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U. S. REVENUE STAMPS.

A collection of the fiscal or rather the revenue stamps of the United States should be made by everyone interested in the stamps of that country. There has been too much neglect regarding this branch of philately, and as it is now coming so much in favor, it is very difficult to obtain information concerning them, because there was such a lack of interest taken in them, when such information could have been easily obtained. It is but a few years since the specimens of the second and third series of document, and the second series of proprietary stamps were discovered with inverted medallions, and it is noticed now that there are fifteen new colored stamps to the first series of documents. There are new discoveries as follows 2 cts orange ; U. S Internal Revenue printed on green paper, 4 cts blue ; Playing cards, 4 cts purple, and 4 cts slate ; Proprietary, 30 cts, purple and 30 cts slate ; Inland Exchange, 70 cts blue ; Foreign Exchange \$1 90 ; Foreign Exchange, brown, slate and purple, \$2 50 ; Inland Exchange, purple and slate, and last the \$3.00 Charter Party, blue. The most impressive one probably is the \$3.00 Charter Party, blue. Some advanced collectors collect all varieties of revenues ; the perforated, unperforated, and part perforated, rouletted, double perforation, perforations by sewing machines, and serrated edges caused by tearing apart, the unperforated with a ruler or some blunt instrument which jags the edges, and in unsevered parts of unperforated stamps as also part perforated. This is, without doubt a very disheartening number of varieties for a young collector. But when you once start with the perforated varieties as a beginning, it will be natural for you to become better pleased, than with the other varieties, and I do not think that any collector who takes the trouble to collect U. S. Revenues will ever regret the time or money spent upon them. This does not refer to document stamps only, but to the private proprietary stamps of the match, medicine and playing card firms, also, which makes one of the most interesting collections that a person can make.

There are about 2400 varieties of U. S. stamps both postage and revenue which would be sufficient to occupy the time and interest of any collector to study properly.

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