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Collectors who have been waiting for a drop in the price of the Guam stamps, had better hurry up and buy. After the present supply has been exhausted, the ordinary U. S. stamps will be used on the island, and no further surcharges made.

Stanton's Philatelic Index is the latest venture, a monthly on the style of Poole's Index for philatelic literature. It should be a convenient possession for the collector who has access to a library and wants to read up some subject.

The War Revenue Act of 1898 has kept collectors of U. S. fiscals busy; surcharged postage, surcharged periodical, old roulette new roulette, changed colors for higher values, with both roulettes, and now a uniform color for all, with only the values in distinctive colors.

Drew & Co., of Boston announce auction sales for November 16, 21 and 30th.

From an announcement of the Postoffice Department re the Buffalo stamps the following is copied:—

"There are to be six denominations of these stamps \* \* \* each containing a central picture, with suitable ornamental surrounding in colors. The one cent will have a dark green border etc."

The colored position of each stamp will be the same color as on the current issue. The denominations and designs have been

stated many times: the American flag, announced as a possible selection for the 10 cent was abandoned on account of the desire of our next Vice-President not to see our colors licked.

During the summer season, when collectors generally hang up their collections and seek outdoor recreation, some of the philatelic publishers, less wise than those who take a vacation and miss a number or two, indulge in and permit to their columns "silly season" articles. A class against which, from year to year, they pour out their spleen is the junior dealer or collect-ordealer. They take the worst specimen as representing the whole and with this example as a text pour out a screed, the vitrolie illiberality of which should easily earn for them the gag-bridle of the common scold. I quote from the latest of these:—

" \* \* \* But for the common individual who is half collector, half dealer, admitting even to himself incompleteness as either, what can we expect for the up-building of philately as an amateur pastime. As a collector he cannot be a laudable example, for the increase of his collection is a part of his business, one kind of speculation, an excellent advertisement and aid in winning customers. As a writer he is a hired space filler with opinions biased by the state of his stock \* \* \* The worst feature of these half-cooked creatures is the fact that, being so steeped in