

The Present Issue to be Changed.



Owing to the many faults in the engraving of the present issue of stamps the Government has decided to change the maple leaves in the lower corners to numerals. The reason for this is, French Canadians, not being able to read English, find it very difficult to ascertain the value of the stamp. The post-office officials of foreign countries also are in the dark in regard to the value of stamps. In some cases they charged postage as though it had never been paid but the placing of the figures in each corner will remove this difficulty at once.

Now that the change is to take place it would be a good idea for collectors and dealers to lay in stock of at least the 1-2, 6, 8 and 10 cent values as these are likely to become valuable in a short time.

*Why spend money on useless remedies—
Take Dr. Mack's Pills if you are not
feeling well—they will build you up—
Sold by Walker, the People's druggist.*

A new paper is to be started in Kansas by Mr. Cox in June, the name of which is to be the Western Philatelist.

Massachusetts Items.

BY HERBERT GILE.

Collectors are much pleased at Judge Lacombe's decision. He says that "the claim is preposterous."

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A New York dealer had several Cuban stamps surcharged 'United States' displayed in his window recently,

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On a letter from St. Vincent, which I received lately two of 5 cent value current issue did duty as unpaid letter stamps.

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It is claimed by persons who should know that the "Omahas" have already been printed.

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It is rumored that a man in Melrose has burned all his Spanish stamps. Patriotic (?) man (!)

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The demand for U. S. revenues in foreign countries is very great. It is said the Government has decided to issue revenue stamps.

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The Nebraska Philatelic Society has decided to open a philatelic exhibit at the Omaha Exposition.

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Collectors are 'after' the present issue of Canada and they are eagerly bought up when in a used condition.

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We are sorry to hear that Green Bros. are to give up publishing the "Kid."