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THOSE SAMOA STAMPS.

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Much has been said and written of the new issue of stamps of Samoa, and wide and laughingly diverse are the opinions bestowed on the last emission of this country, called the "palm-tree series." The *Philatelic Fortnightly* advises its readers to leave the issue

severely alone. The *Western Philatelist* claims the issue has been received on letters through the post office. The *Philatelic Gazette* says that the counterfeiting of Samoan stamps is carried on in Paris extensively, and that, as regards their use for postal purposes, they are as valuable as the originals. The HALIFAX PHILATELIST, being still in doubt as regarding the real postal value of these stamps, I hasten to give what I consider the only correct version of the Samoan stamp issues that I have obtained through long correspondence, extending back over a year. In the first place, there are genuine Samoan stamps of the first "express series" which are extensively counterfeited. These stamps were used locally, I have on the authority of a Samoan official, but very few put in circulation. I have, however, reason to believe that a large number of sheets were struck off from the original plates, for the sole benefit of some enterprising stamp dealer, so there is no likelihood of their being any great rarities. On account of the peculiar surroundings of the first issue, the second issue, or "palm-tree series," was accepted quite dubiously by the philatelic world, but this new series is really a government issue, it is not a local express; it is used for stamp duty and will carry letters to foreign countries. This I have proven to my evident satisfaction. The central post office in Samoa is at Apia, and all foreign letters come through that office, hence nearly all of the latter issue are post marked at Apia. Before these stamps were chronicled in any philatelic paper, I received a letter from an old schoolmate of mine, who is now Attorney-General of Hawaii, and in it he encloses an envelope received by