

and that there is no other exactly like it. It is not a shade at all but a distinct color, bright, clear, with a tint of lilac, the pink of artists and dyers.

That it is rare, I am sure, from the very limited number I have seen. I had a damaged specimen in my possession for a number of years and sent it all over the country to dealers and collectors but none of them could match it used or unused.

But "all things come round to him who waits" and one day the pink turned up, where least expected, near at home. Among the papers of a lawyer at National City, Cal., some one found a few of these stamps in the long-sought color, unused, original gum and fine in every way. Fortunately for Philately the finder did not use them on his correspondence but sold them to San Francisco dealers. Among these stamps were two blocks of twelve, each bearing the imprint "Engraved by the National Bank Note Company, City of New York, No. 12 Plate." I am happy to say one of these blocks now adorns my collection. It is strange that the same plate number appears on both blocks and gives rise to the query, was the 3c pink printed only from plate 12?

The number of stamps in this find was small and the most of them were soon sold. I consider the stamp as priced in the catalogues altogether too low, especially as I have not previously been able to get one, either used or unused, from any one I have addressed. This is the only instance in which I have seen the true pink, never before or since have I seen a solitary red brown and 5c yellow, but aside from this lot, *not one pink*. I consider this stamp easily worth \$5.00 unused and am ready for contradiction from anyone who can prove the contrary.

Collectors of U. S. stamps must have noticed the almost entire absence of this stamp from auction catalogues. If anyone has any further information about it, or comment to make on what I have said, I hope they will let us hear from them.

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### TORONTO NOTES.

PRESIDENT Brouse of the Toronto Philatelic club has promised to exhibit his magnificent collection of B. N. A. Stamps at the next meeting of the club.

QUITE a sensation was caused in the local Post Office here a few days ago by Postmaster Patterson announcing to his staff that orders had been received from Ottawa, that all who were members of any political organization must resign at once from the same or leave the employ of the P. O. Department. The clerks consider this a great hardship and many friends may interest themselves in their behalf and hope to have the order rescinded.

A few months ago a shop was opened here for the sale of stamps, coins and curiosities and was known as "The Old Curiosity Shop"; business must have been bad as it has closed its doors.

MR. GEO. A. LOWE exhibited at the last club meeting a strip of three N. S. one pennys used which he held at the modest price of \$20; they were beauties.

MR. C. S. MCKEE formerly of Peterborough, who is here attending Medical College was present at the last meeting of the club.

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