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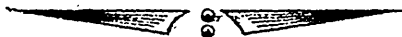
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The Newspaper Stamps of United States.

To my mind there is no stamps more beautiful than the United States Newspaper Stamps. Beautiful in design and color, and interesting because so little understood and so different from anything else of the kind. The first ones were issued in 1865 and were very large stamps, the plate impression being 55x98 mm. They consisted of the following denominations:—5c blue, head of Washington, 10c green, head of Franklin, 25c red, head of Lincoln.

In 1867 there was another 5c stamp (51x95 mm.) exactly like the former except there was a small margin of white on the stamp. This stamp was in use until 1875, when an entirely new series was brought out, consisting of twenty-four stamps (plate impression 24x35½ mm-) ranging in value from 2 cents to \$60 and may be briefly described as follows:—2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10c black, all with figures of Liberty after Crawford's statue surmounting the dome of the capital. 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 96c carmine, all with figure of Justice. The \$ 1 92 is brown, *Minnevera*

\$ 00 brown, *Goddeess of Victory*
6 00 blue, *Clio*
9 00 orange, *Minnevera*
12 00 green, *Vesta*
24 00 violet, *Peace*
36 00 red, *Commerce*
38 00 chocolate, *Hebe*
60 00 violet, *Minnehaha*;

and in 1885 a 1c stamp was added to set with the same design as the other low values.

They are not used on newspapers as many suppose but are pasted in a book for that purpose, and are sent to the Post Office Department with the office reports and there they are destroyed.

Several years ago they could be procured at the different Post Offices just as you could buy ordinary stamps, but the law has been repelled and they are now very scarce.

The reason used specimens are often seen may be explained by the fact that the Lockport, New York post office was burned some time ago and large quantities were procured at that time.

There are dangerous counterfeits made in Europe, and marked facsimile and sold at a very low price.

ED GAR.

WRITTEN FOR THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST.

THE TWELVE PENCE.

There lives a "crank" on British soil,
 With a stamp collector's name,
 And he has a choice collection, too,
 Of firm and widespread fame.

And oft he says in a wistful tone,
 As he sits on the garden fence:
 "Oh, for the one that will bring to me
 A stamp called the rare twelve pence.

"It has a face that is very black,
 Unperforated too, you see;
 Yes, the rarest stamp on Canada's shore
 Is surely the stamp for me.

"A hundred Vs should not be spurned,
 And I'll get all that I throw,
 If I had just one of the thirty gems
 (At the most thirty-five, I know)

"That were made some forty-five short years ago,
 And utilized for very heavy mail;
 And now couldn't I, with very few pains,
 Find one that's out for sale?

"They lived in the land of the Union Jack
 Maybe eight short years—ah, me!
 Then died with a groan and a broken heart,
 The remains bring a monstrous fee.

And so he sits and wonders and longs,
 But never has I hear,
 The black-faced stamp that collectors want,
 For he's lazy and dull I fear.

So now, clever reader, with eyes all alert,
 Come, hasten your walk to a run;
 And ferret the prize from its hiding place,
 Be it anywhere under the sun.

UNITED STATES
NOTES.

has any value.

The 2 cent State Department is a comparatively rare stamp and is more difficult to obtain than its catalogue valuation leads one to believe.

Of the Department Stamps only five are priced from one to three cents each. They are Interior, Post-Office Treasury and War.

It puzzles a good many collectors and dealers how the 1 cent varieties of the U. S. 1851 issues can be distinguished, also the 5 cent Beaver variety of Canada.*

A stamp that I do not see in the Catalogue is the United States Custom stamp. It is printed in carmine 1½ by 2 inches, with "U. S. Custom House N. Y." and on the next four lines are CASHIERS OFFICE, FEES RECEIVED, 20 CENTS, BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING, and on the left is an engraving of "Wright", the same is rouletted and cancelled June 1st 1889. I would like some of the readers of this paper to tell me if this stamp

Another stamp that has not been catalogued is more of a legitimate issue than the so-called Officially Sealed stamp of 1889. This letter-stamp I am informed was never legally authorized by the Post-Office Department. The stamp I have is printed in black on yellow paper, laid with U. S. watermark and is 1 by 1½ inches in size with the following inscription on it enclosed in a square border:—"Letter returned by carrier because addressees could not be found. If the address is correct or there is any other reason why the letter could have been properly delivered, please send the envelope to the Postmaster with a statement of the facts that an investigation can be made." I would like some reader to tell me more of this stamp.

The 1847 United States issue of 5 and 10 cents are found in about ten different shades and are usually found cancelled in red.

*Editors Note. The variety of the 1850, 5c beaver Canada is easily distinguished. The word "Canada" is printed in double and there is a double line on the oval to the left of the stamp.

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If there are any collectors in your city whom you think would like to see a copy of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST, send us their full names and address and we will mail them a copy provided we have not already done so.

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The Junior Philatelist is a new aspirant for philatelic honors. We would like Bro. Porter to put us on his exchange list at once as we have not had the pleasure of receiving a copy.

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From many states are appearing address books of philatelists, the latest announced being one from Virginia by H. B. Vesey. It is a good idea and we hope it will not be long before every state in the union will have a manual of that kind. Why not have one for Canada and New Foundland?

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Mr. L. M. Stabler of London, Ont. informs us that he has decided to publish the Canadian Philatelist again the first number of which will appear shortly. See his ad in this number of this paper.

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The Southern California Collector has appeared from Orange, Cal., with H. R. Cooper as publisher and editor.

We are preparing a large list of foreign names for our own use. Next month we will send to each of these a copy of this paper. Collectors desirous of obtaining a foreign correspondence could probably secure same by placing an ad in these columns.

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Is your ad in this paper. If not, why not.

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We want to exchange two copies with every philatelic paper published. As yet only a very few have signified their willingness to do so by mailing us their publication, notwithstanding the fact that we sent two marked copies of our first number to every publisher whose name we could find. Don't delay any longer but put us on your list at once.

TORONTO NOTES.

OPINION OF A TORONTO DEALER.

"Business has never been better for years" said one of the leading Toronto stamp dealers when asked if stamp trade was not falling off. "Do you know that for the fifteen years I have been in business I never seen people so hungry after good stamps and willing to pay good prices. Of course I find it difficult to get these rarities unless at high figures, but still in most cases these can be disposed of at a fair margin of profit; of course

the days for swaps in this town are over. There was a time here when I had the trade all to myself, now there are no less than a dozen making a living in stamps alone, although this makes competition very keen still indirectly I think we are benefited by it.

You know the business in stamps is altogether different than was the case some years ago, when the hobby was indulged in mostly by boys. At the present time most of my customers are men of fair means, I do not sell \$1 00 a week to young collectors."

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Clark's auction held in the Odd-fellows Hall on the 18th inst was a great success, over \$900 being realized. About 50 collectors were present although the buying was confined to about a dozen, low prices in almost every instance were realized.

The Canadian revenues especially were not sold but simply given away, Green Law stamps selling at about 70 per hundred. Everybody was delighted with their purchases as everyone secured snaps.

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C. A. Needham of Hamilton bought the pair of 12 penny Canadas at the Woodward sale in Boston for \$1850 and immediately turned round and sold them to the same firm for \$1500.

Have you sent in your subscription? If not, do so at once.

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LITERARY REVIEW.

The Post Office for March is to hand. It contains a very good article on the ribbed paper stamps of the United States. The other most important things are the Chronicle of new issues and report of the Woodward sale in Boston which goes to show that good stamps WILL bring good prices.

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The American Philatelist for March is the next paper to drop before us. It consists of 8 pages and cover, principally made up of short articles and notes which prove very interesting.

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The International Philatelist for February consists of 20 pages of which 14 contains advertising matter. Although only six pages have reading matter, yet what there is is first-class.

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The Michigan Philatelist for April is now before us. As usual it contains a good supply of reading matter which will interest the beginner as well as the advanced collector.

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The Canadian Philatelic Magazine for March contains 14 pages and cover. A fine portrait of Thos. Mitchell of Toronto adorns the first page while several other pages are filled with articles on B. N. A. stamps. Several other small items complete the paper

Philatelic Facts for February and March have been received. They do not contain a very large amount of reading matter but what there is suits us very well.

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The Philatelic Monthly & World for March is now before us. Good articles on U. S. and Foreign stamps is the most important. A few other notes and ads make this paper complete.

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The Philatelic West is to hand. It has at last secured second-class rates and the publishers now say that its future is guaranteed. It is full of interesting notes and we hope to be favored with many future visits.

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The Midland Philatelist sends us a double number for March and April. It has 8 small pages and cover and is very good for its size.

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The Springfield Philatelist for April is now before us. It contains as usual a large amount of readable matter including "Seymour's Fan" which is very amusing.

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The April number of The Bay State Philatelist contains a portrait of J. N. Luff of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company of New York, also a good auction sale report for which this paper is noted.

The Oregon Naturalist for March received. It contains very little for stamp collectors as it is principally devoted to natural science.



The March number of the Evergreen State Philatelist contains 24 pages and cover of which 15 are advertising matter, Society notes and several good articles complete the magazine.



We have also received the Wholesale list of G. B. Calman, New York.

NOTES.

John Edwards will issue a list of philatelic publications, sundries etc.

W. S. Weatherston of Toronto will remove to New York city shortly where he will reside.

When sending copy for small ads don't send too many words, 50 words is about the limit to an inch.

It is reported that a new paper is to appear from the Province of Quebec which is to contain dealers ads only.

At a recent sale of Ventom, Bull & Co of London, England, a 7½ pence green unused, with original gum brought \$68.

Commemorative sets of stamps are being issued by many countries a-

mong which are Ecuador, Japan and Bulgaria. Should such stamps as these be recognized by collectors?

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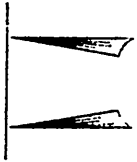
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