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NOTES ON THE "LARGE SQUARE" SERIES OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

By A. J. Derrick.

(Written for *Vindin's Monthly*, and read before the Philatelic Society of Victoria.)

The stamps of this series, although but few in number, have always had a warm place in my "philatelic affections," if I may be allowed such an expression; and, in turning over the pages of my album, even from my earliest experiences of collecting, there has always been a tendency to linger over this set, admire its beauties, inwardly congratulate myself on the possession of certain specimens, and point them out to my friends as being "something like" the stamps to have. I suppose that their distinctive form and appearance have been at the bottom of this, for having always been of a radical turn of mind, anything out of the stereotyped formed was sure to attract my attention, and, perhaps, even now, this may be the explanation of my liking for these stamps. Apart, however, from this, no one will deny that they have a considerable amount of inherent beauty, and the two combined make the attachment excusable. I find myself, then, on a congenial topic in starting to jot down a few notes concerning them, and so, with the modest hope that the pleasure may not be confined to myself, I make my bow.

According to Dr. Houison, the Post-master General submitted designs for the one shilling and sixpenny values as far back as January 29th, 1852, the Queen's head being "a copy of the India medal, designed by Levinge." If this date is correct, it is anterior to the issue of the 6d. laureated, which took place on the 8th May, 1852, and as the Council adopted the designs on July 5th, 1852, it would appear that the 6d. laureated were very much in the way of provisionals, for although arrangements were made for their issue on November, 1851, they were actually issued after the succeeding sixpenny had been determined on and approved; but the wheels of the Circumlocution Office moved as slowly in those olden days as now, and the 6d. laureated enjoyed an existence of a year and nine months before it was superseded by the new one.

Although the new design was adopted in July, 1852, it was not until the beginning of February, 1854, that the plates of the shilling and sixpenny came into use, and the laureated became obsolete. Up to this date all the stamps of

New South Wales had been engraved locally, the engraving having been chiefly confined to two men—Carmichael and Jervis—the former of whom, although slow, was a very fine workman, and produced in the finely-engraved views and laureated, some very good work; very little can, however, be said of his compeer, Jervis, whose work was of a very much coarser and less finished type. Carmichael seems to have dropped out of notice about 1852, for all the later laureated plates and retouches were done by Jervis, such as the coarser sixpenny, the eightpenny, and the twopenny “stars in corners.”

At this time the Postal Authorities seem to have made up their minds, that Jervis wasn't good enough, and it was determined to have the next lot done in England—Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London, was the firm they naturally turned to; for this firm had quite a notoriety already; having executed some good work in connection with the early English Stamps and others. Of course, P. B. & Co. were quite ready for the job! In adopting the design in July 1852, the Council very magnanimously gave the engraver “liberty to alter it as his discretion and experience *may* dictate,” much, no doubt, to the engraver's satisfaction, for it virtually gave him *carte blanche* to do as he pleased. Perkins, Bacon & Co. do not seem to have been at all backward in this direction, as the Council found out later on, and very likely the result would have been the same, whether this wide margin had been allowed or not.

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point of the top centre *fleurs-de-lis* is very prominent, projecting well from under the scroll, having been extended so that it might be easily seen. The whole of this enclosed in a plain, white hexagon frame; which touches the outer line of the stamp at the apices at top and bottom, and comes within one-sixteenth of an inch of the side lines. The outside of the stamp has a fine lace network pattern of engine-turning, condensed as it nears the margin of the stamps. The spandrels are filled in with very fine engine-turning, which looks almost solid, and makes the lace-work of the border stand out clearly; a single outer line encloses the whole design. The lettering is in plain block letters in colour.

The one shilling value is very much similar in design. The *fleurs-de-lis* are arranged differently at the sides, and have an outer scroll on each side, as well as a small segment of a circle showing above "postage" and below "one shilling." The centre is enclosed in an octagon, instead of a hexagon, and the laced border is a good deal fuller and deeper; the words "postage" and "one shilling" are in solid Roman capitals, and "New South Wales" in skeleton Roman capitals shaded with deeper colour. The background of the *fleur-de-lis*, inside the curves enclosing them, is composed of parallel curved lines instead of engine-turning. "Oceania" speaks of a dot, within the segment above "Postage," and below "one shilling;" but this is simply the top of the centre *fleurs-de-lis* as mentioned before, but in this case not specially extended. In January, 1853, an eightpenny stamp was found to be needed for private ship letters, and as a convenient multiple of the inland postage—and in March of the same year a fivepenny value was desired. In September, 1853, they were both ordered. The designs for these two stamps were approved and sent with the order, and now Perkins, Bacon Co's tendency to have their own way became apparent. They didn't see the force of engraving new dies, when they had the old ones, which could be so easily utilized by their patent process, so they took upon themselves to ignore the designs sent, and made up the fivepenny and eightpenny stamps from those they already had on hand. They took out the *fleur-de-lis* ornaments from the sides of the centre circle of the sixpenny, run a line around the centre of the hexagon, altered the plate, and the fivepenny plate was done! Then they treated the shilling design in the same way, and the eightpenny was done! that is, all the work outside the inner circle, except the inscribed scrolls, was removed; a line was added to the enclosing octagon, and the value altered. If the stamps are examined carefully it will be found that

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these are the only differences between the fivepenny and sixpenny, and the eightpenny and one shilling, respectively; *for the portion of the fleur-de-lis, that were partly covered by the scrolls, still remain in the fivepenny and eightpenny values*—only the more prominent and easily-got-at portions being removed. When the plates arrived in the colony there was no small stir in the official dove-cote over the change in the design; a good deal of wrathful ink was expended in reports and discussions about sending the plates back; however, they looked well, a waste of time was inevitable if the were returned, and so the departmental fire gradually cooled off, and the stamps were both issued on December 1st, 1855. The fivepenny has remained in issue until the present time. The sixpenny was in issue for 17 years, the eightpenny for 35 years, and the shilling for 22 years, although not always of course on the same paper. The printing of these stamps was what is known as "*taille-douce*," that is, the lines of engraving were sunk into the plate, and in consequence the colour of the stamps is raised on the paper. The plates contained 100 stamps each. All the stamps were printed in the colony, the plates, paper, and colour, having been sent out by Perkins, Bacon & Co. "*Oceania*" contends that the sixpenny and one shilling were first printed in England; but Dr. Houison disproves this. There is no doubt that proofs were taken from the plates in England, and it is more than likely that all proofs that ever existed were, for when the plates arrived in Australia the respective colours were with them. The fivepenny *dark blue* catalogued by Gilbert Lockyer, and others, and mentioned in "*Oceania*," was without doubt one of these proofs, for the dark green colour fivepenny was determined on before the plate was ordered. The order for the colours was sent with that for the plate; it arrived at the same time, and has been adhered to all through.

"*Oceania*" believes in an eightpenny printed in *red*—the colour of the shilling—as a genuine error; but the evidence is weak. As a proof, no doubt, it exists, but only the errors of the series were in the papers used.

The whole series were first printed on a white wove paper, watermarked with a large double-lined numeral of value; but the papers were evidently very carelessly handled, for the watermarks are found reversed and inverted in each value in comparative plenty, showing that very little care was taken to see that the papers were rightly placed on the machine, and, at various times, even the wrong

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Did you ever notice, though, in conclusion, that an accident had happened to the Queen’s upper lip prior to this portrait being taken? In most cases it looks as if a humble bee had stung her, and in others as if something had bitten a piece out of it; perhaps, however, it was curled in scorn at the mean trick the engravers played the New South Wales Postal Department over the fivepenny and eightpenny.

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The attendance of visitors was also greatly in excess of the previous exhibition, and we anticipate that, with the rapid growth of the Society, the increasing number of philatelists having stamps they wish to exhibit, and the still larger number of those interested in stamps and stamp-folk, that the limited resources of the cosy quarters in Arundel Street will be inadequate for future exhibitions, which may be on a more extensive scale. As it was, every available space was occupied, and any further contributions would have to have been rejected, or relegated to the outer apartment. The following is a list of the countries shown: Antigua, Bahamas, Barbadoes, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Grenada, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Tobago, and Trinidad.—*Stamp News*.

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Money Order Office.—In sending money by mail, it is always best to transmit by Money order, if possible. If sent by letter, it should always be registered.

Commission on Money Order.—On Money Orders drawn by any Money Order Office in Canada on any other Money Order Office in the Dominion, is as follows:—

If not exceeding	\$4	2c.
Over \$4 " "	10	5
" 10 " "	20	10
" 20 " "	40	20
" 40 " "	60	30
" 60 " "	80	40
" 80 " "	100	50

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The other Countries and British Colonies upon which Money Orders are granted the rate of Commission in all cases being as follows:—

If not exceeding	\$10	10c.
Over \$10 " "	20	20
" 20 " "	30	30
" 30 " "	40	40
" 40 " "	50	50

Matters Which Cannot be Forwarded Through the Post.—Liquids, Oils,

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etc., not properly put up, Explosive Substances and other matter likely to entail risk or injury to the ordinary contents of the mail, cannot be sent by post.

Letters containing Gold or Silver Money, Jewels, or precious articles, or anything liable to Customs duties, cannot be forwarded by Post to any of the Postal Union Countries, except the United States.

Useful Hints—Registrar all valuable letters, and use, except those for hot countries, sealing wax for letters containing money.

Transmit money by Money Orders.

Make complaints and inquiries in writing.

Preserve and request Correspondents to preserve envelopes of mis-sent or delayed letters.

Send to the Postmaster envelopes of letters about which you seek information or make complaint.

Business men should be careful to authorize but a limited number of persons to receive their letters and only those in whom they have full confidence.

Please return promptly to the Postmaster, or at the Enquiry Office, misdelivered letters or other mail matter.

Letters and papers should be addressed to the Street and Number at which they are to be delivered.

Notice of Change of Residence should be promptly given to the Postmaster in writing, and renewed at the expiration of three months, or it will then elapse.

In addressing letters, add the name of the County in which the Post Office addressed is situated; if to a city, add street and number.

Letters to the United States should be addressed to the State as well as to the Post Office.

A letter addressed to a particular street will be taken out by the Letter Carrier and not delivered at the wicket, unless returned by Letter Carrier.

A Letter or Packet once posted becomes the property of the person to whom addressed, and must be forwarded to its destination. On no application, however urgent, can it be delivered back to the writer. Business men are requested not to ask for the return of Letters posted by mistake or otherwise.

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MILAN, Italy, is to have a Philatelic exhibition sometime during 1894, and Luxemburg one sometime in 1895.

RUSSIA has devised a new scheme for increasing her revenue. "By a decree that went into effect Nov. 1st, all registered letters are to be opened by the postman in the presence of the receiver, and if found to contain money from abroad, seventy-five per cent. of the amount is to be confiscated."

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

QUEBEC, 11th December, 1893.

To the Members, Canadian Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN,—I trust that the efforts of the officers to satisfactorily arrange the many difficulties which we have had to contend with, will commend themselves to your satisfaction, and I would now take the opportunity of requesting each member to endeavor to increase our membership and usefulness in the coming year.

I heartily invite individual work on the part of the members, as we have to a great extent to depend upon it in an Association where its members are as scattered as in the C. P. A., and without which we cannot hope to arrive at that point wherein we can most benefit the Association and those connected with it.

As this is necessarily the last communication which I can issue during the current year, I desire to extend to all those who have benefited the Association in various ways, my sincere thanks for their successful efforts and my due appreciation of the same.

In concluding it but remains for me to invite further assistance from both officers and members, in the coming year, in order that it may be specially marked in the history of the C. P. A., as the one in which the greatest progress was made, not only in point of new members but in general advancement in the Exchange and other departments.

Wishing you all the Compliments of the Season,

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ERNEST F. WURTELE,
President Canadian Philatelic Association.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, ONT., December 15th, 1893.

The Members of the C. P. A.,

GENTLEMEN.—Please notice the following:

NEW MEMBERS.

- 287. Benton, L. H., 175 Weir St., Taunton, Mass.
- 288. Staebler, L. M., 185½ Dundas St., London, Ont.
- 289. Bartels, F., St. Hyacinthe, Que.
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 294. Pearl Edw. E., West Boxford, Mass.
 295. Quackenbush, Lewis G., 15 Madison St., Onedia, N Y.
 296. Morton, W. D., Bank of Toronto, Barrie.
 297. Hawkins, Norval A., care of Standard Oil Co., Detroit, Mich.
 298. Judge, Fred O., 124 St. Augustine St., Quebec.
 299. Banks, Chas. E., M.D., U. S. Marine Hospital, Portland, Maine.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Nov. 22, 1893, Balance on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$23 03
Dec. 11, Dues No. 252,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
								\$24 03

EXPENDITURE.—NIL.

Dec. 11, Balance on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$24 03
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T. S. CLARK, Secretary Treasurer.

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THE HOOPER CASE.

It has not been decided yet whether Chief Justice Sir Alexander Lacoste or Mr. Justice DeLorimier will preside at the Hooper trial. Though the initial proceedings commence on Dec. 15, it is thought the actual trial can hardly take place till later, as a true bill must first be found by the Grand Jury. Then Messrs. Greenshields, Q.C., and Mr. Renaud, for the prisoner, will decide whether they will choose a mixed jury or not. If they select a mixed jury Messrs. Macmaster, Q.C., and Cornellier, Q.C., who represent the crown, will have to take steps to summon it. This may throw the trial of Hooper into the early days of January, 1894. It is said that over fifty witnesses will be summoned for the crown. By the death of Mr. Webb, the druggist, who filled the prescription for Hooper an important witness for the prosecution is removed, but it is said his evidence may be read to the jury.

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FROM a card just received from H. A. Fowler, we learn that the *Canadian Journal of Philately* has suspended publication. No cause is assigned, but we suppose it is the usual one lack of support.

ON the night of November 14th the store W. H. Hollis, in this city, was robbed of about \$1500 worth of stamps. Prompt and well-directed measures were taken by Mr. Hollis for the capture of the thief and the recovery of the stolen property, but it was due to the acumen and energetic efforts of J. H. Makins, of Makins & Co. that the culprit was captured within eighteen hours, and part of the stolen property recovered. The remainder will probably be in Mr. Hollis' possession within a few days.—*Filatic Facts and Fallacies, San Francisco.*

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THE rarest Swedish Stamp is the 20-30 Ore Error, printed in 1879 and issued 1880. THE cause of this error as was follows: One of the dies in the 20 ore plate of 100 having been damaged, it had to be removed and replaced by a new one. On account of the great hurry in which this had to be done an old die was used as a substitute. This, however, was a 30 ore one, wherefrom the 30 in the middle was cut out and 20 put in its place. By mistake the trettio (thirty) at the bottom of the circle remained unchanged, and this is the explanation of why the stamp has two different values—20 in the middle and trettio (thirty) at the bottom. The printing of 6000 sheets, each containing one error, took place on the 15 December, 1879, and in January of the next year 1880, sheets were sent out to different post-offices all over the kingdom. However, shortly afterward the mistake was discovered, and circulars immediately sent out to all postoffices demanding the return of all sheets having this error. As a great many had already been sold, only 613 were returned and 970 were used for postage. The error was the fourth stamp on the fourth row to the left from the top. All errors returned to the Postmaster-General were burned.

THE 11th edition of the *International Album* is now ready. It contains 600 pages, and has spaces for all stamps issued prior to Nov. 1st, 1893. Prices same as previous editions, viz., No. 1, \$1.50; No. 2, \$2.50; to be obtained from H. F. Ketcheson, box 499, Belleville, Ont.

THE Ideal stamp is the smallest. Any one who looks at the present half-cent Canada issue, will see a stamp that is a work of art. and not much more that half the size of our ordinary so-called small stamps.—*Quaker City Philatelist*.

UNITED STATES collectors and dealers are making a "big push" to try and get stamps on the "free list" during the coming revision of the tariff; we wish them every success.

MR. D. A. VINDEN has removed from Sydney, N. S. W. to London, England, where he intends to carry on his stamp business.

THE Canadian correspondent for *McKeel's Weekly Stamp News*, makes the statement that the present issue, 20c and 50c stamps of Canada are to be withdrawn; we are in a position to say that this statement is false, and that the Post Office department of Canada have not even considered the matter, but on the contrary state, that these stamps are being very generally used on large parcels and heavy letters. The same writer attempts to copy a small news note that was copied by the Canadian general press from a New York paper, to the effect that the writer of a letter may gain possession of such letter, if he could give satisfactory proof that he really was the writer. This news item referred to a ruling by the Post Office department of the United States and not Canada. Canadian postal law states, that a letter once posted becomes the property of the person whom addressed, and on no account can it be returned to the writer.

PARCELS may now be sent to Great Britain up to eleven pounds weight on the following terms:—Twenty cents for the first pound, and sixteen cents for each subsequent pound or fraction thereof.

AN item has been going the rounds of the Philatelic press, to the effect that the present issue, postal cards, of Canada, had been counterfeited. We have made careful inquiry to ascertain if possible, if this was true, but cannot find any post office official from the Deputy Postmaster General down who has heard anything about it. It probably had its origin from the arrest of an old man in Toronto who for some time had been gathering up used postal cards, and by some chemical process removing all traces of the writing. He would then, together with current stamps he had similarly cleaned, hawk them around from office to office and in that way sell them. As he was old and feeble many would buy from him out of sympathy. The Toronto postal authorities soon found out what he was doing, and he was arrested and punished.

MR. GEO. A. LOWE has opened a store for the sale of stamps and coins, at 49 Adelaide St. East, Toronto. A full line of all our publications will be found in stock there, and we have appointed Mr. Lowe as agent for Toronto for THE DOMINION PHILATELIST.

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1 " violet	05	40	12	12	mauve, black sur	3	00
2 " rose	08		15	15	brown	25	
2 " brown	25		18	18	red	30	3 00
2 " vermillion	1 35		50	50	red	65	
5 " dark blue	25		100	100	red	1 35	
5 " light blue	10	80			Hong Kong Jubilee stamp, unused	50	
10 " black	10	80			Sirmoor State, 3 pieces, brown, unused	10	60
10 " brown	16				Postage extra on orders under \$1. Cash with order		

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SIR ADOLPHE CARON'S new eight-cent stamp will cover the ordinary postage of a letter as well as the registration. Thus one stamp will take the place of two. Or, as they say in street parlance, the Postmaster-General will avoid a licking.

ALL British Colonies have been ordered to keep on hand, as a reserve, at least four months supply of all denomination of stamps. This arrangement will almost entirely prevent the issue of any provisionals.

THE Postmaster-General of the U. S. has recommended that the old registration fee of 10 cents be restored owing to a large falling off in revenue, owing to the reduction of the rate to 8 cts.

THE November number of the *Philatelic Journal of America* contains a portrait and short biographical sketch of Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, Quebec, President of the C. P. A.

THE celebrated Brock collection will be sold at auction by the Bogart & Durbin Co., in New York city on Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2 and 3, 1894.

THE United States P. O. Department are said to have made \$1,000,000 out of the Columbian stamps sold to collectors.

IT is rumored that the letter-sheet envelope now in use in the U. S. will be discontinued owing to decreasing sales.

COL. FRANK P. OLNEY, a widely known collector, of Providence, R. I., was recently elected mayor of that city.

E. T. PARKER has opened an office on 23rd St., New York city, for the sale of stamps, &c.

THE U. S. Government contemplates printing its own postage stamps for the future.

THIS Journal had been appointed official Journal of the Toronto Philatelic Club.

MR. W. F. GREGORY has severed his connection with the Bogart & Durbin Co. ABYSSINIA, has made application for admission into the Postal union.

SAN FRANCISCO is said to have three thriving Philatelic societies.

LATEST RE THE HOOPER CASE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MONTREAL, QUE., Dec. 15.

The grand jury of the Joliette assizes at five o'clock this evening, returned a true bill against John Reginald Hooper, on an indictment charging him with poisoning his wife. The jury, after examining about twenty witnesses, decided that there was sufficient evidence to justify them in sending the case for trial before the petit jury. The case came before the Court of Queen's Bench, which opened at Joliette this morning. The court-room was crowded throughout the day, and the greatest interest was taken in the case.

Judge Delorimier, of Montreal, presided, and in his opening address to the grand jury regarding the Hooper case he said:—"I now come to the Hooper case. The prisoner is accused of a most dreadful crime, that of murdering his wife by poison. I understaud the case is largely a circumstantial one, and I must explain to you the importance at times of circumstantial evidence. Circumstantial evidence, when linked together, may form a chain of evidence sufficient to warrant a jury in bringing in a verdict of guilty. Your duty as grand jurors is to find out if the evidence adduced by the Crown fastens the least suspicion of guilt upon Hooper. If so, it is your duty to bring in a true bill. Your duty is not to give Hooper the benefit of any doubt, that must be left to the petit jury."

The indictment against Hooper reads as follows:—"The jurors of our Sovereign Lady, the Queen, presnt that John Reginald Hooper on September 18, 1893, while passing in transit from Lanoraie through the district of Joliette by a train of the Canadian Pacific railway company, did murder his wife, Georgina Leblanc."

The grand jury was composed entirely of Frenchmen and all farmers except two. When the grand jury had returned a true bill, Hooper was called before the Court to plead. The court-room was crowded at the time, and his appearance in the dock attracted the attention of every eye. Hooper appeared calm and self-possessed, and when asked whether he pleaded guilty or not guilty to the indictment, he replied in a strong voice. "Not guilty."

Mr. Renaud, one of his counsel, asked that the case be tried before a mixed jury, and the Crown counsel stated that they would have no objection. The trial was fixed for January 3rd. It is expected to last about a week. The Crown is represented by Mr. C. A. Cornellier, Q. C., and Mr. Donald MacMaster, Q. C., of Montreal; Hooper's lawyers are, J. N. Greenshields, of Montreal, Mr. Ward, of Port Hope, and Mr. Renaud, of Joliette.

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THOMAS O. PARDOE.

Many of our readers will be pleased to know that Thos. O. Pardoe, late of Ingersoll and Yorkville, Ont., has been caught at one of the smallest swindling games we have ever heard of, by taking small amounts from poor girls out of employment. The following is clipped from the Toronto daily Mail of Dec. 15th.: That diminutive swindler, Thomas O. Pardoe, of Maitland street, was

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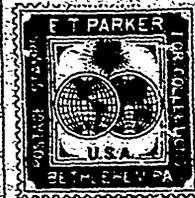
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