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THE NEW U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS.

Mr. John Wanamaker, the last Post-master-General will undoubtedly derive satisfaction from the fact that the Post Office Department has decided that the designs of the ordinary postage stamps which he adopted shall remain practically unchanged in the present fiscal year. The Columbian stamp has had its day, and as soon as the present supply is exhausted, the familiar two-cent stamp of carmine hue and the George Washington head will take its place.

Some time ago the department gave the contract for furnishing postage stamps to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which offered to perform the service at a lower rate than that of the American Bank Note Company of New York, which held the contract last year. It was a venture for the bureau to enter into this class of work, but its chief believed that he could perform it in a satisfactory manner, and after a careful examination of the matter, Postmaster-General Bissell reached the same conclusion. Provided that complications do not arise, the department will save money during the coming year. In order that the bureau might begin the issue of stamps at the beginning of the fiscal year, Mr. Bissell caused to be transferred from New York all the stock of stamps held by the American Bank Note Company on June 30. This supply comprised nearly 700,000,000 stamps, worth in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000.

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