

takes a leading part. She has some rare stamps, which she will dispose of for a small amount. Our worthy "Can" sends her the requisite amount, but is disappointed when he receives an epistle from her relating the death of the rarities, which was occasioned by the servant burning those "bits of paper."

The young collector who reads in his stamp catalogue, under the head of Gibraltar—"Bermuda stamps surcharged 'Gibraltar',"—very naturally supposes that a portion of the surplus stock of Bermuda had this surcharge applied to meet an emergency at Gibraltar. But on examining the colors of the surcharged stamps, he will find that the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d. and 1 sh. differ in this respect from the same values of the Bermudas. He is therefore forced to conclude—quite correctly, too—that these stamps, prior to their being surcharged, were never in use, nor intended for use, in Bermuda. They were printed from the Bermuda plates, but in colors especially intended for Gibraltar, and which would correspond with those of a new issue for that community, the plates of which were then in course of preparation.

Why is a sheet of perforated stamps like distant relations?

Because they are slightly connected.

"Philately" is the Greek name given to the art or science of stamp collecting.

The Shah of Persia is said to be an enthusiastic stamp collector.

Mr. J. K. Tiffany is the highest authority on the stamps of Peru.

The Chicago Philatelic Society is the largest of any city in the United States, but regarding stamp dealers that city is not up to the time, excepting one or two.

It is not generally known that the 50c. yellow and 100c. orange Mexico 1882 issue are scarce, and catalogued entirely too low.

The Museum of the Mint of the Republic at Paris, France, exhibits a complete set of the first issue of U.S. stamped envelopes, surcharged "specimen." This set was presented by the U.S. to the French Government in the reign of Napoleon III.

I recently saw a Canadian Post-Card, present issue, that had instead of "The address to BE written on this side," had "The address to BF written on this side."

If the 600,000 collectors in the world had an average of only 500 var. of stamps in their collections, it would mean that if the stamps were placed side by side in one line, that line would be over 2,500 miles long.