

An Apology.

The Sixth Edition of my Standard Descriptive Postage Stamp Catalogue, advertised to be ready January 1st, 1897, has been greatly delayed, and I regret very much that such has been the case. I can assure those, however, who have lent their money and have patiently waited for the appearance of the Catalogue, that they will be fully repaid for the delay, from the fact that the Catalogue contains far more than any edition ever before put by any one, and is even published upon the subject of United States postage and Postal Stamps.

It contains full descriptions of all varieties of recent stamps, in old issues, complete list of the Government Reprints in stamps, while the list of the U. S. Postal Stamps is a volume in itself. It also contains and varieties of envelopes, and the stamps on them. All the stamps are numbered, and the history of each stamp is given. It is a volume of the past editions will not be compared with the new edition in this volume.

I have given much thought to the subject of the Catalogue, and will be fully appreciated, as being a very valuable volume.

The average size of the Catalogue is about 10 by 12 inches, and is 20x25 milligrams, which is a very small size, and is very handy to carry about. It is bound in a cloth cover, and is very durable. The Catalogue is a work of great importance, and is a very valuable volume, and is large to retain their money and wait.

I have ordered 100 extra copies of the Catalogue, and have had them interleaved and bound in a very durable cover, and the price of which will be \$1.00 delivered in the United States, and the Catalogue will be sent out with the first edition.

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