

cently mailed in Australia. It weighed 238 ounces, and the face value of the postage stamps on it amounted to \$55. The recipient of that letter, whoever it was, must certainly have been surprised on receiving it. The envelope intact, with all the stamps adhering to it, would be a great philatelic curiosity, one that would readily command a fabulous price, as no doubt, many of the high value stamps were attached to it.

A number of our American papers recently gave an account of a 2 cent green American with the centre cut out and a 2 cent red centre cleverly inserted, having successfully passed through the post office. Shortly after a number of other would-be famous characters tried the same trick but very nearly all "got left."

A 5 cent registered stamp is in the possession of a Toronto collector that has been perforated right through the middle, lengthwise. It came on a letter from a small place in Ontario to a prominent firm here.

A dealer here recently wished to send a rather heavy parcel to a collector in Nova Scotia, and knowing that $\frac{1}{2}$ cent stamps in a used condition always came in useful, he decided to prepay the parcel with them. It weighed just 52 ounces, and consequently took 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent stamps. Wishing to get it registered he sent it

up to the post office by a boy to get the receipt, and of course the clerk wanted to know who the parcel was from, and the boy told him it was from a collector of postage stamps. His answer was short but expressive; it was merely "The d—n f—l."

STAMP HUNTING.

Perhaps the keenest chase participated in by any stamp dealer was a case which happened in Toronto a short time ago.

A messenger in one of the city banks was straightening up a lot of old papers, etc. in the vaults below the building when he came across 57 six penny Canadian stamps of the 1851 issue and 320 three pence. Having some idea that they could be turned into money he carefully removed them all from the envelopes and took them to a neighbor who kept a stationary store, in the window of which were displayed for sale a few common stamps on sheets. The messenger offered the stationer one half of what he could get for the stamps. The stationer seeing in a daily paper advertisements of two well known stamp dealers of Toronto, he communicated with them, with the result that brought them both to his store. One gentleman, who we will call Mr. A, arrived upon the scene a few minutes the