

## PREFACE.

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IN presenting this International Stamp Directory to the Philatelic world, we would suggest that they praise what is good and pass over whatever may appear to them to mar its perfection, as it was not compiled for criticism but to bring within the reach of every reader, the names of parties to whom they may send their stamps without one thought of suspicion, and of those to whom the word honesty means keep what is not your own, and that which cannot be bought at any price—a name—is worthless.

Our advertisements stated that we would have the names of about 1000 collectors and 200 dealers, owing to unthought of and unlooked for circumstances, we have been unable to arrive at that number of collectors, although we are not far short of it, but we have given you the full number of dealers.

The arrangement will be found to be as perfect as possible. The countries running alphabetically followed by the names in like order.

We would commend our advertisers to the reader as honest, straightforward and trustworthy parties, able and willing at all times to supply, and assist you in the most minute particular.

We would warn you against the irresponsible dealers, and dealers in counterfeits, as swindlers of the worst type.

We take this opportunity of thanking the few who have assisted us with this work, and also our advertisers for their liberal patronage, which we hope will be returned them fourfold by the reader.

THE PUBLISHERS.