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## The Dirigo Stamp Company

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### Chapter II.

"It never rains but it pours." Old saying  
**T**HE above saying seemed to hold good in the case of The Dirigo Stamp Co. The very next day after the organization of the company as recorded in the previous chapter, a somewhat similar event took place in another little town not far away—in fact only about one hundred miles. This time it was Winston, and the organizers were—well they were three young ladies. They, Nellie Pegg, her cousin Fanny, and their particular friend Lauretta Lewis Payne, were just as deeply interested in Philately as the boys of the Dirigo.

They had decided that it would be fun to start a small company and deal in stamps, and besides they saw possibilities of improving their collections. These collections were their especial delight and each prided herself on being a specialist. Nellie rejected all save Uncle Sam's issues; Fanny had made British North America her special care, while Lauretta vowed allegiance to Mexican issues.

Just now they were debating on the name of their already organized company. Fanny proposed Capital Stamp Co.; Nellie was for calling it Winston Philatelic Co., while Lauretta proposed,—well what do you think? She suggested the original(?) name of—the Dirigo Stamp Company,

When she could make herself heard

above the chatter of her companions. Nellie proposed to leave it to chance. "We'll write the names on paper and put them in a box. Then I'll draw out one, with my eyes shut, and that shall be the name."

This plan was carried out, and Lauretta's choice was decreed by chance (or was it fate?) to be the company's name.

When the girls romped down to supper, very hungry after so much excitement, they had no idea what a complication the name of their small company would lead to, or what the future had in store. Of course you want to know how they succeeded.

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## British Colonials.

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### IV. British Guiana.

**N**O other British possession has as many rare and curious stamps as British Guiana. Its postal emissions comprise many provisional issues and a multitude of surcharges.

Of this vast list of stamps I can here describe but a few of the most interesting.

Its first stamp was issued in 1850, ten years after the first introduction of stamps. The design was a crude circle of the size of an ordinary post-