

To the credit of the department. the transfer was made in less than one week, without any friction whatever. Every stamp of this vast collection is now safe in the vaults of the bureau. The present stock will last at least seventy-five days, at the end of which time the new supply which the bureau is now engaged in providing will be drawn upon. Some idea of the output required of the bureau may be gained from the fact that last year over 9,000,000 postage stamps were used daily.

In order to distinguish its work from that of the American Bank Note Company, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has caused to be printed in the upper corners of the ordinary stamps a figure which resembles a clover leaf. This figure simply serves the purpose for which it is intended. Changes will be made in the series of ordinary stamps by the omission of the 30 and 90 cent ones, and the addition of stamps of the denominations of 50 cents, \$1, \$2, and \$5. The designs of these stamps, it was said at the Post Office Department, would probably not differ from those already familiar to the public.

A radical change has been decided upon in the newspaper and periodical series of stamps. There will be omitted the following issues; Four cents, 6 cents, 8 cents, 24 cents, 48 cents, 60 cents, 72 cents, 84 cents, 96 cents, \$1.02, \$3, \$6, \$9, \$12, \$24, \$36, 48 and \$60. There will be added to this series stamps of the denominations of 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. The newspaper and periodical stamps will be made somewhat smaller than those now in use, and the designs may be eventually changed, although no order to that effect has yet been issued. The present designs represent allegori-

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