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We notice that the *Philatelic Magazine* has reprinted an article on "Provisional Stamps" from this journal, but fails to give us credit for such.

Readers will please take notice that "Morell's Philatelic Directory" will not appear until March 1st, 1886, on account of some unavoidable delay. Advertising forms close February 15, 1886.

Mr. H. G. Spaulding, publisher of the *Michigan Philatelist*, has changed his address from Manchester, Mich., to Battle Creek, where he will be prepared to carry on the stamp and publishing business on a more extensive scale.

The well known Stamp and Coin dealers, Messrs. Scott & Co, have retired from business, and are succeeded by a stock company, under the name of "The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Limited." Mr Henry Collin has charge of the stamp department and Mr. William P. Brown of the coin department.

Mr. E. B. Sterling, the well-known stamp collector of this city, is about to send a notable exhibit to the New Jersey department at the New Orleans Exposition. It is a \$5,000 United States document stamp proof in orange, green and black colors. There is probably no other stamp of the kind in the country, only three or four having ever been issued. The proof is prettily mounted on a white card, which is suitably framed. For a day or two the gem will be on exhibition in Brearly & Stoll's show windows.—*Daily True American*.

### NOTES.

Josushi Nornura, Postmaster-General of Japan, is an intelligent man about forty years of age. After perfecting as well as possible the mail service of Japan, he resolved to find out what was worthy of imitation in America, and is believed to have discovered some useful points during his visit to New York and Washington.

Eleven thousand dollars' worth of ink was used by the Post-office department last year in stamping and cancelling letters. An economically disposed person thinks that if the government would permit cancelled stamps to be reused, much of this expense might be saved; but the government never did go very strong on economy.

There is a man who makes his living in New York by his manipulation of old coin. He buys the plugged silver pieces and chipped copper coins that are dropped into the gate boxes along the elevated railroad, and fixes the money up so that it will pass again. Now and then he comes across a rare coin worth many more times its face value. He calls himself a "money-dresser."

There are 30,000 stamp collectors in New York, and the number is constantly increasing. They call themselves philatelists—a word not found in any but the newest editions of the dictionaries. The most valuable stamp known is one that was issued by the postmaster of Brattleboro, Vt., in 1847, and was only in circulation for a few months. It is now worth, it is said, \$700.—*The Globe*.

A number of employes of the Chicago post-office have been discharged for talking politics, President Cleveland having determined to sit upon those who use their position to strengthen their party. It would be a good move to put the same law in force here. Whenever there is a political campaign in this province the custom-house, post-office and internal revenue department furnish hustlers for the party, and no protest is made by the Ottawa authorities.

The functions of the post office department are at times strangely misinterpreted. Inquiries about deceased persons are sent sometimes to the dead letter office—commonly requests to look up relatives who may have left money. Some correspondents

regard the post master as a matrimonial agent, and even ask his opinion as to the character of the individuals who are paying attention to their sisters. One amorous couple wrote him to send a marriage license by return of post, and a farmer desired him to name a suitable party to whom he might sell a thirty stone pig. Applications for employment in all sorts of trades are common, but the man who wanted the postmaster to interfere with some neighbors who called him bad names was very far wide of the mark, and so was the proud mother who asked when the baby show was to be held at Woolwich.

### NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

BY J. HOOPER.

Continued.

10. Obv. around circle "CANADA, 1830." Rev. half penny in two straight lines. Copper, size 15, plain edge.

11. Obv. and Rev. same as No. 10, date 1841.

12. Obv. Rudely cut head, around circle "Vexator Canadensis." Rev. poorly executed figure woman dancing with branch in hand, around circle "Renunillos Viscapè," 1811. Copper, size 17, plain edge.

13. Same as No. 12, "Vexator Canadensis." Rev. same as No. 12.

14. Obv. same as No. 12. "Vexator Canadensis," Rev. "Renunter Viscapè." The pieces are scarcely ever found in good condition, the work evidently being done by an amateur is poorly executed.

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