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| *22 Hamburg, '66, 1½ s. rose | 3 | 2 | | 5 | 3 |
| *Porto Rico, '90, 1m, 1m, 4m, 6m, 8m. | 12 | 9 | 93 India, "Service postage" green | ~~ | <u> </u> |
| *Honduras, 78, 1c, 2c, 4 r. | 18 | 5 | surcharge \$5 | | \$3 00 |
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| env | F0 | 20 | *6 Sirmoor, '85, 2 a carmine | 15 | 12 |
| 221 Peru, 1884, 50c. brown, blk sur'ge | | 30 | *5 Sirmoor, '85, 1 a blue | 10 | 6 |
| *Travancore 1 chuckram, blue | 8 | 5 | *4 Sirmoor, '85, 6p green | 5 | 3 |
| * " 2 " red | 12 | 8 | *3 Sirmoor, '85, 3p, or'ge | 5 | 2 |
| * " 4 " green | 18 | 12 | 32 Straits Settlement, '81, 10c on 6c | | |
| *Salvador, '88. 5c steel blue, roul | 12 | 5 | violet | 15 | 12 |
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| 57 " '76, 50 sh car | 5 | 4 | " 1.90, " " 2 | 00 | 1 10 |
| 64 " '88, 15 sh violet | | 2 | | 50 | 80 |
| 66 " -388, 25 sh. light green | 2 | 2 | ······ | 00 | 3 60 |
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| Natal, '88, 1 sh orange, red sur | | 10 | MATCH AND MEDICINE STA | MPS | 3. |
| 10 Tobago '82, 4 p green | | 15 | 10-0 Barnes, D. S., 1c. black 1 | 00 | 30 |
| *1 Bhore 79, 4 a red | 10 | 5 | | 00 | 25 |
| 11 Ecuador, 72, 1 p rose | | 25 | 170 "Demas & Co., 2c black | 50 | 20 |
| 21 Mexico, '64, 1 r blue, unp | 20 | 13 | 85 f Flanders, A. H., M. D. watermark | 90 | 20 |
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| 32 Japan, '76 (postal), 1 s blue | 6 | 3 | | 00 | 75 |
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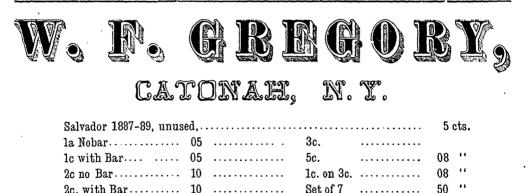
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CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGART.

AUSTRIA—A new series is to be issued, with head of Emperor, which will be in relief in the 1 and 2 gulden. 1kr., gray; 2kr., pale brown; 3kr., green; 5kr., red; 10 kr., blue; 12kr., deep red; 15kr., carmine; 20kr, olive; 24kr., gray-blue; 30kr., deep brown; 50kr., violet; 1 gulden, deep blue; 2 gulden, deep red. There will also be envelopes, cards, letter cards and bands, in which the stamps will be in relief and of the same color as the corresponding adhesives.

BRAZIL—The *Philatelic Record* illustrates a new series of journal stamps with "Correio," "Jornaes" and "E. U. do Brazil" on three scrolls. 10r., pale blue; 20, green; 50, olivegreen; 100, carmine; 200, violet; 300, blue; 500, red; 700, violet; 1,000, yellow.

BRITISH GUIANA—The 1, 2 and 3 dollar inland revenue stamps, green and black, have all been surcharged in red "One—Cent."

BRITISH EAST AFRICA—In addition to the stamps noted last month we hear of the 1 anna on 1d., and 2a on the 2d. Some of the Indian stamps have also been surcharged in red with pen and ink, "B. E. A." and the word "India" erased also with red ink.

BULGARIA-The 10c. Postal Union card comes with the new type of stamp.

COLUMBIA—There is a 70c. oubierta, blue on white, and a new 20c. stamp, violet, very similar to the lately issued 2c. Mr. Curtis says that the three stamps with eagle in oval inscribed "Franco de Poste—Provisional" are frauds.

CONGO FREE STATE—High values are expected; 10, 15, 20, 25 and 50 frances.

COSTA RICA-The I. B. J. illustrates the stamp on new envelopes. The arms are in an

oval frame inseribed "Correos de Costa Rica," above and value below; 5c., orange 10c., brown violet, both on white. There is also a 2c. wrapper, green on yellowish gray of which the stamp has large figure of value in circle; and two cards with similar stamps; 2c., green and 3c. carmine, both on buff.

FINLAND--The 1 and 5 marks are mentioned of the new type, also the 10x10 post card.

ROUMANIA-The 10 bani card has the new stamp.

RUSSIA—The A. J. of P. notes 3 kop. cards for the interior, similar to the Postal Union card. One is red on buff and the other red and black on buff.

SERVIA — There is an official letter card employed in Belgrade. Black inscription and blue hand stamp in upper right corner. Yellow paper.

SWITZERLAND-The 5c. cards have the side inscriptions larger and the 10c. card has "VII. 90-720,000."

URUGUAY-The 5c. violet, was surcharged "Provisorio" in red as an essay.

ZANZIBAR—The Stamp News has some of the current Indian stamps surcharged "Zanzibar" in red with pen and ink, and the word "India" erased.

NOTICE.

The following are authorized to receive subscriptions and advertisements for this Journal:

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This month we have two applications for membership. A small number of answers and remittances have been the result from my last dunning of delinquent members. A large number are still outstanding. If not paid before my next report their name will be struck off from the list of members.

AFPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

WALTER MCMAHON, 65 Melbourne Av., Toronto. References: H.F. Ketcheson, T.S. Clark.

E. H. D HALL, Peterborough, Ont. References: H. F. Ketcheson T. S. Clark.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, NO. 24.

No. 239, HENRY CLOTZ, box 3489, New York City.

No. 240, Aug. Dejonge, Box 281, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York.

No. 241, R. F. Albrecut, box 245, Tomkinsville, Staten Island, New York.

The following changes should be made in list of members: No. 38, W. C. Beardsley, should be H. C. Beardsley, box 616, and not the address given, No. 118 should be Maurice, instead of Morris E. Finney.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. A. KING, Secretary.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The following donations have been received during the month of September, all of which are thankfully received :---

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| W. H. Bruce, Hartford, Conn | | 96 |
| *From an unknown | | 27 |
| Ernest F. Wurtele, Quebec | | 16 |
| E. O. Evans, Charlestown, Mass. | | 7 |
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| Total | • | 146 |

*Will the party who sent the parcel containing 27 papers please drop me his address on a post card so I can give due credit for same.

The Association is indebted to the American Philatelist and Eastern Philatelist and Western Philatelistfor current numbers of these journals.

Mr. Wurtele writes to say that a photo sent by him to the late G. Walker for the library was not acknowledged, as well as one sent to Mr. Young, of Montreal. Several complaints about the latter I have referred to the Executive. Mr. Young also holds 3 photos borrowed from the Library.

I have every hope that our wide-awake Official Board will procure those two works of the London Society on the stamps of Oceania and British North America shortly. We are waiting patiently and have nine applications on hand for them already. If we are going to have a library we must try and make it of some use to the members.

J. R. HOOPER.

RARE PROVISIONALS.

The following Provisional and Split Stamps were shown by Mr. J. R. Hooper, at the late C. P. A. Convention held in Montreal :---

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Provincial 7 pence, 1861.-Two specimens on entire original covers. Half of Sd, vermilion, 1857, and a 3d. green. One sent from Harbor Britain, Newfoundland, April 27, 1861, and the other from the same place June 6, 1861, to Nova Scotia. Mr. H. L. Hart and Mr. J. S. Robertson also possess copies of this rarity. The remaining Newfoundland Provisionals Mr. Hooper claims to be almost unique.

Provisional, 4 pence, 1864. Half of an 8d. orange-vermilion, 1857, used as 4d. on entire letter back, posted in St. John's, Newfoundland, August 10, 1864, to Nova Scotia.

Provisional $6\frac{1}{2}$ pence, 1864.—A 4d. lake, half of a 4d. lake and half of a 1d. brown; the whole on entire envelope, posted from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, Sept. 7, 1864, to Nova Scotia.

Provisional 13 cents, 1868.—A 10c. black, 1865, with a whole 1d, 1859, and half of a 1d., (unsevered.) The whole on entire letter cover, posted from Harbor Britain, Nov. 30, 1868, to Nova Scotia. The whole of these were gems and perfect in every respect.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Provisional 3d's.—Three specimens, all split 6d's diagonally, two on entire letter back.

Provisional $7\frac{1}{2}d$.—A 6d, and half of a 3d. on entire cover.

Provisional 5 cts.—Half of a 10c. carmine, split diagonally, on entire original envelope, from Bathurst Village 28 June, 1860, to Shippayan.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Provisional 3d. 1868.—A 2d. and a half of a 2d. on entire cover, a gem. Sent from Charlottetown Jan. 2, 1868, to St. John, N. B.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Frovisional 3d's.—Half of a 6d. light green, split diagonally. Half of a 6d., dark green, split diagonally.

Provisional $7\frac{1}{2}d's$.—A 6d. light green, and diagonal half of a 3d; two 3 d's and haif of a 3d., cut diagonally in entire unsevered strip; a 6d., dark green, and diagonal half of 3d.; three fine specimens on entires.

As Mr. Hooper is partially giving up collecting he is disposing of all the above rareties, as well as others, by auction, in New York city, this winter. He will hereafter devote his energies to Canada Revenues only, which he says is the "coming craze."

EARLY POST OFFICE FRAUDS.

In view of the recently celebrated jubilee of the Penny Post and of the Philatelic Exhibition held in London, the following extracted from the *Bullionist* some time ago, may be of interest; The introduction of postage stamps

and postage envelopes proved an enormous convenience to the public and the Post Office, to the latter chiefly by doing away with the elaborate inter-office accounts which were rendered necessary by the former process. The first stamps were for one penny each and printed in black ink; and at the time the Post Office used red ink for stamping the letters and cancelling the stamps. It was not long before a method was discovered by which the red ink could be removed from the stamps, which could then be used again without fear of detection. The Post Office, therefore, changed the color of their stamping ink from red to black, and that form of fraud was extinguished. This was no sooner done than it was discovered that some of the officials in different offices collected used postage stamps and removed from the letters the unused stamps, substituting used ones in This too was discovered, and their place. ever since all postage stamps are cancelled by having the number of the office where the letter was posted stamped upon it or its name.-Johannes, Nottingham, Eng.

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The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have been at work for some time on a new catalogue which will be without doubt the most complete work of the kind ever issued. It will contain over 300 pages and will be sold at the old price.

Wm. C. Dawson, of the South American Philatelie Society of Lima, Peru, writes: "Be ware of some 10c. green stamps with false Chilian arms surcharge that are being offered by parties here." P. J. OF A.

Mr. Guy Semple informs us that there is now being offered in London a most daring forgery of the 1sh. 9d. Ceylon, printed on star water marked paper, which is undoubtedly of English manufacture.— Metropolitan Philatelist.

We would like all our readers who have or who from time to time get information that would be of interest to philatelists in general to send us the same; we are always glad to get bits of news in that way and always give credit for it to the one from whom it comes. The Metropolitan Philatelist for October is to hand and contains the official correspondence and reports of the American Philatelic Assoeiation. From it we learn that a majority of the members have asked for a mail vote to be taken on the question of abolishing the "American Philatelist and substituting the Metropolitan as official organ. From all we can learn the American Philatelist will appear again in a few months filling the place it has occupied for the last three years.

Ingenious advertisers will now have to be careful how they imitate telegram envelopes, or other covers, post cards, telegraph forms, stamps, and post marks used in the Post Office. Mr. Raikes has authorised the issue of a notice declaring that these devices are contraventions of an Act passed in 1884 to restrain such imitative ingenuity. Embarrassment to the Post Office, as well as annoyance to the public, is caused by these pretty tricks of traders, and legal proceedings are henceforth to be remorselessly taken against offenders.—Daily News.

The Official Board of the A. P. A. held a meeting in New York, on Sept. 11th, and appointed the following officers ;

Trustees—A. L. Holman, Chicago, Ill.; Phil. H. Dilg, Chicago, Ill.; J. W. Palmer, Oak Park, Ill.

Librarian-L. H. Drury, Chicago, Ill.

Superintendent of Sales--H. L. Calman, New York City.

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Second Purchasing Agent-Henry O.Harris, Doyleston, Pa.

Third Purchasing Agent: A. R. Rogers, New York City.

Counterfeit Detector: E. A. Holton, Boston, Mass.

Literary Exchange Superintendent: H. C. Beardsley.

Resident Vice-president for Canada: Major F. J. Grenny, of Brantford, Ont. Mr. W. H. Bruce sends us the following; "Warn all dealers and collectors against J. J. French, Jr., care W. H. Brett & Co., Castleton, Vt. Uses finely printed letter heads and sends nicely written *bogus* reference; is firstclass swindler and the authorities are after him."

A penny postage stamp, on the adhesive side of which was written a message in shorthand, and the address of a resident at Guildford, was was posted the other day in Lincoln, and has been duly delivered at the address stated in Guildford. The official mark had been stamped upon the face of this novel letter, and the writing on the back was easily deciphered when the stamp reached its destination.— Echo.

All our readers we are sure will be pleased to hear that the Official Board of the A. P. A. have appointed Major F. J. Grenny, Resident Vice-president for Canada. The Major may truly be called the "father of Philately" in Canada, he having been an enthusiastic collector for over thirty years and is to-day the foremost collector in the Dominion.

The Board made a wise choice in appointing Major Grenny and one that will please all Canadian collectors.

SWINDLER CAUGHT.

In our September issue we informed our readers of the fact that the John Borgeson working under several aliases and carrying on a general stamp swindling business, had been arrested. All the stamps found in his possession at the time of his arrest were taken in charge by the officers and will be handed over to some competent person to distribute as far as possible to their lawful owners. We now give our readers some idea how he carried on his business. We received the following letter from Mr. Butchart, of Owen Sound, together with some of the Union Stamp Co.'s correspondence with him, which explains their mode of swindling: *H. F. Ketcheson, Peterborough, Ont*:

DEAR SIR,—In the September "DOMINION PHILATETIST" I notice that John Borgeson, alias P. A. Nelson, had been arrested. The following is a short sketch of my dealings with this man :-Last April P. A. Nelson sent to me for sheets on approval; he also sent a written reference from the Union Stamp Co. I sent him over four dollars worth of stamps. As he failed to make returns I wrote the Union They collected the bill for me, Stamp Co. sending me over \$5.00 worth of stamps for my \$4,00 worth, as the enclosed letter will show. Shortly afterwards I received the enclosed price list, which accounts for their returning the stamps. They thought I would snap at the wonderful bargains offered, and their returning the stamps was a first class reference, but the stamps were too cheap for me.

Yours truly, A. S. BUTCHART.

[NOTE.—Mr. Butchart encloses a letter from the "Union Stamp Co," which reads as follows:

"We have seen P. A. Nelson and found him, as usual, a boy of about fourteen years of age. He did not have the stamps that you had sent him, but offered us that amount in stamps which he had in an old writing book, which we took, as his parents seemed poor and thinking that you would as soon have them. He promised never to do it again and we left him frightened worse than a murderer with detectives close at his heels.

Enclosed is the stamps, and shall always try to help you in such cases when you have any. We may have a person near your town by next month, as he does not seem to be in a hurry about answering us.

Respectfully,

UNION STAMP CO.

A few days later he received a wholesale list from them offering stamps at about one-helf what other wholesale dealers offer them for and also stating that they would not make any charge for collecting the bill against P. A. Nelson. The following are samples of some of the bargains offered by them:

1,000 var., \$3.00; P. O. Dept. unused, 80c. per set; Nova Scotia 1 p., red, \$1.00 cach; Agriculture Dept. used, 80c. per set; and about 100 other lots equally as cheap. Where is the dealer who does not want to buy at those prices?

The U.S. P. O. Dept. deserve much praise for their promptness in arresting this swindler

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\$100 GIVEN AWAY.

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> DOMINION PHILATELIC PUB. Co., Box 789, Peterborough, Ont.

THE STAMPS OF THE "SCINDE DISTRICT DAWK."

Postage stamps were issued in Scinde, a district of the East India Company, in 1851, under the administration of the late Sir Bartle Frere, by the postmaster of the district, a Mr. Coffey, who proved himself a "man of resources," and produced a scheme by which, in the face of a direct snub from the Government, was demonstrated that the Post Office in India, as in Europe, could be made to pay its own expense, and possibly to produce a surplus.

The district was at the time an almost new acquisition, the local exchequer was unable to meet the demands made upon it, and an appeal being made to the Government of India—the

East India Council-for more post offices, and for an internal postal system (external correspondence was provided for previously by the ships of the Company, etc., letters would be prepaid by British stamps), the applicants " were reminded of their poverty, and told that when the Government of India could afford money to spend in Scinde, there were many things to be provided before post offices could be thought of." Thus plainly intimating that such luxuries as post offices were of no use to the natives, and as forming, perhaps, simply an accommodation to the officials, would incur expense which the Government was unwilling to bear. This view was not, however, accepted by Sir Bartle Frere, and he being invested with power to make the best arrangements possible for the development of the country, a scheme was devised by the postmaster which, in the success of its execution, fully justifies Sir Bartle Frere's description of Mr. Coffey as a "man of resources." Stamps were manufactured, and were "issued to stamp vendors and Government officials and every police officer and native district collector of land revenue, customs, &c., was ordered to receive and forward, with his own official papers, to his immediate official superior, all letters bearing one of these mysterious stamps..... Thus every Government office in Scinde became a district. post office, and the first official who had a real post office at hand, sent to it all the stamped letters which he and his subordinates had collected. The system worked very well, and, of course, very cheaply, for we got a complete network of post offices and postal lines all over the country without expense."

It may be noted that although mention is made of a system of *collection* of letters only, there must have also been arrangements made for the *delivery* of the missives, and we may infer that the same methods were made use of in the delivery as in the collection of letters.

The general shape and design of the stamp is as follows: Shape circular, design formed by a garter with buckle, bearing the inscription, "Scinde District Dawk." The centre is filled with a heart-shaped shield, divided into three, in which are the letters $\frac{\kappa_1}{c}$. Above the shield is a character resembling the figure 4, but having a minute crescent at end of the horizontal stroke, thus 4c. Below the shield the value.

The first issue was 1 anna, circular, in relief on white paper. Garter with a single rivg to outer edge. This was issued in 1851, and was speedily followed by a second issue, of somewhat similar design, but from a more carefully prepared die, and having a double ring to outer This stamp remained in use edge of Garter. some little time, and was displaced (probably on account of the stamp not being easily distinguished) by the third issue of exactly same design and value, ½ anna, circular, wax red, on a hard enamelled surface, being almost of the nature of a seal. This stamp possessed the merit of being plainly discernible, but from its nature was very brittle and easily damaged, in addition to being badly adhesive, so that it almost immediately gave place to the fourth issue, 1 anna, design as before, but characters in white relief on a blue ground.

This stamp continued in use until superseded by the general issue for British India, when, the success of an internal postal system having been conclusively demonstrated, the British Government (the country having in the meantime, in consequence of the Indian Mutiny, become part of the British Empire), adopted a postal system for the Indian Empire, and in 1854 there appeared the successors to the stamps of the "Scinde District Dawk," which are of great interest not only from their history, but also as being pioneers of the new postal system, for they are

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On the introduction of the postage stamps of the British Government, there is, I think, good evidence that the remaining stock of Scinde stamps was permitted to be used up, as occasional specimens may be met with, bearing the cancelling marks as found on the stamps of India.

As might be expected from a locally prepared hand-stamp, there are varieties as to paper, etc. A portion of the white issue were struck (by hand) in ruled squares. I have spectmens showing the blue ruled square, also a specimen bearing distinct traces of a double embossing. The earliest specimens are roughly executed, and were evidently the production of an amateur. Later issues, especially the red and blue varieties, were issued after some experience had been gained, and they present a much finer appearance.

Appended is a list of the varieties of Scinde stamps. All are adhesive, and all circular, but issued with corners forming a square. The red variety being the only exception, it was issued in circular shape, exact to the die from which embossed.

Type. Value.

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| 0. 1,] - | anna, e | embo | ossed in plain relief on unsur- |
|----------------------|---------|------|---------------------------------|
| | | | faced cream wove paper, |
| | | | with single ring to outer |
| | | | edge of garter. |
| 1 a | " | // | as No. 1, but double im- |
| | | | pression. |
| 1b | 11 | " | as No. 1, hut on laid paper, |
| | | | white. |
| 2 | // | // | in plain relief, on white wove |
| | | | surfaced paper, with |
| | | | double ring to outer |
| | | | edge of garter. |
| 2 a | 11 | // | as No. 2, but with an outer |
| | | | square of blue lines. |
| 2b | // | " | as No. 2, but on azure tint- |
| | | | ed wove surfaced paper. |
| 2 c | 11 | 17 | as No. 2a, but on thick |
| | | | fawn card paper. |
| 3 | // | // | in relief on enamelled |
| | | | paper, wax red. |
| 4 | 11 | Π | in white relief on blue |
| | | | ground, wove paper. |
| 4 a | 11 | " | as No. 4, but in square of |
| | | | blue lines. |
| 4b | 11 | // | in white relief on greenish |
| | | | blueground, wove paper. |
| 4 c | 11 | " | as No. 4, but on thick |
| | | | fawn card paper. |
| | | | |

The varieties on fawn paper may be from the gum, but the paper is much thicker than in any of the other varieties.

In conclusion, I give an extract from *Cfficial Catalogue*, *London Philatelic Exhibition*, 1890, by Major Evans: "Seinde District Dawk. These unpretending looking *discs* were the forerunners of the general issues for British India, having been introduced in Seinde in 1851, by the late Sir Bartle Frere. Until a tew months age, only the white and blue vari-

eties were known, and they were fairly reekoned amongst the unattainables. A recent find, however, has brought a few copies of each into the market, and has revealed the existence of an unknown variety, in the third of the national colours. All British collectors will long for the Scinde Dawk stamps in red, white, and blue, but they won't all get them."—From the Official Gazette of the I. P. U.

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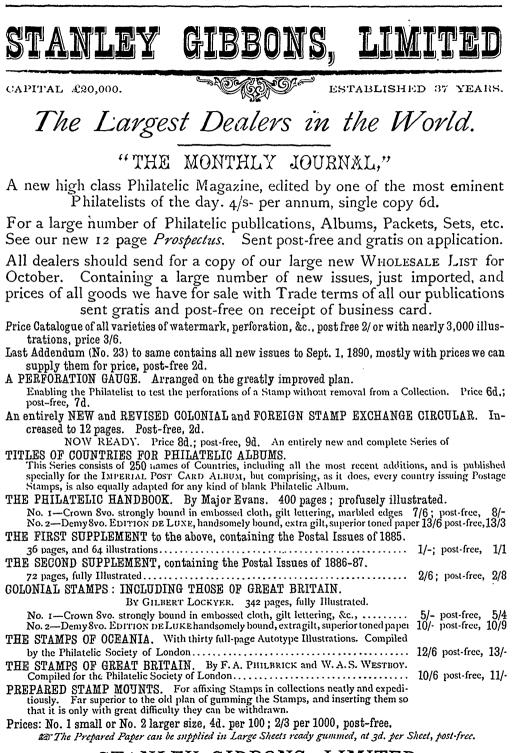
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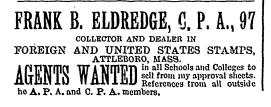
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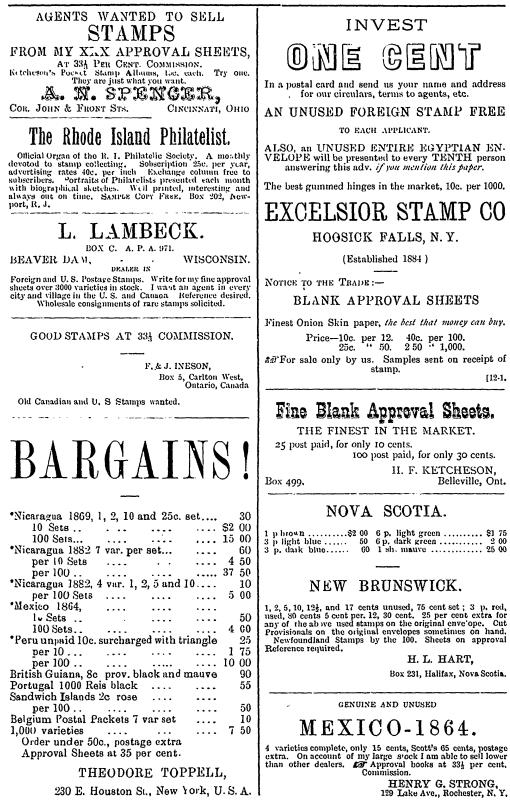
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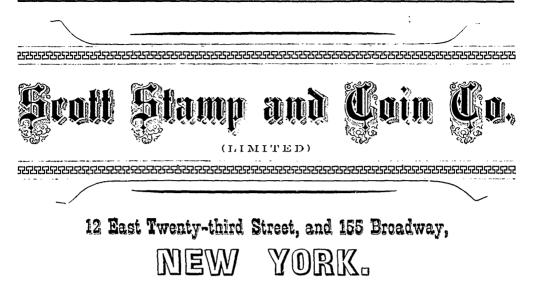
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| Scott's Imperial, cloth | 0 85 post paid. |
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