

ODD NOTES.

STAMP collecting is unlike that of money collecting, the more you get collected of the former the harder it is to advance, whereas, regarding the latter the more you acquire the quicker it accumulates.

THE new issue of Siam is to hand and we consider them very pretty. The values are respectively 2, 3, 4, 8, 12 and 24 atts. In the centre a front view of the king in oval frame is represented, with two octagon spaces below. The space to the right gives the value in English, whereas the one to the left that in Siamese. They are all printed in two different colours, the varieties being as follows: rose and green, blue and green, light brown and green, yellow and green, rose and violet, and blue and violet.

WE received some time ago a letter prepaid with French Guiana surcharged stamps, but up to the time of going to press we have no information regarding same. Who can tell us all about it?

WE have quite a curiosity on hand in the shape of an envelope, which we mailed some time ago to a party in Samarang, Java. The party not being found, the letter was returned and it is amusing to see all the different postmarks. Both the face and back of envelope is literally covered, and the original address is hardly perceptible.

In July issue we omitted to thank Mr. J. Hassell for his kind consideration in sending us a specimen of the new Danish West Indies surcharge.

MR. J. HASSELL has kindly sent us a specimen of the new Danish West Indies surcharge. It is stated that the regular 1c. has run out and the 7c. has been surcharged in black **1 CENT** with rough type.

A WELL known stamp dealer in this city thought he had a big haul, a short time ago, when a correspondent stated that he had a lot of Nova Scotia stamps and American stamped envelopes entire. As the price was suitable the package duly arrived, but imagine the look of the dealer when he found the N. S. stamps to be the common 3c. Canada, which were used in Nova Scotia, and the American envelopes were "*stamped*" with the 2c. adhesive.

It is stated that dust rose from the "*stamps*" of the dealer, while his tongue was not idle.

MR. HART has a novel way of attracting attention to his shoe store. We noticed in the south window about 100 varieties of post cards. Part of his collection, among which are Siam, Japan, Iceland, Mauritius, Gold Coast, Tasmania, Gibraltar, Guatemala, Sandwich Islands reply, &c., we also noticed a Canada reply card with the head in the left corner. This error is not seen very often. Mr. H. states that he will exhibit a collection of coins on the 22nd and 23rd of Aug. He also showed us an envelope he received from Belleville, Ont. about the 1st of May. The letter was registered and the fee prepaid by two 1c. stamps. That office appears to have run short of the 2c. Reg. about that time.

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