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ustrates the head of a beautiful stag, a native of the country. It is a pity that this graceful animal cannot be shown in its entirety. Liberia, the home of so many of our colored population, goes in for large things and places pictures of the elephant on its four cents stamp and the hippopotamus on its one dollar value.

They are both very beautiful stamps, printed in two colors, and have done much to make a postage stamp natural history collection popular among both old and young. New South Wales, one of the most progressive colonies peopled with men of our own blood and language, celebrated the fifty years jubilee of the settlement of the country by issuing a set of stamps. Among these we have three representing an animal and two birds found in no other part of the world.

They are the kangaroo, emu, and lyre bird, a very interesting addition to our menagerie. The sister colony of New Zealand adds the celebrated sacred huia-bird to the feathered department, the feathers of which were worn in the hair of the Maori chiefs only. Borneo is another state which adds considerable interest to collecting, for here we find a crocodile, monkey, and peacock, all beautiful engraved and colored, the last item going a long way in determining the popularity of a stamp or series. Peru brings us back to the useful and provides us with a picture of the miniatured camel of the new world, the patient hard work-llama, an animal of vast service to man in a mountainous country. The little island of Seyshelles, who but a stamp

collector ever heard of it, gives another strange device for a postage stamp, the slow and clumsy turtle, the very antithesis of the dove on a letter. However in hot countries they have different ideas of speed to us of northern stock. With two more illustrations we must bring our picture gallery to a close. The first is the wonderful ornithorhynchus, or duck bill of Tasmania, part bird and part animal, a survival of the remote past; and the celebrated black swan of Western Australia. We have not exhausted our subject, simply skinned the surface, leaving plenty of wild beasts to hunt from their covers of old envelopes, and beautiful surprises to be secured from dealer's stock.

Some Advice to Young Collectors.

Advice from one collector to another as to what to collect and what not to, is sometimes regarded as entirely uncalled for. I recognize this fact and have myself often advocated each collector gathering just what most pleases himself.

Still a collector of twenty years standing in looking back over philatelic history may have something to say to beginners that will benefit them in maintaining their interest in the hobby and securing the most enjoyment from it.

There are three things I would advise a young collector to do: The first is to collect regular government issues. In this I think most older collectors will