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NEW STAMPS.

—We ask such of our readers who are in a position to do so, to forward early information respecting new emissions, or proposed new emissions of stamps. If specimens are sent, we will pay face value; and in all cases we guarantee to refund the expenses incurred in securing the information.

POSTAGE.

ARGENTINE.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo, bistre on manilla, newband, has been retouched. It is now 7mm larger than before. The 3c card has been seen with "Comunicacion" under "Tarjeta Postal," and "Communication" under "Carte Postale."

AUSTRIA.—The Timbre Postestates that the stamps with head of Mercury, with and without value expressed, are part. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. No value. violet; $\frac{1}{2}$ kreuzer, green.

BAVARIA.—Unstamped card; small arms in left corner, deep buff, with "88" in lower left corner.

BELGIUM.—Specimens of the current 5 centimes, have been found with the error BEMOUK. New adhesive, 2c, red brown. Letter-card, 10c, carmine on rose, white inside. Post-card, 10c, carmine on blue, headed "Carte Postale—Post Kaart," in one line.

BRAZIL.—The 700 reis, has value in circle, mauve on white. Perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—We find the word "Protectorate" in two sizes, 15 and 20 mm. The registration envelope has been surcharged for use in the "Protectorate." 4 pence, in three sizes, 152x98, 255x-178, 293x152 mm.; color, blue.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The 2 cents on 6 pence is perforated both 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 14. The new card with value in cents, is at hand. It is of the current type of the caloual cards. Brown on buff.

BULGARIA.—Der Ph. says the surcharged provisionals, including those with lion, have been out of use since 30th Sept. The Ned. Tyd. voor Post. gives illustrations of a new set in preparation, with lion in small

oval at top, and value below in large figures; same denominations as at present.

CHILI.—The T. P. chronicles post-cards, 1c carmine on green, and 2c red on slate-blue. Inscription in two lines, "Carte Postale—Union Postale Universelle."

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Le T. P. notes the 3 centavos card surcharged, in blue, "Union Postale Universelle."

DUTCH INDIES.—New value of current type, 30 cents green.

FAR:DKOT.—Says Am. Ph.: The reply-card, small size, now has the arms surcharged in black. $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, red-brown on buff.

FORMOSA.—The Ph. R. has information that the two "stamps," chronicled by us on page 38, are not stamps at all, but a sort of way bill. The translation of the inscription on the stamp for the public reads, "Public Postage Stamp." It is not sold, however, but affixed at the office. The translated inscription on the official stamp reads, "Formosa Postage Stamp," at top; the three columns containing, respectively, the date, weight and destination. In the border is the serial number and value, part of which is on the stub.

GIBRALTER.—We have the 2d. envelope with "Thos. de la Rue & Co. Patent" in red on flap.

GOLD COAST.—The Am. Ph. says: The registration envelopes of the mother country have been surcharged above the stamp, with a curved label inscribed "Gold Coast Colony," in white letters on black background. 2 pence, blue and black, 152x98 and 254x-106 mm.

GREECE.—Mr. Rechart informs the same paper, that the set now in use are soon to be issued perforated.

HAYTI.—Dr. Cattell notified the same paper that the perf. set of the first type are to be found with smaller figures of value, and the shading on the neck different. They are also found on unsurfaced paper.

HOLLAND.—Three new values, 7½, 22½, and 100 cents, have been added to the current series. Perf 12.

ITALY.—Mr. Rechert has a post card, 10c brown on green, dated "88" and inscribed "Servicio Postale Per i Regimenti di Campagne in Abessinia. Gratis."

JAMAICA.—Our Kingston correspondent has handed us a new wrapper, with instructions (in five lines) like the half penny G. B. Head of Queen in circle: "Jamaica" above, "Half Penny" below, in block letters. Color, green.

MEXICO.—The 20c red has been seen on lined paper,

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The new 4d is now in use. It bears the bust of Capt. Cook in an oval, inscribed with "New South Wales Postage," and "Captain—Cook" at either side of the bust. Arms, with "fourpence" below, "one hundred years" at top. Wmk. crown N.S.W.; perf. 12. The 6d. is also in use. Head of Queen in circle in left upper corner; arms in a shield in right lower angle, surmounted by a scroll inscribed "one hundred years." "New South Wales Postage" in a scroll, and four stars to fill a small space. Value in straight tablet at foot—"six pence." Fruit and flowers are intermingled with the whole design. Carmine, on paper wmk. crown N.S.W. The card with the Waratah now bears the Sydney view No. 2. There are a few changes in the inscriptions, and the size is 153x84 mm. 1 penny, mauve on buff.

NICARAGUA.—New 2c card, like that of 1878, but with "Tarjeta Postal Para el Interior" below the stamp.

NORWAY.—The T. P. chronicles two new cards, inscribed "Jernbane Brevkort." One has a winged wheel and crown at top; the other a round stamp at right, with arms and crown, inscribed "ges Statsbane." Red on buff.

NOWANUGGUR.—Major Evans has the 2 docras on pale blue, instead of green.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The Am. Philatelist says the Rev. A. Hoenecke has the 2-8 of the 1882 issue surcharged "Union Gral Po.—8 cent.—Habilitado," in dark carmine. The T. P. says that the ½c and 10c stamps, and the 20c passport stamp, will be surcharged "2 4-8."

RUSSIA.—New 7 kop. envelope 114x80 mm. From the Am. Ph. we learn that the stamps for Bogorodsk (Moscow) now bear the arms of the arrondissement in-

stead of the province. 1k claret, 5k vermilion, 5k blue, 10k blue, 10k vermilion.

ST. HELENA.—The one penny, red, has been found with wmk. C. A.; perf. 14.

SWITZERLAND.—M. Moens has found the current 25c, yellow green, perf. 10.

TASMANIA.—There is a new frank stamp of the usual design. Secretary-General; Postoffice, black.

TRAVANCORE.—More native stamps. The Phil. Record has received three values bearing a couch on ground of horizontal lines in upright oval band, inscribed "Travancore Anchel," and the value in "chuckrums." Outside this is another band containing the same in Hin-Ju. White laid paper, perf. 12. 1c blue, 2c vermilion red, 3c green. The chuckrum is equivalent to ¼ anna or 1½ cents.

TRINIDAD.—Le Timbre Poste chronicles a new value of the current set, 1 pound, green. The postmark bears date, August 19, 1888.

TURKEY.—The 20 para has been seen with the background in brown, tablet in pink, and over-print in carmine.

TUNIS.—Says the Am. Ph.: It seems that the recently chronicled stamps are of two types. The new-comers are engraved on steel, the numerals are thicker, the large shield has a dotted ground and "Regence de Tunis" is on a white ground. The 1 franc announced last month belongs to this second set. 1c black on white, 2c brown on gray, 5c green on green, 15c blue on azure, 25c black on rose, 40c orange on yellow, 75c carmine on rose. The envelopes have undergone the same change. 5c green on white, 111x76 mm.; 15c blue on azure, 123x96mm. The card is also of the new type. 10c black on cream.

VICTORIA.—There is a new franc stamp, "Minister of Customs," blue. M. Moens has the penny envelope (type of adhesives) without design on flap, and on laid paper. 1 penny yellow green, 120x67, and 146x88mm.

ZULULAND.—The ½ penny red of Great Britain has been surcharged "Zululand."

TELEGRAPH.

TASMANIA.—The Philatelic Record has a frank stamp inscribed "electric telegraph—Frank stamp," with "Tasmania" under the royal arms. Blue.

REVENUE.

From the American Philatelist.

UNITED STATES.—W. K. Watkins writes us that he has a \$1 conveyance, which is a full millimetre shorter than ordinary.

CEYLON.—The 20 cents "Duty," of 1873, has been surcharged over the original value. 5 on 20 cents, lilac.

COCHIN CHINA.—Type of current French fiscals, with surcharge 25 CENTS, COCHIN-CHINA, DROIT DE GREFFE, and a bar over the original value. 25 centimes on 1 franc, pale green.

CUBA.—It has been discovered recently that, during the troubles of 1883, the 50c. "Policia" stamp of 1882 was surcharged with a fancy pattern work containing the value, and the date repeated. 50 cts. on 50c. de peso, mauve.

The "Giro" stamps, 5, 10, and 50 cent de peso; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, and 50 peso; are now issued in blue.

The "Policia" and "Movil" set contain the arms in an oval, "Cuba Policia" (or "Timbre Movil, Cuba, 1883"), in curved label at top, value at bottom.

Policia.—

6 c.d.p., blue.	10 c.d.p., black.
25 " yellow green.	50 " blue green.
1 peso, carmine.	1½ peso, brown violet.
2 " ochre.	4 ultramarine.
6 " brown on green.	7½ violet on green.
8 " gray on green.	8½ yellow on green.
10 " blue on green.	17 dark blue on green.

Movil.—

5 c.d.p., blue.	25 c.d.p., yellow green.
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HAVANA.—Arms in oval, inscribed "Arbitrios Municipales Habana," and value. The whole surrounded by fancy ornaments making a rectangle of the stamp.

15 c.d.peso, red brown.	1 peso, yellow green.
25 " brown.	1½ " black.
50 " dark blue.	3 " deep mauve.

FRANCE.—The following bands have been in use since October last. "Contribons indirectes" in centre of circle formed by laurel branches. "Bon pour le transport d'une bouteille de spiritueux a () degres" at left, "Prix () centimes timbre compris at right Perf, 13½ 50 centimes, black on blue. 80 do., black on white. 1fr. 20ct. black on salmon.

GREAT BRITAIN.—There is a new stamp of the type of the 1 shilling patent, with the surcharge "one-half—dollar—Consular service, blue. Half dollar, green and blue.

ITALY.—"Borgantino."—10 centesimi green.
20 centesimi, violet. 1 lira, red.
30 " yellow, 2 " blue.
50 " black. 5 " red and blue.

"Borgo San Lorenzo."—

20 centesimi, red, 50 centesimi, green.

"Capua."—

1 lire, yellow.

20 centesimi, violet.

2 " blue.

50 " green.

5 " red

"Marino."—20 centesimi, gold.

"Morano Calabro."—50 centesimi, black and blue.

"Spoleto."—20 centesimi, red. 50 do., violet.

JAPAN.—A new series of tobacco stamps is announced. The frames differ for each value, but the central design, Mt. Fujiama between stalks of tobacco, is the same on all.

rins, black.	1 sen, blue.
" red brown.	2 " orange yellow.
4 " golden yellow.	3 " dark blue.
6 " red.	4 " bronze green.
8 " green.	6 " violet.

MEXICO.—"Jalisco."—The 1883 stamps have been surcharged "Habilitado para 1888-1889."

2 centavos, green and black. 1 peso, red & indigo.

10 " " " 5 " " "

25 " " " 10 " " "

"Michoacan de Ocampo."—Three stamps have lately come to light. The first is inscribed as follows in shaded letters on ground work of oblique lines:

"Estado de Michoacan de Ocampo,"
1883, doce centavos, 1884."

The second has a similar inscription in white letters on blue ground, and is dated 1884-1885. The third bears a similar inscription, dated 1885-1886, and has at the extreme left a small circle, containing a head of some worthy, at present, unknown.

1883-1884. 12 centavos, bistre.

1884-1885. 12 do blue. Perforated 13½

1885-1886. 12 do red. do 11½

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RECENT COUNTERFEITS.

SIAM.—½ att. bearing a counterfeit surcharge "ITALIC" are being sent out by certain persons in Paris. The stamps are cancelled.

GUADALAJARA.—UN REAL, 1867, on blue ruled quadrille paper, the lines are lightly ruled in small rectangles instead of squares to imitate genuine water-marked lines. The type and numerals in centre are not well imitated, the circular inscription is well imitated but the "N" in "FRANCO" is badly copied.

Continued from last month.

HISTORY OF THE DOLLAR.

BY ALBERT WINSLOW PAINE.

THIS was an ideal dollar, for there was no dollar coined to which the value would apply. In 1791 when the dollar was taken as the basis of our coinage, the amount of pure silver it was to contain was fixed at 371 4-16 grains. This was less than the Seville piece of eight, and less than the Spanish pillar piece assayed by Newton. But the custom of making exchanges on the basis of 4s. 6. for those pieces was still continued when our dollars came into use, and the difference was made up by exacting a premium for exchange which amounted to about 9½ per cent., that being the amount which our dollars fell short of the adopted standard. Thus, for the dollar containing 336½ grains pure silver, it took \$4 44 4-9 to make a pound sterling. The American dollar contained only 371 4-16 grains, and it took more than \$4 44 4-9 to make a pound. But for some reason, probably for convenience in computation, the pound was called \$4.44 4-9, and if American dollars were to be received 9½ per cent. premium was exacted when exchange was at par, and 12 per cent. when exchange was 2½ per cent. above par. Exchange with London and New York is now made on the basis of the actual dollar, and it takes \$4.865 to make a pound sterling. Whatever is paid beyond this sum for a pound sterling is the premium on exchange. Whatever deduction is made from this sum is discount on exchange.

—The end.—

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—The "Philatelic Journal of America," January issue, was the largest number of a stamp paper ever published.

—Canada has another new stamp paper, the "Dominion Philatelist." It is published by Mr Ketcheson, ex-President of the C. P. A.

—The Philatelic Tribune is now issued in magazine form, and is neatly printed. The contents are mostly of a comic nature.

THE WORD "RARE."

THE word "rare" is a much abused word among philatelists. The true meaning of the word, when applied to stamps, as for instance a RARE stamp, signifies that it is seldom met with, that it is uncommon. A stamp that is "scarce" is one that may not be common for some cause or other. Now regarding the word "RARE." Very often you see in exchange notices, advertisements, etc., "25 rare stamps for 5 cents," and the like. Now you see at once how absurd the statement is. Stamps that can be retailed at that price are VERY COMMON. A truly RARE stamp cannot be obtained for less than several dollars. Scarce stamps are obtainable at different prices. The most of the values of the Departmental stamps are scarce. Stamps of the early issues are RARE. Let us see to it that these words are used with more care.—P.T.

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THE "Sanitary News" calls attention to the fact that a postage stamp may in various ways convey contagion. One of the simplest and most plausible is that in which a postage stamp, partly attached to a letter to pay return postage, is sent by a person infected with some disease to another person. The disease is transferred in the first place to the adhesive stamp through the saliva, and in being attached to the letter by the receiver the poison may be transmitted to him in turn through the saliva. Another cause may be the infection of the stamp with disease germs. The stamp having been exposed in a room where a diseased person lies, may become slightly moistened and thus retain the germ. That this is true can be proved very simply by a microscopic examination. We often see a person holding change for a moment in the mouth, probably not knowing that the investigation has shown that disease germs can be carried by money. If one could see through what hands the money has passed they would hesitate before using such a third hand. Silver money is as bad as paper money, but while many would hesitate to hold a dirty bank note in their mouth, they think that a silver piece, because bright, is apparently clean.

THE NEW COPPER COINS OF CONGO, AFRICA.

BY DAVID PROSKY.

Few persons would have believed a decade ago, that an American citizen would be the founder of a new State in that far-off region, Africa. Yet to-day, Stanley's Colony, under the patronage and government of Leopold II., King of Belgium, is an established fact, and a coin-issuing country. A series of silver coins composed of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 and 5 francs, and of copper coins of 1, 2, 5 and 10 centimes, this latter nearly as large as an American dollar, while the 1 centime is dime size. A set of the latter now before us merits description if for no other reason than that they are sold so cheaply by dealers as to be within the means of the poorest collectors. Obverse: Around a circular central perforation, are arranged five pairs of adjoined L's; a crown over each pair; a circle of pellets surrounding; between this circle and the edge the legend: "LEOPOLD II. RIP DES BELGES SOUV. DE L'ETAT INDEP. DU CONGO." Reverse: A radiant five-pointed star, its field has rays of pellets; three small stars to right and left; the value 1 CME., 2 CES., 5 CES., or 10 CES. above; the date 1888 below, separating the Mint Master's initials L. W. (Leopold Wiener); edges reeded. The legend on the 1 and 2 centimes is more abbreviated. The figure 7 is traced beneath the final "8" on the 5 centimes.—C.M.

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—FORGED STAMPS: HOW TO DETECT THEM. A very little sentence, and easily answered by me. Learn to examine stamps—learn their peculiarities, their style of engraving, their watermarks and their perforation. Study your specimens, and you will find an imperceptible sense come to you, by which you can at once detect an ordinary forgery and which sense will make you suspect—and that instinctively—the best of imitations. This is my advice, and always has been, and this is the secret of how to become a good judge of genuine and forged stamps.—E.L. Pemberton,

—THAT stamp collecting by young people improves their general knowledge, especially of geography, history, postal arrangements, etc., is a fact not seriously disputed by those in a position to know. It is only true however in regard to those who engage in the work intelligently, and with the determination to derive from it all the benefits it is capable of affording. The best advantages of our schools are only obtained by the few, and they are those who possess the faculty of turning to account all the facilities afforded them for increasing their stock of knowledge, and who apply themselves diligently to their studies. No one pretends that schools are a failure because the majority do not reap all or half their benefits. Neither is stamp collecting a failure because all do not know how to go about it in a way to insure pleasure and profit.—K.P.G.

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—STUDY your stamps. Oh that I could shout those three words in the ears of every stamp collector, or that I had the power to confiscate the collections of every one who maliciously accumulates scarce and almost unique specimens, and have about as much regard for them as the dollars they represent. I know of a collection now, that contains several stamps that could not be duplicated at any price, and yet the owner thinks no more of them than he would of a fine watch or any valuable piece of jewelry. His only idea in collecting, although he does not express it in so many words, "I am a richer man than you; I can afford to pay higher prices than any man in New York, so I have the largest collection." But I tell him as I tell you, five hundred stamps, arranged with care, and CAREFULLY STUDIED will give greater pleasure to the owner, and more satisfaction to the person they are shown to, than the finest collection in the hands of an illiterate man, who only shows his collection to give you an idea of his wealth. E.S.P.

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—The Collectors' Standard has been purchased by Mr. E. R. Marshall, Wyoming, Iowa.

LITERATURE.

Periodicals, books and pamphlets, catalogues and price-lists, are acknowledged in this column. Publishers and authors are requested to send us copies of their publications, for impartial review.

Periodicals received during January :

American Philatelist iii-4, American Stamp 1, Collectors' Ledger iv-10, Correio Luzitano 5, Curiosity Collector 2, Dominion Philatelist 1, Eastern Philatelist ii-5, Eastern Press 2, Exchangers' Monthly iv-3, Eureka Philatelist iii-1, Fitchburg Philatelist 1, Flour City Philatelist 1, Hoosier Philatelist 1, International Philatelic Advertiser iii-1, Frankfurter Briefmarken Zeitung viii-1, International Collector iv-1, Little Clipper iv-6, Le Courier du Timbrophile 23, National Philatelist 11, Old Curiosity Shop 41, Ohio Philatelist 7, Our Little Folks Visitor ii-1, Philatelic Gazette 53, Philatelic Tribune 30, Philatelic Press 4, Park City Collector 334, Plain Talk 44, Pearl 4, Philatelic Journal of America 49, Quaker City Philatelist 37, Stamp iii-11, Stamp World 35.

Books, pamphlets, catalogues and price-lists :

THE ORIGIN OF POSTAGE STAMPS : facts connected with their introduction : the Chalmers' craze investigated. By Pearson Hill. London : Morrison & Sons & Mallett, 68 Leadenhall St., E.C. Price three-pence.

THE PLAN OF SIR ROWLAND HILL, Mr. John Francis on. By Patrick Chalmers. London : Effingham Wilson and Co., Royal Exchange, E.C. Price six-pence.

The above being the only pamphlets of the Chalmers-Hill controversy that have reached this office, the editor does not consider himself in a position to pass an opinion ; but would like to receive the other books on the subject, that he may more fully comprehend the claims of both parties.

ELEVENTH AUCTION SALE OF POSTCARDS AND ENVELOPES. To be held Feb. 25th and 26th, 1899. New York : R. R. Bogert and Co., Tribune Building. Catalogues, priced, 75 cents.

SUCCESS IN ADVERTISING, and How to Obtain It. London : C. W. Pollard, 7 Apsley Street, Stepney, E. Gratis.

WHOLESALE PRICE-LIST, January and February, 1899. London : Stanley, Gibbons and Co., 8 Gower St., WC

—The Stamp World for January contains another portrait of a prominent Canadian philatelist ; having this time Mr. John R. Hooper, Ottawa, for a subject. Friend Hubbard is, apparently, catering for the Canadian trade.

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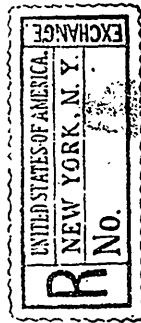
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