

## Counterfeits, Reprints and

### Seebecks.

By Jumbo.

Some beginners think that these three are all one and the same kind of stamps. But they are not and for the benefit of those who do not know what these mean I will try to explain.

Counterfeits are stamps that are printed from plates that are only imitations of the original. Though some of these are very cleverly made if the stamps of the original plate are compared with those of the counterfeit it will be found that all the lines are not the same.

Reprints are not counterfeits as some think.

There are two kinds of reprints (a) Government reprints (b) Private reprints.

(a) Government reprints--Suppose a country has stopped issuing a certain set of stamps which after a while become rare and the price is so high and the demand for them so great that most collectors cannot afford to buy them. Then the Government may consent to print more stamps from the original plates for the special use of the collectors. The Roman State's stamps that can be bought for a few cents, are a sample of the reprint.

(b) Private reprints--Sometimes the original plates are sold to private parties (by the Government) who print the stamps themselves. There is no difference in the stamps of the Government reprint and those of the private one.

Seebecks are stamps engraved under the direction of Mr. N. F. Seebeck by the Union Bank Note Co., New York. These stamps are supplied to the Cen-

tral American Republics. After he has supplied the different republics Mr. Seebeck is allowed to sell what he has left to stamp dealers.

### Philatelic Phunnigrams.

A missionary, lately returned from Africa, was addressing a meeting and telling of his visit to that country. While speaking he noticed the attentiveness of a small boy in the audience. When he had finished the lad came to him and thinking he wanted to give his mite toward helping along the good cause the missionary said, "Well my lad, I suppose you want to give something toward the mission fund?" The boy hesitated. "No sir," said he, "I-I wanted to know if-if you had any foreign stamps.

We must admit that Philatelist as well as other people frequently become absent minded. The worst case we ever heard of was that of a man in New York, who had exhausted his mind by the work of mounting a few stamps. At the request of his wife to aid in putting the children to bed, he put the youngest child on the shelf; then, placing his album in the cradle he proceeded to sing the lullaby.

### What they think of us.

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