

possible, as its value is stated at about \$5,000.

There is no reason for going to dealers to secure sets of these Buffalo stamps, any postmaster will send them on receipt of 30 cents, though, of course, the question of centering will be doubtful.

There is a rumor that more stamps are to be surcharged for Guam, among them a number of Special Delivery. They must do business on the jump in that island, as this is the second order for Special Delivery stamps.

Here is an interesting question. There are a number of dangerous counterfeits now being made of the "Habilitado" surcharges on the Porto Rico stamps. The *American Philatelic Magazine* printed a minute description of the forgeries, pointing out wherein they differ from the surcharges. Mr. Luff writes to the editor and states the publication is a mistake, that the forgers will be enabled to improve their productions and so further deceive collectors, that he has known about these forgeries for some time, but has carefully refrained from publishing his knowledge. The editor retorts by saying that collectors are able to judge for themselves having a good description to go by. Which is right?

## The Outskirts of Philately.

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BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

who receive mail matter bearing stamps of unfamiliar design, are quite likely to preserve them as curiosities, just as so many persons not coin collectors will keep as curios any odd coins that stray into their possession. This class offers perhaps an even more promising field for philatelic re-

cruiting than the other species of collector before mentioned, inasmuch as so many of the latter are so deeply rooted in their own imperfect methods of collecting as to be less easily inducted into real philately than the out and out beginner who begins at the bottom round of the ladder.

The question of how these two classes of collectors are to be reached and brought into real active philately is a large one: too large to be adequately considered here, so much space having been devoted to investigating the causes which have not only led so many people into these halfway forms of stamp collecting, but have conspired to keep them so far in the background. I propose to devote a future article to discussing the opportunities which this state of affairs offers to philately. Meanwhile let me repeat my belief that the *ADVOCATE* has called attention to a matter that deserves careful attention at the hands of all those who believe in spreading the gospel of philately to the widest possible extent.

## The Passing of the Queen.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

The death of Queen Victoria on January 22, 1901, has been the cause of a good deal of talk, both in philatelic and other circles, furnishing a subject for nearly everybody to write upon. It must have a very important bearing upon philately.

Although known by the name of Victoria, she was christened Alexandrina Victoria, but the latter has been her official designation, and her successor, Albert Edward, is also known by his middle name—King Edward VII. Most people are aware that she was a Hanoverian,