various post offices. Those that have seen them say that they are superior in design and workmanship to either the Columbus or Omaha series.

Since 1895 Corea has been springing a new issue of stamps on us every year or two, and according to the latest report has another series in contemplation which is expected to appear about next July. The reason for so many changes in her postal issues is partly due to change in her monetary system, and as the last issue of which we have heard of six values, is expressed in re's and cheun's, a further change is necessary to place the values in cents and dollars. The new set will consist of 13 values, from 1-5c to \$2. If the stamps appear on time the 1900 set will become scarce owing to the limited time they will be in circulation. Corea has issued 21 stamps since 1885, and for some reason, possibly owing to their brilliant colors and odd designs, they have all been popular stamps with collectors. It is not generally known that the 1895 issue which was afterwards surcharged in native characters, constituting the 1897 set was printed in Washington. The last set was prepared at home, but the intended issue is to be made in Europe from lack of ability to produce the stamps in Seoul where the government printing plant of Corea is located.

Don't you think it is worth 25c a year to get the new issues and odd stamps as well as this paper. Read elsewhere.