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Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

BERMUDA.—The following change in colors is reported: 2 pence, brown-violet; 6 pence, purple; 1 shilling, brown.

CYPRUS.—A new value has been issued, viz.: 12 paras, red.



DUTCH EAST INDIES have issued a wrapper stamp, value ten cents. Color will be given next month.

DOMINICA.—The 6d. green has been surcharged "Half Penny" in black.

GUATEMALA.—We herewith present our readers with an illustration of the surcharged stamp mentioned in our last month's journal. These consist of the stock of stamps used for the payment of Northern railway tax.



GUINEA.—A new design is said to have been prepared but has not yet been put in circulation.

HOLKAR.—This Indian state has issued a stamp (see illustration), ½ anna mauve. The stamp measures about 25x30 mm.



ITALY.—Letter cards are in contemplation, of the value of 15 centesimi.

PERSIA.—There is a set of unpaid letter stamps copied after those of France. On an oblique band is "A Percevoir," at the top "Perse" and in lower right hand corner the value in a circle. Values, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15 shahi, 1, 2, 5 kran, 1 toman, all printed in indigo and perforated 13. The stamps surcharged "official" are as follows: with horizontal surcharge, 6sh. on 5sh. green, 12sh. on 5oc. black, 18sh. on 10sh. orange, 1 toman on 5fc. red, with oblique surcharge, 6sh. on 5sh. green. There is no 12sh. on 10c. as previously reported. The 5 kran, violet has appeared same type as the small stamp with head, and the 1 toman yellow brown is expected soon.

PHILIPPINE I.—The 2½c. blue is surcharged "Habilitado pa, correos de 16 cts." in carmine.

PORTUGAL. The 25 reis, according *Le Timbre Poste* is red brown.

ROUMANIA. Of the new type, the 5 and 25 bani have been issued.

SERVIA.—A double postal union card, 10 paras, brown on yellow, is said to have been issued.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Double 1 and 3 cent cards are now in use.

TOBAGO.—A penny postal card has been prepared, carmine on buff.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA. A new 10c. stamp has been issued (see illustration) the portrait is that of Dr. Vanez, president of the republic.



VENEZUELA.—A new edition of cards is reported on various colors, with "Tarjeta Postal" in ornamental shaded letters instead of plain letters.

Written for the Toronto Philatelic Journal.

THE FIRST U.S. ENVELOPES.

BY WILL M. CLEMENS.

The original form of letter postage was the envelope adopted by Great Britain in 1840. Prepaid envelopes became very popular, and were largely used, but not in the form first introduced. Although the postal authorities of the United States moved very slowly in the matter of adopting adhesive stamps, they moved still more slowly in the matter of envelopes. In August, 1853, two years after the first regular issue of stamps were made, the first Government envelopes appeared. Two values were at first employed—the envelope of three cents, and one of six cents. The design, embossed on a plain, colored disk, consists of a profile bust of Washington, after the famous statue by Houdon, turned to the left, with an upright, oval frame, enclosing at the top and bottom, labels of the value, (three or six above, cents below.) At either side of the frame, connecting the labels, is a simple, engine-turned pattern, composed of interlacing lines, three and three, forming a series of loops, these loops varying in number, and are the chief means of detecting the several kinds of stamps. The color of the three cent stamp was red, that of the six cent stamp being green. In October of the same year, a large, official envelope was issued bearing the six cents with the color changed to red, and in April, 1855, an additional stamp was issued, a ten cent issue printed in green. These different values, 3, 6 and 10 cent, remained in use from 1853 to 1860, and during these years were subject to many changes, both of the stamp, and also the size and shape of the envelope. It is believed that two dies of the THREE CENTS were prepared. It is a well-known fact that the second die became badly worn, in consequence of the immense amount of work it had to perform. As a result, the ends of the labels, (the parts most likely to wear), were trimmed. These slight alterations have produced four distinct varieties as follows:

DIE ONE.—The ends of the labels are straight, and but seven loops are formed in each label by the intersecting lines. The

words, "three" and "cents" occupy much more space than any of the other values. The ends of the labels are much further from the first and last letters of the value.

SECOND DIE.—Type 1. The ends of the labels are curved, the first and last letters of the value nearly touch them, and the intersecting lines form ten loops on one side, and nine on the other.

SECOND DIE.—Type 2. The ends of the labels are straight, with their angles intersected by portions of the interlaced lines, the loops counting eight and a half by nine.

SECOND DIE.—Type 3. The ends of the labels are straight, ending in a distinct line.

SECOND DIE.—Type 4. The ends of the labels are slightly curved without any lines at the four ends, as in type 3.

SECOND DIE.—Type 5. The ends of the labels are curved. This is the most common variety.

The die for the six cent stamp is precisely similar to the type 3, described above. The ten cent has two distinct dies, one similar to the six cent impression, the other like the first of the three cent envelopes. There were three sizes of envelopes used for this series—note, letter and official. The six cent was both letter and official size, the ten cent only letter size, while the three cent was used in note and letter size. There are many other details connected with this first issue of United States Envelope Stamps which the philatelist might well study with learning and profit. They are among the rare stamps of the United States, and some of the varieties I have named, command high and even fabulous prices.

Frederick N. Palmer, the Boston physician, who jumped from a Portland steamer last week and was drowned with his four-year-old grandchild, was postmaster at Brattleboro, Vt., during Polk's Administration. He was the originator of the first American postage stamp, which was engraved for the postmaster's personal use. These stamps were in use long before the Government decided to use stamps for the prepayment of postage. The Palmer stamps bring a fabulous price, one having recently sold for \$145, while a few years ago one sold for \$300 at auction.

A PHILATELIC SCRAP-BOOK.

BY H. A. T.

This idea of a scrap-book may have suggested itself to some of you or you may have read of the idea before.

I read recently in a well known collector's journal, of societies having scrap-books, but no mention of individuals having any was made; this article also mentioned having the books on minerals, birds' eggs, etc., but it said nothing about any on Philately.

Now, I think that, at the present time, Philately is mentioned more than any other collector's hobby, in the daily and weekly papers and in the magazines; and if anything deserves a scrap-book, Philately does.

It is but a very short time ago, that I noticed in a single issue of one of the daily papers, a half-column article and one or two smaller notices devoted entirely to the subject of stamp collecting.

Stamp collectors, if you want to have something interesting and useful pertaining to your hobby, start a scrap-book without delay and you will not regret it.

Now, to begin with, take a useless blank book that you or some of your friends may have, or if you prefer, buy a scrap-book of some bookseller. Then keep a lookout for notes or articles on Philately and when one is found, paste it in your book.

Thus a beginning is made and although this first note or article will not perhaps seem very interesting or desirable, in looking over the book six months or a year afterward it may give you just the information you wished or set your mind at rest on some point on which it was unsettled.

Here there comes up one thing which I wish to speak about, if you should happen to receive a copy of some Philatelic paper, and after reading it, see something that would be good for your scrap book, *do not cut it out* and put it in your book, but preserve the paper carefully as odd numbers of Philatelic papers are nearly always in demand, and one with an article or note cut out would be almost worthless. Get the material for your book from other than Philatelic publications.

Now that you have got your book well under way, keep a lookout for items and before you realize it your book will be full, and when looking it over some future time, you will never regret that you started "A Philatelic Scrap-Book."—*Stamp World*.

The postal route from Claryville to Big Indian, a distance of 21 miles, is through the roughest and wildest portion of the Catskill Mountains. The road is rough, in fact, that the mail is carried on foot, and the carrier is Clark North, who is totally blind. He has carried the United States mail over almost impassable Catskill routes for 30 years, since he was a boy, and has never seen any of the wild region through which he has travelled, and he has never met with an accident; though snow drifts and floods often cross his path yet they seem to be no barrier to him.

At the auction sale of April 12th and 13th, the Brattleboro stamp brought \$145; the Goliad, Texas, \$95; Baton Rouge, \$50; St. Louis, 5c. \$55; Newfoundland 1sh. \$55; two Hawaii, 1852, 13c. \$82 and \$90; Canada, 12d. \$50; and several others over \$50 each.

The Postage Stamps of the World, issued since their first introduction, are estimated at some 6,000. The different kinds bear the heads of five Emperors, eighteen Kings, three Queens, one Grand Duke, six Princes, one Princess, and a number of Presidents, while some bear coats of arms and other emblems, such as the papal keys; &c. There is an admirable collection of stamps in the Berlin Post Office Museum, which last July contained 4,498 specimens—2,462 belonging to Europe, 441 to Asia, 251 to Africa, 201 to Australia, and 1,143 to America.

A few days ago a number of Italians went into the Rondout, N. Y., Postoffice and asked for letters. One was handed an epistle, on which was due ten cents postage. A few mornings later the same man handed one of the clerks ten cents and said:—"Tenna centa. Wanta nother lettee."

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The *Philatelic Journal of America* has "gone into" Philatelic Organization. In the May number many of the leading philatelists express their views on the subject, mostly all in favor, and deservedly.

Now that the summer months are at hand the philatelic journals will be issuing double numbers, amalgamating or suspending. We have already noted the following: *The Foreign Stamp Collectors' News*, *The Philatelic Star* and *The Stamp Dealers' Journal* are to be amalgamated; *The Philatelic Magazine* and *Collectors' Companion* have suspended and *The Exchange*, of Adrian, Mich., has issued its last number.

A certain person, who signs himself "Nagrom," furnished an article entitled "Universal Postal System" to the *New York Collector* for their March number and 46 lines of the article, commencing at the third paragraph, were the composition of Mr. C. E. Swope, jr., of Louisville, Ky., being part of a treatise

on the Origin and Progress of the Postal Service, written by Mr. Swope and published in the *TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL* in May, 1885. "Nagrom" put those 46 lines in the middle of his little piece so Mr. Swope wouldn't see them. Mr. Swope did see them however, and everybody who saw them knows they were Mr. Swope's work, and now poor Nagrom is disgraced forever.

His right name is Morgan, but a man who plagiarizes generally hides his name and often spells it backward as this one does.—*Plain Talk.*

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**THE STAMP AUCTION.**  
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The recent stamp auction held in St. Louis was a decided success. The attendance was comparatively small, but bids were executed for several hundred collectors and dealers who could not attend, through Messrs. Chas. Votier, of the St. Louis Postage Stamp Co., and C. H. Mekeel, of the Carson Stamp Co.

The rarities and choice lots for dealers brought good prices, as the above named stamp firms are well known to be the leading dealers in South and Central American stamps.

The catalogue did not contain any extremely rare stamps, but a collector in Germany and a member of the Dresden Philatelic Society, purchased \$107 worth of stamps for his collection.

The \$200 revenue, catalogued by Sterling for \$25 brought \$13. Lot 390, Venezuela inland postage brought \$5; and lot 391, same, next issue, \$8.75.

The sale netted over \$500, and its success has secured St. Louis a series of auction sales, to commence September 15th, and occur every two months.

Parties desiring to dispose of collections or specialties are invited to correspond with either of the above named parties, for terms, etc.

After the sale the reorganization of the St. Louis Philatelic Society was discussed with a view of its becoming a chapter of the National Philatelic Association soon to be organized. The idea was favored by all present, and a meeting will be called at an early date.—*The Carson Philatelist.*

## Among Our Exchanges.

We desire to exchange with every paper in the world published in the interest of, or having a department pertaining to Philately.

Publishers, please send us two (2) copies of your paper each month, and we will be pleased to reciprocate.

*The Philatelic News* is a very neat little paper from Chicago; it promises to succeed.

The most fashionable, and one of the best stamp papers published, is *The Empire State Philatelist*. Mr. Cuno's "Co-operation" is its special feature for April.

*The Capital City Philatelist* is one of the stamp papers which has worked its way to the top of the ladder. It is well supported by reliable dealers whose advertisements appear each month. With its April number it has started to illustrate the new issues.

*The Exchange*, of Adrian, Mich., has suspended. We have received number 4 of Volume II., which will be the last number published. It contains a cut of Mr. E. A. Holton, of Boston, Mass., one of the leading stamp dealers in America.

*The Minnesota Philatelist* will not be published any more as its editor and publisher is at present in the St. Paul (gaol) for making fraudulent use of the U. S. Mails.

All philatelists should read Mr. Bradt's article on "A National Philatelic Organization" in April number of *The Philatelic Journal of America*.

We have also received the following papers. Publishers accept our thanks: *The Philatelic Exchange List*, *The Stamp and Coin Gazette*, *Tidings from Nature*, *The Monthly Call*, *Collectors' Science Monthly*, *The Southampton Stamp Advertiser*, *Stamp and Coin Collector's Advertiser*, *Carson Philatelist*, *The Observer*, *Youth's Pilot*, *Canadian Philatelic and Curio Advertiser*, *The Philatelic World*, *Philatelic Tribune*, *El Ecuador Filatelico*, *Philatelic Mercury*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Welt Post*, *Arizona Pride of Philately*, *Youth's Ledger*.

The sale of coins of ancient Greece and Rome war medals and modern coins at New York, April 10th, was a success. Total realized, about \$4,000.

## STELLALAND.

The Boers of the Transvaal Republic established the republic of Stellaland in 1884. It was on territory claimed by Great Britain, or ground considered necessary for the safety of Natal, and so it was formally "annexed" without many protests on the part of the settlers. As a separate country its existence extended over the space of but a few months. From information which we consider entirely reliable, we are satisfied that the Boer Government issued the postage stamp known to collectors. They had a regularly organized government and being familiar with the advantages of the postal system in their native country, it is not wonderful that they desired the same facilities for the transmission of mail matter in their new home. The fact that the stamps were not available for postage beyond the borders of the country, is nothing against them. There are numerous examples of such stamps, prominent among them being those from Shanghai, which every collector knows of and the genuineness of which no one doubts. If one wants to send a letter from Shanghai to a foreign country, he must prepay with stamps of Japan, France, etc., procured from the different consuls.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

A letter was received the other day at the Oswego Post-office from England addressed to "John Kent, Horse Wiggers Falls, Horse Wiggers County, State of New York." An astute clerk in the Postoffice, after a moment of puzzled thought, decided that the intent of the writer was to have it go to Oswego Falls, Oswego County, and he sent it there.

A lady in Naugatuck, while looking over the o'd family bible recently, found an old Colonial \$6 note, date 1758. The note was good for seventeen ounces, ten pennyweights of silver in New Jersey. On one side is printed, "To counterfeit this is death." The family, evidently, had not followed the injunction, "Search the Scriptures."

The number of ordinary dead letters, circulars and post cards received at the Dead Letter Office, Ottawa, during the year of 1885, was 694,556.

## Munismatic Department.

BY J. HOOPER.

All correspondence and information intended for this department should be addressed to J. Hooper, Esq., Box 145, Port Hope, Canada.

Our brave volunteers' "North West" medals have arrived and are being distributed among the men who took part in that campaign. They are of silver, size 23. Obverse, coronated head of Queen Victoria with veil thrown over back of head; around circle the words "Victoria Regina et Imperatrix." Reverse, "North West" in semi; "1885 Canada" in two straight lines. The above words are surrounded by a branch of maple leaves, the stem starting at bottom and continuing in one line around outer circle; under the bust is the name of the maker, "J. G. Wyou." The medal is exceptionally well executed, more especially the obverse which bears a good likeness of "our Queen." The continuous branch of maples will bear criticism to an artist in that line, the double branched wreath would have (perhaps) been more artistic. However, as a whole, the medal is well produced and the letters in good shape. The medal has a clasp with red and slate colored striped ribbon. A cast miniature medal is also to hand and will be described in our next, together with the "Egyptian Nile Voyageurs" medal.

The oldest bank note in existence is preserved in the Museum at St. Petersburg. Its date is 1399 B.C. It was issued by the Chinese Government. Bank notes were current in China 2697 B.C. The note is written and bears the name of the Imperial Bank, date and number of issue, signature of a Mandarin and contains a list of punishments inflicted for forgery of notes.

A coin found near Scituate, Mass., U.S., bears on the obverse the following inscription: "In commemoration of the extinction of Colonial slavery throughout the British dominions in the reign of William IV." The reverse has the figure of a slave with his shackles broken and the words, "This is the Lord's doings, 1784."

## TO RESTORE WORN COIN.

While Dr. A. H. Best, of North Carolina, was silver plating a small article with cyanide of silver solution he used a Spanish silver coin as an anode. The coin had been hammered to twice its original size and was worn perfectly smooth. A powerful glass could not bring out a letter or figure on it, yet in a little while after it was put in the bath every letter and figure became perfectly clear. The date, 1800, could be plainly seen.

A singular discovery of gold coins has been made at Park Street, a little village on the Southern borders of Bedfordshire, and has been reported to the Treasury. A man in the employment of Mr. Boff, carpenter and builder, was engaged splitting some old oak beams, when in the centre of one of them he came upon a cavity out of which rolled a number of bright coins. The hole had been neatly formed, and was circular in shape, having apparently been drilled into the wood, and it was fitted with a plug to conceal it. On further search being made, another hiding place of the same kind was found, also containing treasure. The coins, which number over a hundred, consist of nobles, angels, and half-angels, and vary in date from the reign of Henry VI. to that of Henry the VIII. They are in excellent preservation. Some of them bear the figure of St. Michael, others a ship with a cross for a mast, and all have Latin inscriptions upon them. The largest coins are about the size of half a crown, and the smallest resemble a sovereign. It is not known at present where the beam in which the treasure was found came from, as Mr. Boff has recently pulled down several old arm houses and other buildings in the neighborhood.

London postmen are perhaps too busy to read post cards, or one handed in at the post-office of a theatrical newspaper must have perplexed the deliverer if he was not well posted in theatrical technicalities. It was thus couched:—"Please change my head at top this week. Alter juvenile lead to heavies, and say double-handed cornerman wanted immediately." The advertisement came from the proprietor of a travelling theatre.

## Exchanges.

In order to facilitate the exchange of duplicates, and with a view to bringing about more intimate relations among collectors, we offer a column per month, *free of charge to our subscribers only*, wherein they may state what they have to dispose of and what they desire in exchange. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper.

I have 10 V Nickles without the word cents each of which I would like to change for 400 Canadian Stamps. Carl Duncker, 800 Carr St., St. Louis, Mo., U.S.

Wanted to Exchange: A 22 calibre revolver with box of cartridges for the best offer of old Canada, N. F., N. B., P.E.I., etc. Robert L. Stephens, State Line, Warren Co., Ind.

Old Canadian and Provincial stamps and coins to exchange for those not in my collection. Some good books for coins or stamps. Send list of what you have. Address, M. A. MacDonald, Eldon, Prince Edward Island.

Will exchange any of the following, viz.: all kinds of bill stamps, U.S. Special Delivery stamps on original envelopes, specimens of coal fossils, plants, ferns, etc., for good foreign or old Canadian stamps not in my collection. State what you have. All letters answered by return mail. T. J. McMinn, 102 Rose Avenue, Toronto.

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## Correspondence.

We solicit, and are prepared to insert under this heading, any information or suggestions that may be thought of interest to the Philatelic world. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different standpoints. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue also. We hold ourselves in readiness to give here such information as lies in our power, and are prepared, at all times, to assist Philatelists in the solution of such questions as we are able to.

TORONTO, 10th May, 1886,

Editor TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR, — I have in my collection, the set of three Italy, 1855 issue, head of Victor Emanuel, to right in white oval, inscriptions embossed in color, unperforated, and although these stamps are catalogued as the 1855 issue, one of them, the 40 cent red, bears the postmark TORINO, 20 MARZ, '54. The others, 5 cent and 10 cent, bear only the cancellation marks. There can be no doubt of their genuineness, and I would like to know whether you or any of your readers can inform me how it is that the date is 20 March 1854, when by the catalogues they were not issued until 1855.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

T. J. McMINN.

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