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UNITED STATES STAMPS.

Different Varieties of Home Issues and the Demand for Them.

Some months ago *The Times* contained an interesting interview with Mr. E. B. Sterling, of this city, respecting collectors and collections of postage stamps. Mr. Sterling, who resides at Bellevue avenue and Prospect street, has just issued a neat and complete catalogue of the adhesive postage and stamped envelopes of the United States. The catalogue reveals some extremely interesting facts. There are 551 varieties of stamps in the United States. The demand for the rarest of these stamps is so great that the value of them has increased over four fold in two years. Stamp collectors have been so eager to secure large collections of foreign stamps that they have just awakened to the fact that in hunting for foreign stamps they have neglected to secure valuable home collections. Hence the supply is much less than the demand. Mr. Sterling makes a specialty of United States' stamps and endeavors to keep on hand most of the rare issues. In addition to the regular varieties already mentioned, there are 1,421 varieties of United States revenue stamps. These stamps are much cheaper, however, and do not rank so high in the estimation of the average philatelist. Mr. Sterling's book must prove well nigh invaluable to every collector.—*Trenton Times*.

Mr. Gladstone is fond of using postal cards for his communications. Although the law is that nothing must be written on the address side of the card save the address, he invariably puts either his name or his initials there. Thus the recipient is subjected to a charge of two cents extra postage. Probably the extra autograph is worth it.

NEW ISSUES.

Azores.—The 50 reis envelope stamp rose has been issued with small surcharge.

Bangkok.—The 3 cent post card, blue on buff, is reported with black surcharged B.

Bolivia.—The following are the values of the new stamps, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20 Centavos and possibly 25, 50 and 100 Centavos.

British Guiana.—The 3 cent post card has been surcharged "one cent."

Congo Free State.—A 15 centimes, brown on buff, has been emitted.

French Colonies.—A card similar to that employed in France but with a 10 centime stamp of the current issue of French Colonies is now in use. The impression is black on lilac.

Gwalior.—The $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 anna have the surcharge in two lines close together and that on the $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 anna is in red. The 3a. is similarly surcharged in black as well as the card of $\frac{1}{4}$ a., and $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$ a. The envelopes have the same surcharge the $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in red with arms green, the 1a. in black, arms brown and the 4a. 6p. in black, arms orange.—"The World."

Malta.—A 5 shilling stamp has been issued. The color rose.

Macau.—Two more varieties of surcharges have been issued. 5 on 25 reis red. 10 on 50 reis green.

New South Wales.—A 1d. official post card has been issued.

Persia.—Three more of the new stamps have appeared, 1 kran, slate; 5 krans, violet; 10 krans, bistre.

Tobago.—The 1d. has been changed to rose instead of red brown.

A case of fatal poisoning from licking postage stamps is reported. It is held that the gum, under certain restrictions, is capable of absorbing foreign matter floating in the air.

A BADLY-SPELLED PLACE.

How the average Letter-writer gets Cayuga.

Mr. Isaac Fry, the Postmaster at Cayuga, in the county of Haldimand, sends to the *Globe* the following "112 ways of spelling Cayuga, every one of which," he writes, "have been received at this office." The list is a curiosity:

Cayuca,	Chaugy,	Cuyahoga,	Cayyuga.
Cuba,	Caugh,	Cahucia,	Cayugay,
Cayagua,	Cayugia,	Cayuga,	Kauga.
Cuga,	Caughe,	Kayuka,	Cayouga,
Kauguge,	Klucky,	Cayuge,	Cauga,
Cayga,	Cayoha,	Cyuga,	Cyug,
Keugue,	Canugu,	Cayug,	Cayhaigue,
Cayega,	Kikuga,	Caoga,	Keugey,
Eauga,	Cogay,	Caega,	Caugha,
Cayuyc,	Cayuago,	Ceuaga,	Kaugeageh,
Cayhuga,	Cauey,	Cauugua,	Cuyuga,
Ceaugy,	Cauyga,	Caygua,	Cyugiab,
Ciyuga,	Cayuug,	Cayauga,	Kyuga,
Cayoga,	Kajuke,	Cuagua,	Cayuah,
Cayuhoga,	Cajuka,	Cabuga,	Cauga,
Cayua,	Payuga,	Gayuga,	Cyuga,
Cauaga,	Cauga,	Caguga,	Chayuga,
Caugoke,	Cayuag,	Kiuaga,	Cayugh,
Ciuga,	Cayauga,	Caugga,	Cuagy,
Cajuga,	Kajuka,	Kuyga,	Cayugua,
Cainga,	Cauguga,	Cauka,	Cayega,
Cyega,	Kaucky,	Kayuka,	Cayugo,
Kukey,	Cayaga,	Kugague,	Ceauga,
Cuygey,	Cogugar,	Cycuga,	Cayugga,
Caucy,	Cayuage,	Cayeuga,	Cuyugo,
Cugga,	Cugga,	Couga,	Caywig,
Caugy,	Cougo,	Caugay,	Cahuga,
Cayago,	Kauguga,	Cauguay,	Couga.

Empire State Philatelist No. 10 is to hand, with an elegant unique design for a cover. This paper is improving every issue.

A quantity of Roman coins of the periods between the reign of Emperor Tiberius down to that of Aurelianus have just been discovered in the inland province of Shansi.

Double or reply paid post-cards may henceforth be sent to Siam. If intended to go *via* Brindisi they must bear a 2d. stamp impressed on each half, and if by French packet a 1½d. stamp on each half.