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idea about the same time, but Sir Rowland Hill had it put into force and he deserves the credit.

One of our city collectors has in his possession a pair of philatelic oddities which are almost unique. They consist of 82, Nova Scotia stamp, with 5c. printed on it, on the original envelopes. They are postmarked respectfully January 13th and January 20th, 1860. As the Nova Scotia currency was changed in January 18th, from £ to \$ and cts. It is probable they are due to an enterprising postmaster who wished to keep up to the times.

While speaking of the postage stamps of the U. S., we are reminded that we have seen for the first time the only government provincial issue by Nova Scotia. This is the 3 p. out in halves diagonally. It was authorized so as to make the odd 1 1/2 in the 7 1/2 postage to Great Britain. The specimen we have seen is on the original envelope, addressed to Scotland, and consists of two 3d and a split 3d in an unsevered block. They are very rare on this side of the water but should be commoner on the other.—*Halifax Philatelist.*

Some one has been so kind as to send us a price list of S. Allan Taylor, with "all stamps genuine" at the bottom. Our friend is probably not aware that that worthless rascal has skipped and the stamps are counterfeits, which are quoted. "We are much obliged to you brother, but do not purchase any yourself."

A good way to enclose stamps in a letter is to cut two parallel slits near one corner of your letter sheet, and then slip the stamps under the narrow ribbon of paper between the slits. If you are going to send a number of stamps enclose them in a small envelope, or wrap them in paper. If you are going to send a sheet of stamps (not approved) it is a good idea, if you fold the sheet, to put layers of thin paper—tracing paper if you have it—between the folds. Never enclose a stamp in a letter still damp from the copying press.

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