

plainly that they expected 25c by return mail. The sample copy fiend is worthy of anything evil that could be done to him, even of the dark and terrible punishments conceived by the editor of the *Adhesive*, but is the publisher worthy of better treatment who, without request from a victim, seeks to establish a color of a claim upon his generosity by forwarding successive copies of a valueless publication, and boldly makes a demand for a subscription?

When the Scott's Stamp and Coin Company in their announcement of the new album, conclude the abandonment of space for the foreign cut square envelopes and wrappers they bring one step nearer the time when printed albums will be the exception instead of the rule. The collector of entires will take it for a token that his part of the science is waxing prominent, but really there is nothing of the kind indicated, as the envelopes and wrappers are left entirely out, and will require a separate album. Printed albums are becoming useless, the collector who has a large enough collection to make a respectable showing in one of the International albums uses a blank album, and the printed albums are bought by beginners and as presents, to be abandoned when the uselessness of attempting to get a complete collection comes before the philatelist. One thousand stamps in a blank album look far better than 5000 in one of the last edition of the International. The Standard catalogue is the key that should be used to classify and arrange, and a pencil note of the catalogue number will enable ready reference to a cut and description in a portable shape.

The U. S. government will issue new documentary stamps in about thirty days.

It is declared impossible to wash the stamps without being detected instantly, as they change color. The new stamps will be a grayish drab. The denomination of the stamps will be printed in figures on different colors, each denomination having a different color of its own.

Recently a communication was sent from the post office department at Ottawa, Can. to Washington asking if the United States postal authorities regarded the Philippines as coming under the domestic postal rate, or, in other words, whether the Philippines were United States territory, and the reply was in the affirmative. Accordingly today the Canadian postal authorities issued a notification to all postmasters that on and after the 1st of October next the domestic rate will apply to Porto Rico, Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines and the American Islands of the Samoan group.

The peculiarity of this order is that while the distance from Canada to the Philippines is twice that from Canada to Great Britain, the postal rate to the latter is just double that to the Philippines. To Great Britain it is 2 cents per half ounce, while to the Philippines it will be 2 cents per ounce.—*Washington Star*. 9-8-00.

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