

ODD NOTES.

USED stamps of Siam are much rarer than those unused, the reason being that there is no local postage.

THERE are several fine collections owned in this city, which contain the full sets of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Canada.

SOME collectors say—study your stamps, and then when the question of watermarks is brought up, say it is all bosh to make any distinction between them.

E. T. PARKER of Bethlehem, Pa., sends us a very pretty little price list of rare stamps. Thanks.

THE new Canada 1 cent post card is out. It is very little changed from the old one, the main difference being that the type around the head are smaller; and scroll work about the numbers at the sides in the new one which does not appear in the other. In every other respect it is the same.

THE first price list of stamps was published by Mount Brown of London, in 1862, the second by Dr. Gray of the British Museum, in the same year.

THERE are several varieties of the 1 cent Canada newspaper wrapper known, some of them are fairly rare.

FORGED specimens of the two pence half pennies of the present issue of some of the West India Island stamps are floating about. They are of a very rough make and are generally printed in a wrong color. Look out for them.

THE surcharged stamps of the French Colonies bid fair to rank among the

most valuable in existence. If you have any, hold on to them.

A GREAT many of the Peruvian stamps are found with a girl. Does this make another variety?

THE cancellation mark on all the 1857 issue of Nova Scotia stamps is the same. The obliterations were made of brass, and gave an oval impression, which contained nothing but straight lines, with a small circular blank space left in the centre. They formerly were obliterated simply with a pen and ink, but as some parties used to remove the ink mark by the aid of chemicals, all the offices were supplied with brass obliterations.

BREAKERS AHEAD.—We don't wish to be covetous, but when Mr. Theo. Larsen a few days ago showed us an original envelope with a new surcharged issue of the French Guianas we were inclined to wish we were the happy possessor of said novelty. The stamps in question are of two varieties, viz: the 2 centimes green unperforated, and the 2 centimes brown, perforated. The surcharge being alike on each, thus,—

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Guy Franc

0.05.

We were informed that about 2000 were surcharged, and but very few were used for actual postage, the greater part being secured by parties interested.

The New England Collector's Directory, is announced to appear shortly by W. E. Billings, North Leominster, Mass., and names of collectors in New England will be inserted free if sent at once.