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THE reprinted French stamps are commencing to come on the market, as we see some of the rarer ones offered unused at moderate prices as compared with the catalogue ones. The French Government have reprinted *all the stamps ever issued* by them for the mother country or for the colonies, and they can be bought from their official agents at their *face value*. The reprints can be told from the originals, in nearly every case by the brightness of the colors, and by the gums which on the reprints is white and on the originals of a grayish color.

Collectors should be on their guard and not buy those stamps. The French dealers are trying to unload considerable of it on this side of the water.

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THE "*Philatelic Gazette*" for June makes a highly sensible suggestion, and that is that the philatelic papers would be doing a much more useful thing in having the Registration fee of the U. S. cut, than kicking about custom duties on foreign stamps. The rate is simply absurd for any country that has such a postal system as the U. S., although those at the head of its postal administration do not think so. When Canada cut the Registration rate to U. S. they kicked immediately, saying that owing to the increase of Registered letters from Canada, that their clerks could not handle them. It is a pity that the Canadian P. O. Department was weak enough to change the rate to 5c. again. It is a certainty that the average collector and dealer finds the Registration fee much heavier than he does the duty on foreign stamps.

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THE "*Stamp Collector*" is a new venture in the philatelic line, the first one is very readable, and we wish the publishers every success in their efforts to run a philatelic newspaper which they say it is their intention to do.

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MR. HARTE ought to give us a more definite date for his "*History of Canadian Stamps*." We would then know how long we would have to wait.

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THE United States P. O. Department have done a very good act in placing their high value envelopes on sale to the public. We see by the *Philatelic Gazette* they have done so.

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WE are glad to be able to reassure our philatelic friend, the Editor of the "*Stamp*" and hope to rebuild his childhood's belief in the portraits on the Canada 6 pence and 10 pence. We had no idea when the article was published that we should accomplish such a useful work.

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WE intend publishing a series of papers on the Telegraph Stamps of the United States by A. Palette, whose manual of the Technical terms of Philately was published in the *Philatelic Gazette*. It is opened this month