

UNITED STATES NOTES

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U. S. post cards have been surcharged for use in the Philippine Islands.

Many collectors in U. S. are holding Canadian stamps of recent issues for a rise in prices.

Many dealers claim that they have been defrauded by Canadian dealers and collectors more than they have by U. S. ones. My experience has been that Canadian dealers are as honest as American ones.

A certain party in Hamellsville, N.Y., seems to have an idea that stamp dealers are giving their goods away; at least, he fails to make returns for stamps sent him.

Nearly all dealers down here are well stocked with the Newfoundland stamps. Cabot's, however, are very hard to get.

Wishing the Mount Royal Philatelist a long and prosperous life, I will close my notes for this month.

A CURIOSITY

[From Montreal Herald].

At the beginning of last week I cut a 2 cent map stamp in two, vertically, intending to use each half for a 1 cent stamp. Taking the upper half, I put it on a letter, addressed it to myself, mailed it, and the next morning it reached me. The next day I took the lower half, did the same as before, and I got it all right. On Wednesday I took another map stamp cut it in two down the middle and stuck one-half on an envelope, and the very same afternoon received it. Seeing it was so successful, I repeated this with the other half,



DID DUTY FOR A ONE CENT STAMP.

and the next morning the postman asked me for two cents to pay for a letter that had not been sufficiently prepaid. He handed it to me, and, to my surprise, it was the letter I had addressed to myself. Needless to say, it is now in the Dead Letter Department.