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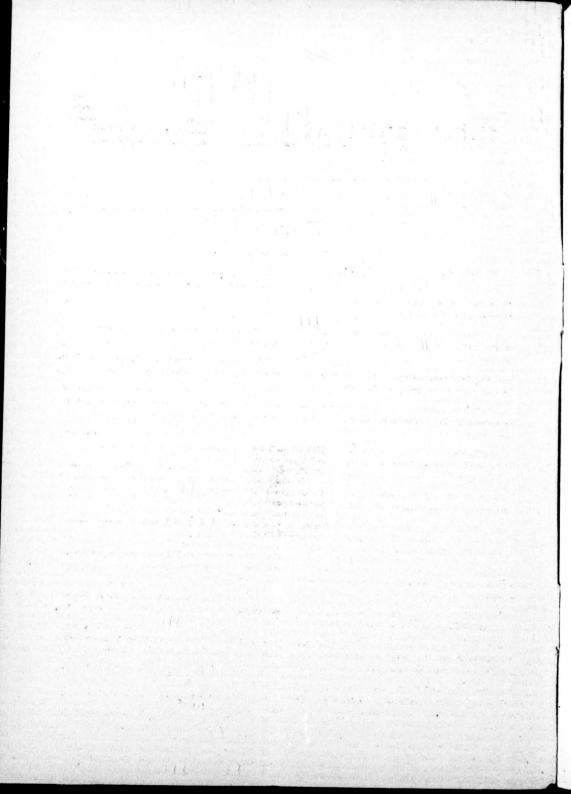
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To day, the eyes of nearly the whole world are turned upon the orient. The contending forces with hostile, intent upon the soil of the old celestial empire and the not improbable dismemberment of the "Flowery" Kingdom can not fail to absorb the interest of all. At the time this is written it seem exceeding, probable that at least two changes will take place. Russian control in Mantchuria and Japanese control in Corea. This would probably mean the closing of the Corean page in the philatelist's album.

The "Hermit Nation" as W. E. Griffis in his work published in 1882 deaominated Corea, lies between 34° 40' and 42° 30' north latitude and 125° and 129° east longitude and covers an area estimated at about 90000 Square miles. The entire

country is a peninsula jutting out into the Yellow Sea and is entirely surrounded by water except on the north where it joins Mantchuria and Asiatic Russia, being seperated from them by the Rivers Yalu and Tu-men respectively.

The government is a limited despotism, especial privileges being reserved to officials and heredetary nobles, but the ruler until 1895 subject to China. through only nominally and by payment of irregularly paid tribute. The present ruler is Li Young Kum and the sent of government is at Seoul (Chinese Wang King).

The population is variously estimated at from nine to twelve million. Japanese influence has been on the increase, steadily, for the past decade.

The earliest attempt at an establishment of a postal system occurred in 1884 and the first issue of stamps prepared. During a riot the post office was destroyed Dec. 7 and up to this date only the two lower values had been received and were in use it is said three days, consequently cancelled specimens are scarce.

Various perforations are found although

one authority has inclined to the belief that Perf 9 only was of the original lot in the office at the time of destruction. The set was 5 moon rose, 10 moon blue.

The three high values 25m orange 50 moon green and 100 moon blue

and pink, did not reach Seoul until after the post office was a thing of the past and are at the best only collectable as unadopted types.

Although a foundation for a future postal system was made a couple of years later it was not until 1895 that another issue of stamps was attempted. This set are perforated 11½ (so says the Scott catalogue though C. A. Howes in a recent article says 12) and consists of four values.

5 poon yellow green 10 poon blue 25 poon red brown 50 poon purple This set is litho-



graphed and was prepared at Washington. On Oct, 15 the ruler assumed the title of emperor and a surcharge was placed upon the stamps changing the designation of the country. The earliest notice of this that I can find was in the latter part of 1898 and then the authenticity was questioned and it was not until the 1901 cat alcgue that they received recognization and then the date of issue was given as 1897. Mr. Howes in his article says it may not have oc curred until shortly before Coreo entered the U, P. U. Jan. 1 1900. He renders the surcharge as Ta Han and the catalogue says Dai Han. In either case this is the new name of the country and the old one Chao-hsten is obsolete but the English speaking race will probably never use either. The four values were all surchanged in red.

In 1900 the 25p was surchanged and used as 1p. This new value does not have the empire surcharge and was first chronicle in mid summer of 1900. The Philatelic Journal of India says this value was required to frank news papers in the local service and to Japan.

On Jan. 20 of the same year, the first two values of a new set were given forthand later on the balance of the set

2 re gray 1 cheun green
2 cheun blue 3 cheun red
4 cheun carmine 5 cheun rose
6 cheun dark blue

This cet is of native manufacture, being prepared at Seoul and is perforated 10, although so irregularly that specialist can find varieties. Japan now maintains a post office at Seoul and six or seven other town and use her current issue surcharged Ko rai, the surcharge being in red on the 5r, 1s, 2s, 5s, 8s and 10s values and in black on the others. Each issue of Corea has been under a different monetary values. The first, expressed values in moon, 100 of which

was equal to 20 cents, the second issue reads poon, being practical of the same basis, though through the decline of silver only worth half as much commercially, and on the last set the values practical follow the Japanese currency. The difference in spelling being dialectic, 10 re being equal to one cheun and one hundred cheun being exchangable for a Japanese yen.

With the exception of the surcharged set the country if not specialised on perforations varieties can probably completed for a dollar.

[Note—As may be seen by the above article some of the early issues of Corea were printed but never put into use. I therefor deem it wise to warn collectors to be very cautious in purchasing the stamps of this country. Editor

Early Philatelic Journals.

The first philatelic newspaper, journal, or magazine was the Monthly Intelligencer, of Manchester, England, which appeared in September, 1862. In January, 1863, M. Moens, of Brussels, Belgium, issued Le Timbre Poste, which was the first paper in the French language. In May of the same year Magazin fur Briefmarkensammler appeared at Leipzig. This was the first paper in the German language or in Germany. In Febuary, 1864, S. Allan Taylor, well-known to fame, issued the Stamp Collectors Record in Montreal. He then removed to Al bany, N. Y., and issued No. 1 of a new series of the same paper in December, 1864. This was the first paper in the United States. disk Frimaerkstideude, issued at Copenhagen, Denmark, in August, 1867. was the first in any of the northern countries of Europe. De Timbrophilist, appearing in Amsterdam in July, 1869; El Indicator de los Sello, at Madrid, Spain, in July, 1870; La Posta Mondiale at Leghorn, Italy in August, 1873, were the first papers in their respective countries or in the languages of those countries.

Dominica Republic.

We Illustrate, herewith, the "Map Stamp" of Dominica Republic which was issued late in 1900 and which will shortly be replaced by an entirely new set.

It is said that the reason for the change is that the Haytian's claimed that according to the "Map Stamp" Dominica Republic appeared larger than she really is and that Hayti suffered in consequence.



We think Uncle Sam could learn a lesson from Hayti and when Canada issued another "Vaster than has Been" he can send in his bill for the proportion of the United States that has been annexed.

At Washington

There are eleven presses in the bureau of engraving and printing at Washington, engaged in the printing of postage stamps for Uncle Sam. Each of these presses produce 160,000 specimens per hour, so that in a working day of eight hours, each press turns out 1,280,000 stamps and the entire eleven presses would produce 14.080.000 stamps in the course of a day. The perforations are made with a machine in which small saw like wheels are arranged the width of a stamp apart. These machines are operated by girls. The bureau of engraving and printing is a very busy place, and but very few persons, except employes, are allowed to enter, either during or after working hours.—Buckeye Phil.

The Arms of Madrid.

Modrid—a bear and a tree—form the central design of the two stamps, value 1 and 3 cuartos issued in 1853, for use in the Spanish capital, but probably few have any idea of the origin of the device. The following story was told in an ancient number of *Le Timbrophile* to account for its adoption by the city of Madrid and though we cannot vouch for its truth, it is nevertheless interesting.

Long years ago when the site of Madrid was occupied by only a few peasants' cortages, a young girl, resident in one of them, left her home to go and pluck Madronas. On approaching the tree she was about to despoil she observed a huge bear seated in its branches busily engaged in munching the fruit. Horror-stricken, the girl hastily retreated; but on telling her mother wha she had seen received a blow from her distaff. "Indeed, Madre," (mother)said the girl, "if you do not beleive go into the orchard and see, and you will soon believe I am speaking the truth." Nothing loth, the mother went; the bear saw and seized her; and the justice of heaven was accomplished by her destruction. In memory of the fact the Government of the day conferred on the infant community the name of Madre-id (corrupted in time to Madrid) and granted it permission to take for its arms the "Bear and the tree."--Ewen's Weekly.

The smallest stamp is the quarter shilling stamp of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, issued in 1856, It is less than one-forth the size of an ordinary stamp.—Buckeye Philatelist

New Zealand has at last resorted to a surcharge on the 1½ mauve on green letter card.— Philatelic West.

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There is a certain paper published in England that has the reputation of reprinting articles which have appeared in other journals without giving them credit for same.

In the March number we find the article on "Denmark and her Stamps" which we published in the January number of the RECORD.

Now, while the authors name appears, there is nothing to show the readers of the English paper that the article has been clipped from another paper, so they naturally take it for granted that the publisher has bought and paid for it, and perhaps congratulating him on securing such a good article.

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THE June number of the RECORD will contain all the latest news in regard to the conventions of the D.P.A. and L. of C. P. which will be held in Montreal on July 1 and 2, and the July RECORD, which will be held back a few days, will contain a complete account of the convention.

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The Philatelic World.

AS SEEN BY THE EDITOR

The six of May should be fittingly observed by all philatelists for the reason that on May 6th 1840 the first adhesive postage stamp was issued

It was on this day that the British government first placed on sale the one penny black, of which I will give a short description which I have taken from a journal which was published in 1890.

"The Queens portrait which appears on this stamp is after William Wyon's City Medallion and was designed by Hemi Carbould a Frenchman. Mr. Charles Heath, an eminent English engraver, engraver the design in steel early in 1840 and the stamps were printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co of London."

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It seems a pitty that our societies and journals do not make more of the aniverversity of the day on which the postage stamp wa_8 introduced.

The following is clipped from Mr. Charles J Phillips, "Notes on a Four Months' Trip,' which appeared in the Monthly Journal

"From here I passed on to Montreal, the commercial capital of Canada, and a town of considerable importance, although ore that threatens to be burnt down at any moment, two great fires occurring in one week. I was present for some hours at one, and saw the destruction of the Board of Trade Office and many

important buildings right in the centre of the town. The cold here was intense, especially so by contrast with the hot south I had just left. I found a temperature of fifteen degrees below zero, i. e., forty-seven degrees of frost, considerably more trying than one is used to in this country.

Montreal is strong in fine collections and keen Philatelists, the best known of whom is an Englishman with a business branch in that city but a Londoner and well-known member of the London Philatelic Society. His stamps of of British North America are superb, and the number of specimens of some rare stamps that he has is something marvelous."

Among the Magazines.

Some of the many excellent features of the May Ladies' Home Journal are "When the Animals Escape from the Zoo," "Some remarkable Cases of Double Personality," "My First Colony of Bees," and Clara Morris's "Frank Sen," the romance of a little Japanese girl acrobat

The admirable pictorial features include a page drawing, "President Lincoln's Call for Voluateers," by W. L. Taylor; "In the Fold," the first prize picture of the twenty-seven thousand photographs submitted in the Journal's recent contest; and two pages giving "A Glimpse of Picturesque Canada." There are also seasonable contributions on gardens, flowers, lawns, cooking and needle-work.

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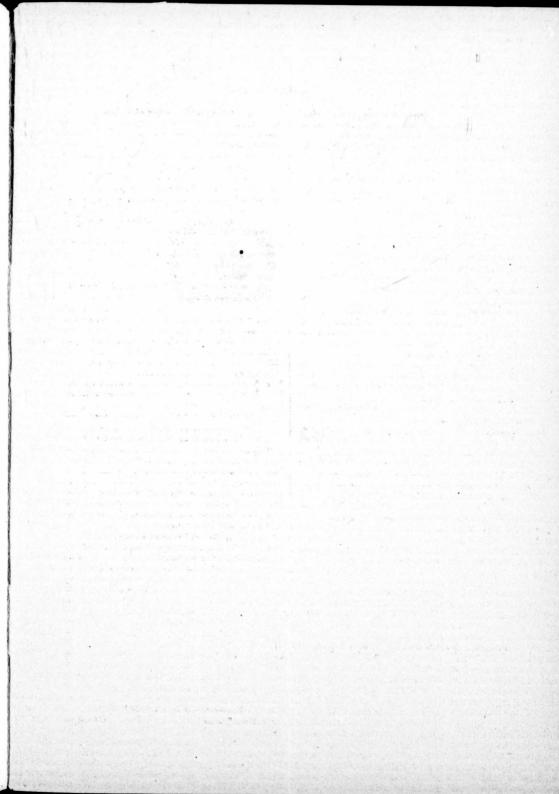
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