

young lady again, Mr. Sinclair, since it leads to such an embarrassing result.

The rest of the company now joined them, and a general introduction ensued, and in a short time Guy found himself very much at home among his countrymen and women.

There was one thing that puzzled him exceedingly, though; Miss King was certainly the young lady he had seen in Broadway, and who had made such a lasting impression on his mind; yet Miss Percy was said to be the owner of the Connell. He could not reconcile the facts. He had hoped that the latter young girl was not the ogre represented by his tutor; but after the meeting with Miss King, all his former air-castles had crumbled into dust before his eyes, and Miss Percy and his unknown idol were no longer one.

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FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"THE VADE MECUM"

BY J. M. STOURTON, ESQ.

CANADA.

Head of Prince Albert (?) in an oval. 6d. iron-grey. Rect. 1856.

There is a photograph of this rare Stamp now in circulation; it may be distinguished from the original, by being *glazed* on the surface, and of a brown colour.

NATAL.

1856. Crown in relief, on coloured paper. 1d, rose, blue; 3d., pale rose; 6d., dark green; 9d., blue; 1s., drab. Large Rect.

GENUINE.

FORGED.

All the lettering is embossed, the surface therefore is rough. The lettering sinks, i.e., instead of going up, it goes down.

NORWAY.

Arms in a circle. 1855. 4 sk., blue. Rect.

GENUINE.

FORGED.

The words 'Frimærke' and 'Skilling' are large and distinct. The words 'Frimærke' and 'Skilling' are much smaller, and very indistinct.

Colour, blue verditer.

Colour, Ultramarine. Lithographed.

Die-printed.

PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steam Vessel in tranverse oval. Letters P. S. N. C. in corners. Large oblong. ½ oz. 1rl., 1 oz. 2. rls., blue; ½ oz. 1 rl., 1 oz. 2rls. carmine; 1 oz 2rls., brown; ½ oz. 1r.; 1 oz 2rls.; orange; ½ oz. 1 rl., 1 oz. 2rls., green.

There are two forgeries extant of these rare stamps, (which are beautiful as regards execution). The *first* is wretchedly done, being very coarse; the value also is in almost as small letters as the P. S. N. C., while in the genuine it is almost as large again.

In the *second* forgery the execution is much better, but the ship is going the wrong way, i. e. to the left; in the genuine it sails to the right. The smoke likewise goes the wrong way. There are clouds in both of the forgeries; in the genuine there are none.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

1861—62. Swan swimming to the right; Oblong. 1d., black; 1d, rose; 2d., orange. 2d., blue; 6d., purple-brown.

The imitations of these stamps are very good, being perforated like the genuine, and the colours and postmark exact. The background, however, is of a larger pattern, and the letters are larger than in the genuine Stamps.

THE POST OFFICE REVENUE AND THE PENNY POSTAGE SYSTEM.—A return relative to revenue, cost of management, &c., of the Post Office has been issued. It extends over a period of thirty years, and possesses considerable interest, as showing the progress of the establishment in that period. The gross revenue each year, since 1838 (inclusive) was as follows:—

Year ending January,		1852.	
1838,	£2,339,737	1852,	£2,422,168
1839,	2,346,278	1853,	2,434,326
1840,	2,390,763	1854,	2,574,407
1841,	1,359,468	1855,	2,716,920
1842,	1,499,418	1856,	2,867,954
1843,	1,578,145	1857,	3,035,713
1844,	1,620,867	1858,	3,087,535
1845,	1,705,067	1857,	3,313,675
1846,	1,837,576	1860,	3,389,355
1847,	1,963,857	1861,	3,530,557
1848,	2,211,016	1862,	3,633,589
1849,	2,143,679	1863,	3,874,299
1850,	2,165,349	1864,	4,109,026
1851,	2,264,684	1865,	4,299,199

With respect to these figures it should be observed that the old high rates of postage prevailed in the first three years, and that the great fall in the amount of revenue indicated in the fourth and following years resulted from the introduction of the "penny postage" scheme. The gross postal revenue did not recover the reduction for 11 years, and up to 1852 the gross annual receipts were below those of 1840 and some previous years.—*English paper.*

The annual Post Office reports for Victoria, Australia, has been issued. There are 525 Post Offices in the colony, being an increase of 200 in five years. The total number of letters received and despatched in 1862 was 6,276,000; in 1865, 7,485,000. The number of newspapers posted in 1862 was 4,909,000; in 1865, 6,037,529.