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EDITORIAL.

Fernando Poo now has a set of stamps bearing the portrait of his juvenile majesty of Spain.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* is improving month by month. It is now one of the best papers we receive.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, the well known Chicago dealer, has recently opened a branch establishment in Buffalo.

Who would be surprised if shortly every city, town and village in the French Colonies issued a set of stamps? The present indications point in that direction.

We are informed that the remainders of the Portugal and Azores celebration issues will be shortly auctioned off to stamp dealers. This will doubtless reduce the price of these stamps.

It is reported that a large English dealer has just purchased a very fine collection of Afghanistan stamps, for which he paid over \$39,000. It evidently is an expensive task to acquire a complete collection of Afghanistan stamps.

The American Bank Note Co no longer prints the U.S. stamps. The work is now being done by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington. A set similar to the current issue will shortly appear and will be distinguished from those now in use by small ornaments in the upper corners. The new set will also comprise dollar values.

We now have another new weekly, *The Philatelic Era* having discontinued publication as a semi-monthly now appears weekly. The paper bids fair to be one of the best weeklies we have, but would be improved by the addition of a little news matter and fewer clippings. We trust that Brother Jewett will make a success of the paper in its new form.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have for some time been the victim of a series of heavy losses aggregating about \$25,000, through thefts made by their employees. After spending some \$5,000 in detective fees they have just discovered the chief culprit, through accident. The woman in question, Lizzie McDermott, has been arrested and other arrests will probably follow.

One of our New Zealand correspondents writes us to the effect that shortly all the Government Departments in New Zealand, such as Defence, Lands, Survey, Education, Railways, etc., (which have been in the habit of franking all correspondence) are in future to use special stamps for each Department. We are not aware as to whether each Department will have a different design, or whether the current issue will be surcharged. We shall have further information shortly.

Mr. J. A. Caron, of Rimouski, Que., desires us to warn collectors and dealers against the following parties, whom he claims are frauds of the worst description : Nardochi Arigheti, Suez, Egypt; Chas. P. Drokier, Regalle, Ceylon; Maurice Belin, Brussels, Belgium. He also sent in February, 1887, the sum of \$11.00 by P. O. order to L. D. and J. K. Ferguson and Co., of 50 Amberly Road, Harrow Road, London, W., England, for certain stamps advertised by them and up to the present time has received nothing, although they acknowledged receipt of his order.