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The Philatelic Dep't of the "Gossip," Ottawa, hasing been discontinued, we have made arrangenents with the publishers to furnish their subscribers with thus paper, and alsu will finish therr stamp adrertisements in our next aumber.

The Cuited States Postoffice Department abuut the 15th September, will change the culn of the 10 cent stamp frum bruwn to green, and the 3 cent stamp from green $\omega$ vernilliun. The designs will remain the same. The color of the 2 -cent stamp on the stamped eurelupes will be changed from red to green, the 4-cent from green $w$ carmine, the $\bar{J}$ cent frum bruwn to dark blue, the 30 -cent frum black $\psi$ brumn, and the 90 -cent frum carmine to purple. The designs will be the same escept that the heads un the one, two, four and 5 -cent stamped envelopes will bo re-engraved, and will have a slightly diffirent appearauce frum the uld ones, and the untamentat.on aruuid them is also shghtly different. The Department desires to have the culur of the stamps on the stamped envelupes correspond as nearly as prossible $\pi$.iS that of adhesive stamps, and that was che main reason for the changes.

## The Cansdian Philatelic Association.

The C. P. A. is booming and the Secretary pro-tem, Mr. Hooper, is lept busp answering the many questions put to him. There is every probability of a membership of fifty good advanced Philajelists: Several applicants under 18 years have been told to wait the decision of the Executive Committee in regard to the age limit. Must of those collectors already paid up are from ten to twenty years collectors.

There appears to be a general desire to admit foreign members on the same footing as Canadian collectors, having same privileges in voting, but not eligible for office.

The Sec. pro-tem, besides the list of paid-up names has over twenty application ${ }_{8}$ on hand.

Those who have not yet sent in their fee of 25 cents, should do so to the Secy., at Oitawa at once.

The Election will be called by the Buard as suon as deemed advisable as the warm weather has not enthused ambitious collectors.

The following are the names of the paid-up members of the C.P. A., with offcial number given to each :-

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26. -Chas. G. Woodworth, Box 3003, Denver, Col.
27.-Williston Brown, P. O. Dept., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

There are three aspirants for Official Organ.
Every member will receive a copy of this paper and should preserve the names for future use, as it will help the Secretary considerably.

Let the best men be chosen as officers. but let nu one feel aggrieved at the voice of the majority. Let the motto for the C. P. A. be "Nules Secundus."

There should be some stipulated salary for the Secretary, $\$ 10$ per yeer, or the initiatory fees. The new A. P. A. are giving both,
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## The Luther Philatelic Snciety.

To Publishers.-The Luther Philatelic Society wald be glad to receive copies of all Philatelic publications for the Library. Publishers favoring us will receive proper credit.

Meeting August 5th. - Minutes of preceeding meeting read and approved. Mr E. J. Smith, of Portsmouth, Ohio, pas proposed as corresponding member. Mr. Smith being a member of A. P. A., it was moyed, seconded and carried that he be clected member. A communication was read from Patrick Chalmers, Esq., also some pamphlets were received from him, which were placed in the Library. After some unimportant business, meeting adjourned.

Meeting August 19th -Minutes of preceeding meeting read and approved. Sereral communications read. An article entitled "Why we should collect Revenue Stamps now," was read. After Auction Sale and exchanging, meeting adjourned. Address all commnnications to W. H. Verity, Secy., Box 119, Luthur, Mich., U. S. A.

## The Stamps of Canada.

The first series of stamps was used in 1851 , when a $3,6,7 \frac{1}{2}$ and 12 pence were used. In 1855 a 10 pence, blue, was used; only twenty of this value were used, hence their scarcity. There is a dangerous counterfeit of this stamp of a bluish parple color. In 1857 a $\frac{1}{2}$ penny stamp was used. These stamps were unperforated and were engraved by Rawders, Wright, Hatch and Edson.

In 1858 a perforated series of the same design as the preceeding was used, of the following denominations, $\frac{1}{2}, 3$ and 6 .pence. Thenext series was in 1859 , when a $1,5,10,12 \frac{1}{2}$ and 17 cents were used ; and in 1864 a 2 cent. The values in this series were in cents in place of pence. They were prepared by the American Bank Note Company. On April 1st 1868 a new series was put into use, consisting of a $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 (red) $2,3,6,12 \frac{1}{2}$ and 15 cents (lilac). Stamps in 1869 a 1 cent (jellow); 1875 a 5 cent. These and the following stamps were prepared by the British American Bank Note Company. In 1870 the first stamp of the series now in use were firstissuod. They are 1, 2 and 3 cents; 1872, a 6 cent; 1874, a 10 cent, and in 1876, a 5 cent. In 1877 the 15 cent of the same design as 1868, was printed in slate-colored ink; in 1882-a $\frac{1}{2}$ pance was issued. I have seen the 1 cent, yellow, and the 3 cent, red, printed in
orange and pink respectively. I have heard of the 1 cont bill stamp having been used for postage, as also one-half of some of the postage stamps. There are a 2,5 , and 8 cents registored letter stamps ; the 8 cents value was soon withdrawn, which accounts for their scercity.

## British Columbia and Vancouver's'Island.

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In 1861 the first stamp, a $2 \frac{1}{2}$ pence, pink, was issued, both perforated and unperforated. The next was in 1865, 3 pence, blue; this was perforated and watermarked C C and crown. There are forgeries of these stamps. The best way to aetect is by the number of parts in the crown. In the genuine there are four in the centre and six in each side, while in the forged stamps there are three in the centre and five on each side. In 1868 the next stamp was issued of the same type as the 1865 issue, 2 cents, black on brown ; 1869, 5 cents, black on red; 10 cents, blue on rose ; 25 cents, violet on yellow; 50 cents, red on violet; and $\$ 1$, green on green. The different values were surcharged on the 3 pence of 1865. Each value was surcharged in a different color and were water-marked C C und crown. At the same time as this issue four stamps appeared from Vancouver's Island, the 5 cent rose, and 10 cents blue, both perforated and unperforated.

The best way to detect the counterfeit 1 dollar of the 1868 issue is in the spelling of the value. The counterfeit is spelled 1 doller in place of 1 dollar.

## Indian Mail Runners.

In some of the mountainous parts of India the mail is carried by Indian runners." The letters being put into the split end of a stick, and thus delivered as clean as when received. These runners are so honest that money is ontrusted to them which they will carry for days, and then deliver it into the right hands. As they come and go, and while waiting fur their-missives the runners are always spinning, a bundle of loose short wool being carried by them in the breast of their blouses. At one time a woman who was prostrated by illness off in these mountain regions had sent her by a party of English travellers some pills, which were put, one by one, into the cleft of a stick in the same way as letters are carried.
W. H. V.


## Postage Stamps and their Value.

."Well, Bub," replied Bijah, as he finished hanging up the bro sm, "This stamp question bothers many besides you, though its clear enough to me. You see that fifteen-cent stamp don't you ?'

The boy remarked that he did, and Bijeh placed it on the window-sill, weighted it down with a Peach-stone and continued:
"That bit of paper is marked " 15 cents," but is. it fifteen centa? Is it anything more than a piece of paper?"
"I dunno," solemnly replied the boy.

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## Uncle Zip's Evidence.

In response to a question from the Court, old Zip gave his trowsers an extrib hitch and turned loose.
"Yer see," said he "I war a setten' wid Tilda, an' sho war a setten' wid me, a lookin' ober a ole Stainp Album, for her self amoosenent ; an' ef de troof mus bs tole, we uns treve bofe of us a-setten' togedder."
"Go on," said the Court.
"Yassur," replied Zip. "Woll Marse Judge, it war at Tilda's house. I war a-setten'ra setten' in de do'; and Tilda she war a-setten in de do'; an' Tilda she war a-setten an' a-looken, an I war a setten an a-looken ober as I tole um afo'-_"
"Never mind about that," said the justice, impatiently. "Go on with your story."
"Yassur. Well, den Yer see, Tilda, sho wara-setten' in de do' looken ober do ole Stamp Album-,'
"What happened nexi ?" asked his Honor.
"Why, nuffen happened nary time," said Zip. "Yer see, we uns war bofe aвetten togedder, an'-"-"
"Oh bother!" interrupted the court. "Go ahead and make out your cuse, confine yourself to the question."
"Yassur: Well, ef you must hab it, I war is- setten between un-_-"
"Between who?" interrogated the court.
"Batween who !. Oh! Yassur," continued the exasperating retnoss. "I got um now. Yer wants ter know jes' who I war a setten wid?"
"Bless your soul, yes!" said the justice very emphatically.
" Well, Marse Court, dat sorter mixes up tings. Understan' menow, I'sa-tellen' yer de troof. Deaton ob de Baptist Churcl I is, and I cuddon't toll a lio ef I wanted to. Well, deu, Tilde war a setten -_-".
"Hold up!" cried his Honor, seizing a ponderous law-book. "Sou're got to stop this everlasting 'seten.' or Ill settio you. "Tell me at once hom many of youl were at this woman's house."
"Dat's jes" what I'm a comin at." snit old Zip rery ailmly, "fer see, in she fust place, dar war Tilda-_"
" Good !" remarked the Court.
"An' Tilda, yer see, war $n$ - I mean she var in de do.' An" kar war me unst. X war a-I war in de do', an' we trar bofe--"
"Dry up !" said the Court. "Now: tell us where the defendent was."
"Dunnu whar he war," said Zip, scratchinghis head, doubtfully. "Speo"-.."
"Do you mean to say," asked the Court, with a rising inflection, "that the defendent wasn 't present?"
"Sartinly," replied Zip. "Ain't got ter dat pint yet awhile. I's takin' yon beck to de beginnin, more'n two yeal ago ; and as I war a tellin yer, we war a-setten $a n^{\prime}$ a-setten an' looken ober de ole stamp-_"
"Mr. Bailiff, adjourn this Court?" shouted his Honor, purple with indignation. "And make these parties settle their dificulty out in the bickyard."

The investigation came to an abrupt close, and the last I saw of cld Zip, he was complaining loudly because he couldn't tell the ontire history of his case.
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## Chronicle.

Ecuador.-There is a ten cent stamp and two postal carcls, 5 cent and .5.x. 5. c.
St. Helena.-The 3d is lilac and the $6 d$ is state gray.
South African Republic. -The $2 d$ is now yellow-brown instead of violet.
Azores. -The Portuguese letter cards have been surcharged for use in these islands.

Victoria.-The head of Victoria on the 4d stamp is now on horizontally lined ground.

Nemfoundiann. - It is intended to issue $\frac{1}{2}$ cent stamps.
Martinique. -The 20 cent red an green has been : surcharged. "M. iQ. E. 15c (2 var)"-" Martinique 015.," and "Martinique 15."

Great Britain.-The 2sh, 6d has been surcharged officinl.
Macao.-There are three new surcharges from here. The 80 reis has fbecome 5 reis, 10 reis and 20 reis. The surcharge is in black in two lines, with a bar across the original value. F. R.

## The Stamp Album Tan.

The stamp album man arrived in Vicksburg tbrege or four days ago. He was a long-eared man, haying a very solemn expression of countenance and a red nose. The red on his nose might have come from sunburn, and it might have come from crooked whisky, but there was no question that he was an earnest man and an honest one. He went right to business as soon as coming up the hill.

He met a small red-headed man on the walk-a man who was in a great hurry to get to the bank-and as he took him by the buttonhole, he said:

Mister, I have arrove in Vicksburg for the purpose of selling The Improved Stamp Album.

Arrove to thunder with you! exclaimed the little man as he broke away,
The stamp album man walked down Washington St., looking at the sights, and. in about ten minutes he came upon the little red-headed man again, who had;anished. his business at the bank.

## THE PHILATELIST.

I have'arrove it Vioksburg for the purpose of giving your citizeins $8 \rightarrow$, he commenced, when the red headed man shouted:

What do I'care where' you've aroved to " Don't stop me on' the street again, sir.

The stamp album man went into a store and tried to trade stamp albums for some calico, and fining to make the exchange, he crossed the street and approached a man who was whittling for his dog.

Mister, $I$ have arrove-, he was going on, when he saw that he was the same little red-headed màn.

See here, asid the little man, didn't I warn you over there not to saýs stamp albums to me again?

It is an excellent album.
Well, now, you keep away from me-keep right away, continued the little man, as he walked off.

He went into a grocery and had"somacofte put unp, and" was "just coming out when the stamp album man came aloug and said:

Mister, I'have arrove here in order to -...
The little man smiled.' He said he laja bén looking for a stamp album-a good stamp album these many'years, and He tóanted to buy oighteen of them. He asked the stampalbum nan to follow him home, and they were seen on the street togethoi: They weressen fialf inile abbve the city by one party, and a mile above that by two boys, sinch which time no one has secured a clie to the fate of stampalbum man.

The red-headed man came back looking tired, and one of his fingers was done up in s rag, and he refuses to answer any questions. We believe there has been foul play, and we hope the police will make every effort to ferret out the guilty party.

Hearts may be aching for the return of the stamp album men, and even if he be dead, as we suspect, it will be some consolation for his widow to sit beside his grave, and remember that he was kind-hearted as well as earnest.

## black fatintain:

Montenegro is one of the least knom the stamp insing countries Its domain is not veryiextensive, comprising bue two thousañ equare-miles, itsinnhabitants numbering about two millions. Ne proper name is ezemogora, (Blick Mountain), Montenegro being an Italia translationt

Up to the jear 1878 there were notowns Shontanegro, the capital Cetting, consisting of a collection of ons hundred hauses of poor sorty After the RussoTurkish war, the independence of Montenegroivas recognized, and a slice of territory bordering on the Adriatic was added, giving anem siolitary seaport.

In this newly acquired territory there are several towns, the largest containing 7,000 people. The people are very ignorant, hold education in contempt and very few of them can read or write. There are but three or four schools in the whole country. Up to 1871 there was not a single newspaper published within its borders. There is very little commerce and the people are poor. They are a brave and hardy
race, however, and have many times waged war with their most powerful neighbors and not almays to their disadvantage.

Montenegro is very mountainous, in fact it is nearly all mountains, so that the land is, to a great extent, unfit fot agriculture.

Postage stamps were introduced in 1874, consisting of seren values, viz, 2 soldi (or novtch), yellow, 3, groen $\tilde{0}$, red ; 10, blue ; 15, brown; 25, lilac. They bear the bust of the Hosiodar, Nicholas 1st, within a wreath. The value is at the bottom and an inscription in the native language at the top and on each side. Used specimens are rarely met with, but when it is considered how poot and ignorant the people are, and that ferr, even among the priesta, can write, it is not to be Fondered at; prob ably a vast number of these nercr sam or heard of a postage stamp.

## Postage Stamp Commision.

Postmaster-General McLelan has made a concession with regard to the reduction of the commission on stamps allowed to sendors from three per cent, to one. The changing will not affect the whole postal system; and only applies to large cities such as Alontreal, Toronto, Hamilion, Ottara, Halifas, St. John, Queber and London. With respect to villages, towns and cities of small popula on there will be no change, the postmastera receiring their old-time commission ir "ea of stated salaries.


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    "What paper?"
    "That 'ere fifteen __?"
    He stopped there, someone had sneaked up the alley and had alyly stolen ${ }^{\text {cheth }}$ stamp and Peach-stone.
    "Never mind,' condoled the bo 7 ; "it had no intrinsic value.'
    "It hadn't, oh," growled the old janitor: "I just want to eatch the wolf who absorbod it."

