

prompt attention to orders and correspondence and an unfeeling amount of the milk of human kindness so that he will not take advantage of the beginner and probably cause the army of philatelists to lose what may prove a shining light.

Stamp Statistics.

In a recently published Catalogue of the postage stamps of the world are some interesting statistics. The total number of all known varieties of postage stamps issued by all the governments up to the present time is 13,811. Of this number 131 have been issued in Great Britain, and 3,843 in the various British colonies and protectorates, leaving 9,837 for the rest of the world, or dividing the totals among the continents, Europe issued 3,359, Asia 2,571, Africa 2,320, America 4,656, and Orania 905.

Taking the countries separately, the most prolific in stamps is the United States, which leads the list with 287, followed by (curiously enough) Spain with 278, Salvador 272 and Uruguay and Shanghai with 215 each. Las Bela (Beluchistan), Poland Tierra, del Fuego and Wadhwan have each found a solitary specimen to suffice for their postal needs, while Cordoba, Crete, Formosa, Jhalawar, and New Hebrides have each been content with a pair. Two of the British colonies have issued more varieties of stamps than the mother country—Victoria with 174, and Ceylon with 138. The rarest stamps consequently the most expensive, are the two earliest stamps of Mauritius, worth £1,000 each, one of the British Guiana of the same value, one of Hawaii appraised at £800, one of the Roumania at £300, and several of the United States at from £100 to £250 each.—Westminster Gazette.

Philatelic Briefs.

It is reported that the 59th edition of Scott's catalogue will contain many surprises. Which way we wonder, up or down?

The post office at Robertsville, Conn., pays the holder of it \$24 a year.

Almost any collector can, with a little effort, induce one or more of his intimate acquaintances to take to stamp gathering. It is pleasant to have a few philatelic friends to whom you can show your album and with whom you can chat and compare notes. Show your stamps on all possible occasions, as you can never tell beforehand who will make collectors.

The rarest American stamp according to Meckell Weekly is the 10c stamp issued by the Baltimore postmaster in 1845. This stamp was sold to an eastern collector for \$4,000 by the C. H. Meckell Stamp and Publishing Co.

The dies and plates of the obsolete Newfoundland stamps were destroyed June 23rd.

The 4c United States stamp of the 1883 issue is the first United States stamp to have the words "United States Postage," in full upon them.

The United States has 20 postal stations in Alaska, the four principal ones being Sitka, Kodiak, Juneau and Douglas. Of all of these there are none that are even third class, the depository for Sitka and Douglas is at San Francisco, California, and Douglas is the only international money order office in the territory.

The British Levant 40 paras on 1-2d vermilion was issued provisionally in 1893 and was only in use from February 27th to March 1st. It is valued unused at \$25.

Of the 1897 jubilee issue the following quantities were issued:

- 1-2c black, 150,000.
- 1c orange, 8,000,000.
- 2c green, 2,500,000.
- 3c bright rose, 20,000,000.
- 5c deep blue, 750,000.
- 6c rich brown, 75,000.
- 8c violet, 200,000.
- 10c brown violet, 150,000.
- 15c steel blue, 100,000.
- 20c vermilion, 100,000.
- 50c ultramarine, 100,000.
- \$1 wine red, 25,000.
- \$2 25,000.
- \$3 25,000.
- \$4 25,000.
- \$5 25,000.

Of the 1898 maple leaf issue the following quantities were issued:

- 1-2c black, 2,000,000.
- 1c green, 34,000,000.
- 2c purple, 12,000,000.
- 3c bright rose, 41,000,000.
- 5c dark blue, 3,500,000.
- 6c brown, 500,000.
- 8c orange, 1,400,000.
- 10c plum, 500,000.

The collecting of stamps on the original cover is a very interesting side line and if properly arranged a collection is both interesting and beautiful.

A ruling recently made by Attorney General Griggs hold the United States Government liable for the full amount in the event of the loss of a foreign registered letter while in the hands of the post office authorities.

All the remainders of Porto Rican stamps in the San Jaun Post-office were bought up by a speculator who has run up the price and hopes to make a fortune. A writer philatelist declares that stamp collectors will not be bulldozed in that matter. Oh yes they will! There will be a vacancy in the albums and it must be filled, even if the collector has to go without his dinner. Collectors are just the kind of people to be bulldozed. All postage stamps prices beyond the face value are purely fictitious, and therefore there is no reason to halt at a dollar or two laid on by a speculator.

A Comparison.

While figuring on the value of a specimen and its chances of becoming scarce there is no better way of reckoning than to ascertain the number issued. The United States Postoffice Department has given out the figures of the Omaha stamps, and places alongside of these the Columbian issue, they make an interesting comparison.

Here are the totals of both issues.

	Columbian	Omaha
1c.....	449,186,600	70,938,700
2c.....	1,461,589,800	159,453,300
4c.....	19,182,600	4,918,200
5c.....	35,249,300	7,690,780
8c.....	10,657,600	2,923,900
10c.....	16,518,000	4,624,360
50c.....	244,000	530,180
1 00.....	56,140	56,790
2 00.....	46,600	56,080

From the above lists it will be seen that the Omaha's are much less in number than the Columbian's, yet the 1c and 2c are so many that they will always be common. The 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c answer about quarter of the corresponding values of 1893 and considering that there were no 3c, 6c, 15c and 30c stamps in the issue would therefore be used more rapidly. The higher values make a peculiar comparison. Of the 50c twice as many were printed, the \$1.00 about balances, while the \$2.00 are in excess by nearly ten thousand.

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1c green, maple leaf, per 100.....	\$ 20
2c purple, maple leaf, per 100.....	50
3c red, maple leaf, per 100.....	15
1c green, numeral, per 100.....	\$ 10
2c purple, numeral, per 100.....	20
3c carmine, numeral, per 100.....	10
5c blue, maple leaf, per 10.....	15
6c brown, maple leaf, per 10.....	50
6c brown, numeral, per 10.....	25
8c yellow, numeral, per 10.....	25
8c yellow, maple leaf, per 10.....	25
3c jubilee red, per per 100.....	25
2c Imperial maps, per 100.....	60
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