

There is an error of surcharge on some of the 1889 issue stamps of Costa Rica. The word "Guanacaste" is misspelled, "Guagacaste."

If you get hold of the 2-shilling or 5-shilling stamps of Jamaica, with the CC watermark, keep them, as these stamps are now printed on paper with CA watermark.

The number in the lower left corner of the postcards of France indicates the week and year of issue. The first figure is the last figure of the year, and the next two figures tell which week in the year.

The watermark "CC" on stamps of Great Britain and colonies, stands for "Crown Colonies," and the watermark "CA" stands for "Crown Agents."

As a result of the burning of the Hawaiian stamps, and of the Chinese government taking charge of the postal service of the Chinese Empire, and prohibiting the further issuance of local stamps, the Hawaiian stamps and Chinese locals are experiencing something of a boom.

For Stamp Collectors.

The stamp auction season will open early this year, and will, as usual, afford good opportunities for buying and selling rare stamps. Amateurs desirous of buying anywhere from ten to a hundred dollars will find it to their advantage to get their names on the auctioneers' books.

The latest counterfeit for collectors to be on the lookout for is an excellent imitation of a five-

cent, figure in fancy border, Hawaii. These are known as the Missionary stamps, and are very valuable. The plan adopted in selling is to state that 'they found them on some old papers, and while they believe them to be very valuable, they do not know how much they are worth.' An offer of fifty or a hundred dollars by the victim is accepted, to his great joy, which is quickly turned to sorrow when he finds out how badly he has been victimized by his own stupidity.

The great conundrum in the stamp world is, 'What has become of the Jubilee half-cent stamps of Canada?' One hundred and fifty thousand were printed, twenty-five thousand were saved for complete sets, leaving a hundred and twenty-five thousand to be sold singly. So far the largest number known to have been sold to any one person is ten. I have been at considerable trouble and expense to discover the whereabouts of the remainder. I have written to a hundred postmasters of large towns, and every one has informed me that none were issued to their office except in sets. Their letters bear every evidence of truth and I fully believe them. Small numbers, a few thousand stamps, were issued to Montreal, Quebec, St. John, and other large cities. This would leave fully a hundred thousand unaccounted for. Who has them? They may have been secured without notoriety, but they cannot be sold the same way.—'Harper's Round Table.'

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