

Stamp Notes.

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By continually having your eyes open when you receive selections of stamps on approval you can sometimes secure bargains in stamps. Take my advice, and when you receive some sheets or books on approval carefully examine all the stamps which are catalogued in different sizes of perforations, watermarks, shades, etc., and see if you cannot get some rare stamps at cheap prices, way down. On the sheets of small dealers a good many stamps can be found catalogued at several dollars each, but which they in their ignorance price at a few cents.

The 8c carmine and slate of the 1874 issue of Norway also appears in the color of the 12c of this issue—mauve and slate. I have seen specimens of the 4c blue and slate and 8c carmine and slate the outside border of which appears to be (and probably is) in blue, instead of in slate, color.

The Ceylon 1861 issue, 1s. 6p. was never put in use. This stamp was probably printed by mistake, and the Post-office officials finding that there was no call for it ordered it to be withdrawn. Unused specimens are very scarce, and in fact the price for them is advancing every year.

The 1866 20 centavos of Spain color lilac was printed in place of the 1864 19c because the latter stamp was counterfeited.

GLEANINGS.

Garnered from the Philatelic Field.

The designs of the Buffalo stamps have been approved of and the following description will give a fair idea of what they will look like:—1c, a lake steamer; 2c, express train; 4c, automobile; 5c, Niagara Falls; 8c, canal locks at Sault Ste Marie, and the American flag will be depicted on the 10c. The first five will be in two colors and the 10c in three colors.

The English 1-2d stamp now appears in the U. P. U. green.

A new shilling stamp in two colors will very likely be issued by England next month.

The French Colony of Dahomey is to have an issue of stamps.

The British Colony of Northern Nigeria has issued postage stamps as has also Kishergarh, a native Indian State.

It is being noted that even the "real" Gt. Barrier stamps are fakes. ¶

A neat booklet has reached us setting forth the good qualities of Mokol's Weekly as an advertising medium.

The total number of copies printed of the recent Brazil centenary stamps was 400,000.

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