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Picture Post-Cards in Turkey.

Mr. Richardson, editor of the Picture Postcard, writes: - "It may interest many of your readers to know that by virtue of a decision of the Council of Ministers authorized by an Imperial Iradé, the Sublime Porte has forbidden the introduction into the Ottoman Empire of picture postcards bearing the names of God and His Prophet Mahomet, drawings of the Kaaba and all other Mussulman religious build ngs, as well as portraits of Mahomedan women. The Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs has accordingly memorialized all the foreign Legations in Constantinople, asking them to be so good as to convey this communication to all whom it may concern. Following on the Irade the local police have seized all such cards found on the possession of salesmen of Turkish nationality in Constantinople, and have bought up all they could find in the possession of subjects of other States. This interdiction is founded upon the prohibition in the Koran forbidding the use among the Faithful, of the representation of all animal and even vegetable life in any drawings or decora tions by Mussulmans. Apart from the religious question (into which, of course, we christians have no right to enter), one cannot but regret the decision of the

Sublime Porte, for it will undoubtedly prove a severe blow to an artistic and perfectly legitimate trade in the Ottoman Empire. For naturally the chief objects of interest to the traveller in Turkey are moseques and other religious buildings, other semi-State, semi-religious, functions-all of which will necessarily be included in this ban. And in its way the prohibition of the placing on a post-card of the features and costumes of a Turkish woman will be no less annoying to the tourist desirous of either sending to his friends or keeping for his own collection these interesting souvenirs of Turkish women dressed in their peculiar oriental costume. However, the Iradé has gone forth, and no more Turkish postcards bearing views of moseques or women will be allowed to emanate from the Turkish Empire with the Turkish postmark upon them. I have received official inform a ion that the Turkish Post Office will refuse to accept these cards for transmission out of Turkey, whilst on the other hand the Customs have received instructions to seize any that may be sent to the country"

The period of finest Greek art as shown by their coins was from 415 B. C. to 335 B.C.

It is rather surprising to those who have seen only a dozen sea shells in their life to learn that there are over 3000 varieties of marine shells in the world.

The Nyassaland Swindle.

Late in 1894, there appeared a set of stamps issued, it is said by the Nyassa Company in South Africa. The issue was remarkable for its numerous minor varietles. This led to suspicion, and at last the "S'amp Collectors Fortnightly" then under the editorship of Mr. Harry Hilckes, denounced the stamps as a swindle. bringing forward the proof that the conditions made by the Government of Portugal in granting the charter to the Nyassa Company had not been observed. This fraud was proved. Portugal had not recognized the issue as being within the rights of the trading company, and the leading British dealer who had been sole agent for the stamps admitted his mistake, refunded returning the money for all fraudulent labels sold. This issue bears the representation of a turret-exactly like a rook in chess-and has the inscription. "Cabo Delgado, Compannia do Nyassa Provincia de Mozambique." 1t must be carefully distinguished from the genuine Nyassa issue of 1897-8, surcharged "Nyass" on stamps of Mozambipue of 1893 and 1898

The reason why Indian stamps in particular should have been singled out for the use of troops on active service in China may be found in the fact that India is the most convenient and nearest British Colony of importance from which to supply the army with all kinds of stores ammunition and commodities, postage stamps included.

The large majority of the troops were dispatched from India, and are either

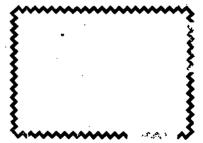
Natives of India or British soldiers, who were serving there at the time there was broke out. These troops are all paid by the Indian Government, and not by the English Government, as many people suppose, and under these conditions it is only just that the revenue arising from attendance to t'e postal requirements of those troops, should help to fill the coffers of the former Government.

One would think, perhaps, that the stamps of Hong Kong, being our nearest colony to China, would have been used, but the supply of these stamps

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would be too small to cope with the numbers required in China and Hong Kong at the same time. Also the coinage would clash with that of the Chinese treaty ports and districts, the cent in Hong Kong being worth 1d; while the cent in China. &c, varies in value; so that the anna-ip, would be most convenient for all and least confusing. By the way the meaning of the overprint C.F.F. is "Chinese Expeditionary Force," and it is printed upon the stamps in order to prevent profitable speculation, at the expense of the post office, in this way:-the stamps are to be sold in the field at less than their value in India, and under this favo:able position of taffairs, speculators would soon buy up the whole issue, to re-sell in India at a profit; but the surcharge prevents this, for the stamps bearing it are not available for postage in India.

Another Royal Collector - Princess Charles of Denmark is said to be an ardent stamp collector, a hobby which she probably adopted from her brother, the Duke of York, in the days of their harpy childhood. Neither long frocks nor marriage had the power of making Princess Mand care less or her stamps, and to-day her collection is a most intere ting one. The albums which contain it are carefully arranged, the varions and multitudinous specimen s be ing intermingled with water-colour borders and sketches from the brush of the Princess, who is quite the most original and artistic of the Prince of Wale's daughters.

How We Get Our Colours.

The use of colours for printing and o.her purposes is the means of giving work to thousands of unknown toilers.

The natural earth of Sienna and Umbria, in Italy, produces the raw colours, and the same material fused the familiar "burnt sienna" and "burnt umber"

"Turkey red" comes from Indian madde' diant; "carmine" and the "Lakes" are squeezed cochineal. "Sedia" is, of course taken from the cuttle fish. "Gamboge is the yellow sap of a siamese tree; "Ultramarine" is, or should be, made from the priceless lapis lazuli; while "Prussian blue," which was stumbled upon by accident, is the burnt product of horses' hools and impure potassium carbonate. "India ink" is made in China: "blue black" is the charcoal of the vine stalk, and "bistre" is made from ordinary wood ashes.

Labuan and Borneo used for postage last year \$4.000 worth of stamps. There were however \$100,000 worth of these stamps sold. The difference \$96.000, represents the provender consumed by the Philatelic lamb.

Austria, France and Germany each have a postoffice at Jerusalum.

We are indebted to coins alone for the drized portraits of the most noted characters in history. The refinement or barbarity of the people of the earthh as been shown with fidelity by their coins.

Mounds, which are so plentiful in the Mississippi valley and Eastern states, are unknown in Oregon. The nearest approach to them are the shell her ps for all in various places on the Oregon's acoast.

Collecting Post Cards. .

The idea originated with Dr. E. Herman, Professor of National economy at the Imperial Academy of Weiner, Neustad. On July 26th, 1869 he published an article in the "Neue Freie Presse," on the "New Means of Correspondence by Post," in which he brought forward his ideas of the Post card. Baron Malay, the Postmaster-General of Austria, took it up so energetically that they were put on sale throught Austria on October 1st, 1869, and 1,401,522 were sold in that month; and they were quickly adopted in other, countries.

Why they should more generally collected. (1) It is easy at the present time to make a fairly complete collection at a very small cost.

- (2)Even if unused ones are collected, the face value is very small, and there are usually not more than three or four in a set.
- (3) They are interesting to outsiders, quite as much so as stamps, if not more so. They thus form at least a valuable adjunct to one's stamp collection.
- (4) They are a happy hunting ground for those who take a delight in finding out minor varieties. In most countries errors and varieties of lettering, frame or design can be found. The frame is a fruitful source of error for being put tother in most cases in small pieces, it is very likely that some cards will be printed before misplaced or inverted parts of the design are discovered.
- (5) Of course as in stamps it is open to everyone to collect straight forward variet-

ies or to include minor varieties. If the latter are collected the dated cards of Germany, Bavaria and Italy will most likely be interesting.

(6) They are much nicer to collect than entire envelopes more artistic and more

uniform in size and shape.

(7) Many postcards are be utiful desgned and nicely engraved. Indeed, if properly mounted they are an ornament to any album they are placed in.

(8) There need be no fear about forgeries as the only two forger es I have known are of Heligoland and Japan.

(9) It is easy to pick up quite rare card for a few half pence, and thus make up a valuable collection for a sum that would buy very little indeed in the postage stamp line.

Various methods have been suggested of arranging a collection of post cards, but in order to be popular I think the method adopted should show off one's aquisitions to advantage. Therefore I shall omit from this article any discussion alout keeping them in envelopes. This leaves us two ways of displaying them:—

Each is advocated by a good number of collectors, but whichever is adopted the leaves must be sufficiently thick and stiff to hold the weight of about four to six cards. If an album is used—a well sewn 5/—scrapbook would be admirably—a convenient size is about 15in.by 12in; and containing about 200 leaves.

Do not use any gum, pasts or hinges, under any circumstances to mount the cards. If you do you will soon get tired of your hobby. There are three ways of neatly mounting without marking the

cards in any way.

(1) Cut four	slits	in the	leaf	for	each
card and slip	the	corners	of	the	card
through them.					

- (2) Sew each card on to the leaf by a stick across each corner. This is probably the best way of all, but in most cases will necessitate the help of another whose presence may add to the pleasure of collection.
- (2) Cut off the four corners of an envelope and paste them on the leaf of the leaf of the album and slip the corners of the card into them. This is very nice for the cards but not so good for the album, or unless it has plenty of guards it will bulge more than some collectors would like.

A collection of 6000 including minor varieties would be a very good one, so that five or six albums of the size mentioned would be ample and would well repay the trouble taken to arrange them.

G. Johnson.

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The Quebec government will redeem these stamps at face value, used or unused In regard to the stamp, it is rectangular, rounding this in a circle appears "Canadian Pacific Railway" above and "Telegraph" below. The date of issue appears at sides in centre of each stamp. Stamps are numbered in red.

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American stamp collectors in remiting to any Canadian dealer should not remit in silver, as the Canadian customs is now opening all letters containing silver, and charging there on a duty of 20 per cent. Therefore, let everyone remember to send odd sums under dollar in unused stamps.

Some varieties of land shells inhabit trees. But most of them prefer damp

or cool places.

Insects have contributed toward the food supply of certain nations. The Arabs ent some species of locust and consider them a great delicacy. The Mexicans cat a species of water insect.

The souvenir card has a three-fold interest. The card itself with an inter-

esting view, the stamp, and its post-

mark.

There are a great many odd divices on stamps, some of which have a meaning and are worthy of study. The arms of different nations are frequently up in such a way that the designs are very interesting. The double-headed eagle which may be seen on European stamps has its origin in the union of the Eastern and Western empires once divided under the Romans. Stamps such as those of Bergedorf show the bringing together of arms of different nations. known in heraldry as quartering. A collection which exhibits the different emblems and designs used in heraldry would surely be very interesting to one who likes to study ancient ideas as applied in modern life.

Collectors should examine their stamps carefully for rare specimens which they are likely to find among those of many countries. It has been customary among all collectors, both young and old, during late years to use a perfoation guage which enables them to readily discover which are in many instances very important so far as the collecting value of stamps is concerned.

The way in which the size of the perforation is indicated is by the numbers
that are to be found in the space of
twenty millimeters; thus a stamp is
spoken of as a perforated ten, twelve er
any other number. Stamps which are
quite common with the ordinary perforations are sometimes exceeding
rare and high priced with perforations
that are unusual. The countries in
which the difference in the size of the
perforations most frequently occur
and is of most consequence are
British colon as throughout the works.

The interest now manifested in Chinese stamps should serve to bring out much new information concerning them. The status of the issue has pretty well established. As these stamps are in such demand, it would be well to look out for counterfeits which of some issues have already been manufactured. Mostof the treaty port original issues are so crudely engraved, and the designs are so simple that forging is no hard task here.

Do you know what those characters on the stamps of China mean? Translated into English the characters on the right mean, "Started from this country;" and those on the opposite side, "To be delivered to whom addressed.

Pan American stamps. The set of stamps to commemorate the Buffalo exposition will be placed on sale about May 1st., and the various postmasters will probably be required to return their unsold stock about October 1st.

Although the time of sale is limited, the stamps will always be available for postage.

The regular series of stamps will remain on sale and will be supplied to all stamp users who do not ask for the pretty ones.

The set consists of six values, viz; 1- cut, 1-cent, 4-cent, 5-cent, 8-cent and 10-cent. The stamps will be printed in two colors. The centre of all the values will be in black, and the frame of each stamp will be in

the color of the corresponding value of the regular set. While the stamps will be larger than the current set, they will not equal the Columbians and Om ahas in size.

There are about 500 species of land shells found in the United States.

Many of them are beautiful but they are not equal to the land shells of England. So many of the English shells are beautifully barbed and colored.

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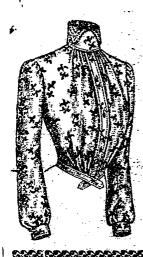
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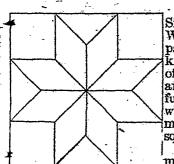


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