

U. S. Notes.

BY UNCLE SAM.

Mess Starnaman Bros. have requested me to be their U.S. correspondent. I shall always endeavor to furnish bright, crisp and original information that will interest both the dealer and collector alike.

I recently had the misfortune or rather the good fortune to obtain a number of unused U. S. 1857-63-70-83, issue, 1 to 10c values, at almost face. The party from whom I obtained them seemed quite pleased to get their face value in cash, remarking that they were useless to him and that he was glad to get rid of the sticky things.

A 30c 1869 with inverted medallion recently changed hands in San Francisco at the tip-top price of \$600.00.

Contributions are being received by W. F. Hendricks, Omaha, Neb. towards the expenses of placing an exhibit of stamps, at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, to be held there this year. An exhibition of this kind is a step in the right direction towards enlightening our non-philatelic friends of the beautiful and interesting hobby in which engaged. we are

The Penny comes to hand dated December '97. Vol. 13 No. 1. Say Cliff, we remember quite well, reading Vol. 1. No. 1. But little did we think (at that time) that it would be alive, and as bright and interesting after six years healthy growth.

The time he got a shave.—Webster's picture on the 15c 1870 envelope is furnished with a growth of side whiskers. On the 15c 1870 stamp his whiskers have disappeared.

The 90c U. S. is still on sale at the Boston post office. Don't pay a fancy price when you can obtain them at face.

Another Jubilee or rather a speculative issue is announced: this time from the U. S. The Post-Master General has authorized the issue of a special postage stamp to commemorate the Omaha Exhibition next summer. The denominations are 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25c and \$1.00. This is just five years since we had a speculative issue, boys, so don't kick. Line up and have another on—

The one cent U. S. has appeared in the new color—green—which is in accordance with the rules of the United Postal Union.

Historical, Postalic Philatelic Matters of Prussia.

By F. P.

Old and bloody is the history of Prussia and a successful one too. Until the 11th century the (present) kings of Prussia were simply counts of their little country Brandenburg (markgrafen von Brandenburg.) In 1505 the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire of German nations conferred upon them the title "Kurfuerst" (Prince Elector) and gave them the privilege to become

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