

Selected Paragraphs.

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I herewith present my readers with a few extracts from various old issues of philatelic papers, accompanied with comments on them by the author, i. e. myself. The fact is that any philatelic paper can profitably clip some short notes, or good articles from old files of philatelic journals; there are always new readers among us, and the old ones may have read years ago. Although there are many who will not hesitate to criticise me in taking this step, I hope this article will not be left out in the cold, but that ye editor will deign to accept it.

The Pomeroy local stamps were cancelled with a red ink very similar to that occasionally found on early issues of U. S. adhesives. Look out for those cancelled in any other way, as they are likely to be forgeries.—Adam Dollard.

These stamps are quite a temptation to the forger, as the value of used specimens runs from \$1.50 to \$30.00. The values and catalogue value of used and unused copies is as follows:

Pomeroy's Letter Express, 1843 unused	used
5c black, on yellow paper	\$5.00 \$1.50
5c blue	3.00 10.00
5c black	1.50 5.00
5c red	10.00 25.00
5c black yellow paper value erased	30.00

Thus it can easily be seen what a profit can be made by the unscrupulous, if they buy the 5c blue, 5c black and 5c red in unused condition, and put a cancellation on them. If you want to buy these stamps used it would be well to exercise caution, otherwise you may be duped into buying faked stamps.

The overprint on the 1876 issue of Turkey is different for each denomination. The catalogue would make one believe that all have the same surcharge. The difference lies only in the lower horizontal group of characters.—A. D. Schoch.

Anyone wishing to know the difference of surcharge in each stamp has only to buy the entire set, and they are within the reach of the average collector. It seems queer that illustrations of each surcharge is not included in Scott's catalogue perhaps it is due to an oversight; anyway they ought to be illustrated in Scott's, as there are some collectors who imagine that each kind of surcharge exists in all the other values, thus making out that there are five varieties for each value, whereas there is only one, thereby getting things all mixed up.

The 3c orange of 1893 issue of Argentina is now obsolete (July, 1898) not being in use any more; remainders were burned and not sold to dealers.—G. A. Hunt.

Some collectors believe that as the 3c orange watermarked "large sun with rays" was in use only a few months they will soon advance in value. By the way, no 3c value is included in the recent issue, and thereby I conclude that there is no occasion for such a stamp.

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The time for the usual annual crop of papers which appear from Canada is at hand. During the past month we have received the *Canada Stamp Sheet*, from Quebec, Que., the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* from Toronto, Ont., and *Philatelic Fun*, is announced from Berlin, Ont. It is rumored that another paper is to appear from Montreal shortly, under the management of a prominent collector.