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Notes

The *Boston Stamp Book*, among other good things, contains an interesting article on "The Trinidad Post Office," clipped from the *Port of Spain Gazette*. A good deal of valuable information is condensed in Mr. Kilbon's "Reference List of Type and Die Varieties."

The *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* advertises itself as the only stamp paper in the maritime provinces.

The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* looks well in its new cover. "Under Victoria's rule" conveys considerable information in a convenient form.

Mr. C. S. Needham and Mr. W. Kelsey Hall have been itinerating in the United States with lots of rarities.

Lots of holiday numbers this season. This is *not* one.

We were advised by several journals to buy up certain stamps because they would go up in the new catalogue. Of course, we bought them, but they didn't go up. The ones that went up were those that no one told us about.

I like the *Herald Exchange* very much, although the English part of it is German and the German part does not look like English. But we understand just the same.

What would you give me for the Connell stamp on the original cover, if I had one?

I thought until the other day that we were the *only original* PHILATELIC MESSENGER. But Mr. S. E. Miller, in the *Herald Exchange*, speaks of a paper issued seven years ago under that title. The plagiarism was unconscious.

It is to be hoped the Canadian Philatelic Association will be revived this winter. How will the *Messenger* do for official organ?

The best Canadian stamp magazine is—which is it? I am not going to tell you. I love them all.

When I took the wrapper off the *Home Worker*, I expected to find some didactic essays on splitting wood, making fires on winter mornings and all that sort of thing. But, instead, I found a bright, chatty stamp paper.

E. R. J., in the *New York Philatelist*, tell us that "inverted surcharges are often met with," and that he has several specimens, "including one of New Caledonia." Bless his heart, he doesn't know that New Caledonia inverted surcharges are about as plentiful as those right side up.

C. L. has made a great discovery. He has found that the 20 pa on 5 pia (green) of Egypt exists with inverted surcharge. He wrote to Mr. Halton Bey, the postmaster general, about it, and now he is satisfied. If it were not for these interesting discoveries that are re-discovered by every new collector, philately would lose much of its charm.

The *Philatelic Advocate* invites exchanges to reprint articles contained in its columns. This is kind, but where are the articles?

Karl Ludwig says some very sensible and opportune things in "Some Ideas about Stamp Collecting," in *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* for October.

The *Postage Stamp* is a tiny paper, 3½ by 5 inches, but it is very good. None of the space is wasted.

Through the courtesy of Messrs. R.