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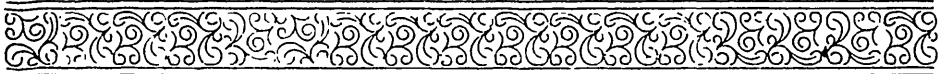
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## CHRONICLES OF NEW ISSUES, ETC.

*Conducted by William C. Stone, Springfield, Mass., to whom all information respecting new issues, etc., should be sent.*

The figures in parenthesis after the names of the countries refer to the number of this paper containing the last previous notice. Colors in italics represent the colors of the surcharges. All envelopes unless otherwise stated are on white wove paper. All post cards unless otherwise stated are on buff cardboard.

### ADHESIVES.

**ANTIOQUIA.**—Three new stamps are announced for this department. The general design is that of the current Santander stamps, but the lettering is larger and the angles, etc., are filled in with ornamental work, and the numeral of value is in a small rectangle instead of an oval. The ornaments in the angles are different in each value. Perforate 13. 1 centavo, brown on brownish. 2½ centavo, violet on lilac. 5 centavo, black on grey.

**AUSTRIA.**—It is rumored that there will soon be a change in the currency a decimal basis being probable, with the franc as the unit of value. This will, of course, necessitate a new deal in the stamp line, including probably Hungary and Bosnia. So says *Le Timbre Poste*.

**BRAZIL, U. S. OF.**—One of our exchanges announces the issue of a new value of the "constellation" type. 1000 reis, bistre.

**COOK ISLANDS FEDERATION.**—The *Monthly Journal* has been informed that this group of islands have had stamps prepared at the Government Printing office in Wellington, New Zealand. They are said to be type set with seven stars in the centre, "Postage" "Cook Islands" in two straight lines above, "Federation" and value in words below; the border is similar to that of the New Zealand officials. They are perforate 13 and the number issued is given in brackets. 1 penny, black (2760). 1½ penny, mauve (2580). 2½ penny, blue (2820). 10 penny, carmine (480.) The Cook Islands are situated in the Southern Pacific ocean, midway between the Navigator (Samoa) and Society (Tahiti) groups. Raratonga, the principal island, is one of the most successful mission stations in Polynesia. The population of the group is largely Christian. Raratonga, Atiou, Harvey and Mangeia are the principal islands. The group is sometimes called the Harvey archipelago. They are independent we believe.

**FRANCE.**—We have received from Joseph Rechert a specimen of the new 15 centimes. It is printed on paper covered with a faint quadrille pattern that is almost unnoticeable. 15 centimes, blue; Quadrille groundwork.

**FRENCH CONGO.**—The 25 centimes has been surcharged "Congo Francais 10c." in two lines like the 5 cent on the same stamp recently issued. Only 1500 were issued according to the decree authorizing this, and the 5 cent stamp mentioned above. There were 2000 of the 5 cent issued. 10c. on 25c., black on rose, *black*. For some unknown reason the surcharge is reversed on all the specimens seen.



FRENCH GUIANA.—Too impatient to await quietly the issue of the special stamps for each colony the officials in Cayenne have authorized by a decree dated February 8, 1892, the surcharging of all the current stamps with the word "GUYANE." It is applied slantingly from the left lower to the right upper corner. 1 centime, black on blue, 2 centimes, brown on bistre; 4 centimes, violet on blue; 5 centimes, green on greenish; 10 centimes, black on violet; 15 centimes, blue on bluish; 20 centimes, red on green; 25 centimes, black on rose; 30 centimes, brown; 35 centimes, black on orange; 40 centimes, vermilion on bistre; 75 centimes, carmine on rose; 1 franc, bronze on green. Not content with the above long list the same surcharge was also applied to the 30 cent head of liberty, and the 30c., 40c., 75c. and 1 fr. of the 1877-79 type. 30 centimes, brown (head); 35 centimes, black on yellow, (1877-9); 40 centimes, vermilion on straw, (1877-9); 75 centimes, carmine on rose, (1877-9); 1 franc, bronze on green (1877-9). All of the above are surcharged in black.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The 1 pound stamp with the crown watermark was issued March 9, with the "I. R. Official" surcharge. 1 pound, green; *black*.

HAITI.—According to M. Roussillon the current set, with the exception of the 2 cent exists, perforate 16 as well as 13½.

LIBERIA.—We are indebted to S. C. Skipton for the information that a new set has been prepared for use. It is the work of Waterlow & Sons, and is one of the handsomest series issued. The 1, 21 and 24 cent and the 2 dollar have a star in the centre, the 4 cent an elephant, the 6 cent a palm tree, the 8 cent and the 5 dollar a portrait of Ex-President Johnson (1884-1892), the 12 cent a native woman in full evening dress, the 16 and 32 cent the ship, plough, etc., forming the arms of the country; the 1 dollar has a hippopotamus and together with the 4 cent is oblong. All are perforate 15 and watermarked with a sort of a quatrefoil. The vignettes in the 4, 8 cent and 5 dollar are in black. 1 cent, vermilion; 2 cent, blue; 4 cent, black and green; 6 cent, green; 8 cent, black and brown; 12 cent, carmine; 16 cent, lilac; 24 cent, green on yellow; 32 cent, blue green; 1 dollar, black and ultramarine; 2 dollar, brown on yellow; 5 dollar, black and carmine.

MEXICO.—The *Revue Philatelique* is informed that a set of unpaid letter stamps of the values of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 20 cents have been issued for use in the state of Morelia. The design is quite similar to those already described for Vera Cruz, etc. We do not take much stock in these labels, as they are probably private ventures of the postal officials in the towns where they hail from. We shall wait more definite information as to their official origin before listing them. Morelia, by the way, is not a state, but a city of some 24,000 inhabitants and the capital of the State of Michoacan.

NABHA.—The 1 anna 6 pies is the latest victim of the surcharge. 1 anna 6 pies, bistre, *black*.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. George Callf the well known English Dealer has discovered a copy of the 2 penny perforate of the 1856 issue (diamond head) with a double lined "8" for watermark. Its genuineness is established beyond doubt, the *London Philatelist* states. 1856, 2 pence, blue; wmk. 8. Two parcel stamps for use on the government railways are illustrated in the last *Timbre Poste*. Large numerals of value on centre with "Government Railways New South Wales" around, "Parcels Stamp" in upper corners, perforate 10. Size 40 mm. square. 3 pence, dark blue; 6 pence, brick red. The six penny has the value in small circles in the lower corners.

PORTUGAL.—We are indebted to E. T. Barrows for the 25 reis stamp. It is similar to the description given last month except that "Portugal" is on the right and "Correios" on the left as we stated. The value at the top is expressed "Rs. 25 Rs." The perforation is 12, and the color green instead of dark blue as stated last month. 25 reis, green.

QUEENSLAND.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* learns from a local journal that a new set of stamps is in preparation, the values being  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 3, 6 pence and 1 and 5 shillings; the 2 sh., 2sh.6p., 10 sh. and 1 pound will still be furnished by the authorities and will serve for postal and revenue purposes as before. *Vindin's Philatelic Monthly* makes known a series of Railway postal stamps. They are a little larger than the English 5 sh. and are inscribed "Queensland Government Railways." "Newspapers and Parcels;" in the centre is a locomotive. 1 penny, rose; 3 penny, brown; 6 penny, brown; 1 sh.violet.

SARAWAK.—Mr. Fildes of the Manchester, England society, has a strip of three of the "one cent" on 3 cent stamps containing an error "ceht."

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—M. Moens reports the 24 cent with the surcharge "one cent" and the *Gazette Timbrologique* says that the 12 cent exists with the same. 1 cent on 24 cents, green, black; 1 cent on 12 cents, brown violet, black; 1 cent on 2 cents.

TRAVANCORE.—*Le Timbre Poste* announces the following changes of color in the 1 and 4 chuckruns. As the new color of the 4c. is the same as that of the 2c. we shall possibly hear of a change in that value also. 1 chuckrum, green; 4 chuckrum, rose.

TURKEY.—The 20 paras of the new set has been surcharged "Imprime" in a rectangle, 20 paras, rose, black.

ZULULAND.—The *Stamp News* says that new stamps of 9 pence, 1 and 5 shillings are soon to be issued to be followed by the 5 penny.

#### ENVELOPES.

BERMUDA.—Registration envelopes of the usual colonial type. Size 133x83 mm., 2 pence, ultramarine.

BRAZIL, U. S. OF.—The envelope noted a short time ago was on laid paper. The *Monthly Journal* has received it on wove paper in two sizes, 100 reis, red; 152x92 mm., 100 reis, red; 134x110 mm.

GREAT BRITAIN.—On the 29th of March several changes were made in the colors of the envelope stamps. The  $2\frac{1}{2}$  has already been noted and the others are as follows, the list being compiled from the *Stamp News*.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  penny, chrome yellow on blue;  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  penny, chrome yellow on blue;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  penny, chrome yellow on white; 2 penny, red on white; 2 penny, red on blue; 2x2 penny, red on blue;  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  penny, blue on white; 10 penny, brown on white; 10 penny, brown on blue. No sizes are mentioned but we suppose the common one, 138x80 mm. is the one.

LIBERIA.—The *London Philatelist* has received three registration envelopes of the current type, each being printed in a different shade although the instructions are all in deep blue. 10 cents, dark blue, 132x82mm; 10 cents, dull red lilac, 150x98mm; 10 cents, blue green, 227x100mm.

MONACO.—A 15 cent envelope with the new type of stamp was issued March 6. Size 122x94mm., 15 centimes, rose on pale green.

TASMANIA.—New registration envelopes are said to be in use. They are similar to the old issue but the stamp bears no indication of value being inscribed, simply "Tasmania Registration Fee." The *Philatelic Record* gives the color as red, while *Le Timbre Poste* calls it blue. Which is right? Sizes 132x32mm. and 150x98mm. The *Stamp News* has some new envelopes with "the old circular stamp." They measure 120x67mm. and are most likely printed to order. 1 penny, red on white; 1 penny, red on pale lilac; 1 penny, red on blue; 1 penny, red on pink; 1 penny, red on green.

#### WRAPPERS.

ARGENTINE.—M. Moens has the  $\frac{1}{2}$  centavo with the word "Impressos" in large characters and more extended than before. The word now measures  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  mm.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  centavo, brown on buff.

TASMANIA.—The *Monthly Journal* has received three wrappers for this colony of which the 1 penny has the stamp already noted some months back, and the  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny a similar one, while the 2 penny bears the impression of the embossed "Stamp Duty" stamp. This has the "beast with a bill" in the centre with name above and value below, with "Stamp Duty" above the name.  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny, red on white; wove; 279x105mm; 1 penny, red on white; laid; 271x110mm; 2 penny, red on white; wove; 279x105mm. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. and 2 p. have four blue lines down each side of the wrappers and the 1p. a red line between two blue. In addition to the above we learn from the *Stamp News* that a lot of printed to order (?) wrappers have been issued. They measure 292x115mm. and are inscribed "Newspaper Only" and "From." 1 penny, red on orange red; 1 penny, red on yellow; 1 penny, red on deep blue; 1 penny, red on rose; 1 penny, red on deep red; 1 penny, red on pale blue; 1 penny, red on buff; 1 penny, red on salmon; 1 penny, red on green; 1 penny, red on violet.

#### POST CARDS.

BAVARIA.—A. Lohmeyer has received the following cards with "92," all on buff, and watermarked as follows: 3 pfennig, brown; 3 pfennig, green; 3x3 pfennig, brown; 5x5 pfennig, green; 10 pfennig, carmine. Vertical zigzag lines, 3 pfennig, brown; 5x5 pfennig, green. Horizontal undulating lines, 3 pfennig, brown; 5 pfennig, green; 10 pfennig, carmine; 5x5 pfennig, green. The Postal Cards states that 500 reply cards of the "92" issue, (3x3 pf.) were printed by mistake on grey card, but that they were immediately bought up by a post office employee who now has a corner in them. Let him have it. They were never issued to the public we should say, and are not entitled to be called anything but proofs or essays.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A. Lohmeyer sends us a double 3 cent card of the usual type. 3x3 cents, carmine.

CEYLON.—*La Carte Postale* announces a double 5 cent of the same type as a single card. 5x5 cents, blue.

COOK ISLANDS FEDERATION.—In addition to the stamps noted this month the *Monthly Journal* states that 543 post cards were issued. They bear a stamp of the adhesive type and are inscribed "Federation of the Cook Islands, Post Card, Within the Federation only. The address only," etc., in four lines with seven stars between "Post" and "Card." The cards are said to be double, but with only one stamp, the entire card being returned in case of a reply. 1 penny, red on bluish.

FRENCH GUIANA.—This is the first colony, we believe, to surcharge the post card, with its trade mark, and we trust it will be the last. It is applied in the same manner as that on the adhesives we suppose. 10 centimes, black on violet, *black*; 10x10 centimes, black on violet, *black*.

JAMAICA.—There is a double card of the same type as that described last month. 1x1 penny, blue.

MEXICO.—The current cards present several varieties. We have the 2 cent with the inscriptions in the frame at top, measuring respectively 54 and 62 mm. Also the 5 cent on white, and on bluish card. The latter having a very much lighter shade of red than the other, and a darker blue.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The *London Philatelist* illustrates a reply card which it states has apparently recently been issued. It is the same as the 1889 card (Watson 10), but is printed on buff. 1x1 penny, lilac.

PUERTO RICO.—The *London Philatelist* announces a new card with the royal infant's portrait on the stamp. 3 cent de peso, blue.

REUNION.—Money order cards for the interior have been manufactured by simply

printing a formula on the current post cards. The reply card is used as a return receipt. 10 centimes, black on violet; 10x10 centimes, black on violet.

SIAM.—The *Monthly Journal* is informed that the 4 atts of 1 att exists in two varieties, the difference consisting in the length of "Union Postale Universelle." The 4x4 att is also said to have been surcharged "Kedsh" in a semi-circle, for use in a tributary state, near to Province Wellesly in the Straits Settlements. We prefer to wait before listing it.

SPAIN.—There is a reply card similar to the 10 cent of 1890 for interior use. 10x10 cents, blue.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Sperry writes us that double cards are to be issued for home use as well as foreign, and we are also informed on good authority that they will be printed at Springfield.

#### LETTER CARDS.

ARGENTINE.—*La Carte Postale* is informed that the lines for the address on the 2 centaves are now dotted instead of plain. 2 centavos, brown on cream.

FRENCH GUIANA.—The Colonial letter cards have been surcharged in the same manner as adhesives and post cards. 15 centimes, blue on gray, *black*; 25 centimes; black on rose, *black*.

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In our April number for 1890, we mentioned that a boy in Aylmer, Ont. by the name of Purdy, was making a business of substituting stamps on sheets sent him on approval. We had a lawyer look this young rascal up, and found out that he was the son of a poor shoemaker, and on this account we let the matter drop. Some months ago we received an application from John King of Tilsonburg, Ont; for sheets on approval, and sent him a small selection; after writing him two or three times the sheets were returned, but all the good stamps had been taken off and worthless trash put in their place. We immediately wrote King about the matter and received our letter back through the Dead Letter Office. We then wrote to the Post Master at Tilsonburg and received the following reply, which speaks for itself.

TILSONBURG, 9th June, 1892.

MR. H. F. KETCHESON,  
*Belleville, Ont.*

SIR.—In reply to your letter of 7th ultimo, requesting to be informed why the enclosed letter addressed to Chas. King was returned, I beg to state that this man is a fraud. He has been obtaining stamps from all over Canada and the United States, on approval, and either not returning them, or as in your case, returning worthless ones. His correct name is C. W. Purdy. Action was recently taken against him by the P. O. Inspector, for posting letters at this office with cancelled stamps attached. The enclosed letter was handed over to the P. O. Inspector with considerable other mail. He has removed to Aylmer, Ont., and you had better communicate with him there.

I informed the Inspector of Purdy's operation in this line and the Inspector requested me to hand him all correspondence addressed to Chas. King.

Yours truly, G. H. SAVAGE, P. M.

It would be well for all persons who have been swindled by Purdy to write the P. O. Inspector at London, Ont. It might help to bring him to justice.

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## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To Members of C. P. A.*

GENTLEMEN.—The time has now come when nominations for officers for the term 1892-3 are in order, and I am now ready to receive nominations for President, Vice-President, Sec.-Treasurer.

I hope the members will take an active interest in this matter, and help to put our association on a good footing. The present officers have worked hard to secure your confidence, and we have succeeded in meeting all current expenses besides paying off part of amounts due by former Exchange-Supt. Hoping to hear from most of you with nominations I beg to submit the usual monthly report.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.—E. Glogan, Commercial Building, St. Louis, Mo.; References: T. S. Clark and H. F. Ketcheson. H. E. Woodward, Boston, Mass; Reference: S. R. Sircom.

NEW MEMBERS.—No. 276 C. H. Holden, Port Dover, Ont.; No. 277 J. S. Wilson, Toronto.

STATE OF MEMBERSHIP.—No. per last report, 87; present membership, 89.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.—A. L. Holman, The Temple, La Salle and Monroe St. Chicago, Ill.

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RECEIPTS.

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| June 15, balance on hand       | - | - | - | - | - | \$11 88 |

T. S. CLARK, Sec-Treas.

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As the time for the Annual Convention of the C. P. A. is drawing near, it is now in order for nominations to be made to fill the various offices. We would like the members either by private letter to us, or by public announcement through these columns to give expression to their views regarding officers for the coming year.

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THE reply Cards of Canada are now appearing on a glazed thin card; design same as before.

A STAMP Exchange has been organized at Tours, France, and well attended meetings are held weekly.

AT the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s sale on May 24, an unused "Connell" in fine condition brought \$100.05.

A. S. Butchart, member of C. P. A. who has been residing at Hartney, Man., for some time, is again back at Owen Sound.

A Philatelic Exhibition similar to that held in London and Vienna is to be held in Paris this year, but the date has not yet been fixed.

THE Stamp Exchange in Paris is held on Thursday and Sunday of each week, and we are informed that the attendance is increasing.

A Postal Union Reply Card will be issued by the Canadian government, July 1st; we have not been able to get information regarding the design.

J. E. SCHULTZE, Exchange Manager for the Montreal Branch of the C. P. A., will sail for Europe in a few days, on business for the firm of which he is a member.

I HAVE a few sets of 1st issue British Columbia Law Stamps, four varieties complete, which I am offering at \$2.00 per set. They are cheap at this price.  
 H. F. KETCHESON, Belleville, Ont.

MR. W. A. BUCHANAN of Norwood, was in Peterborough a few days ago. We were out when he called, and was very sorry, as we would like to have met him. He is a member of the C. P. A.

*The Collector* the official organ of the Sons of Philately, comes to hand for May, much enlarged and presents a very neat and tidy appearance. The Sons of Philately seem to be growing rapidly, and we wish them success.

W. D. BOYD, of Simcoe, Ont., member of C. P. A., left on June 20th, for New York City, on a holiday trip; he intends staying there for two weeks and no doubt will meet many of the collectors and dealers at the Stamp Centre of America.

THE first number of a new Canadian contemporary *The Toronto Journal of Philately* has been received by us. It is published by Messrs. Thompson and Phillips. The initial number presents a very creditable appearance. We wish them every success. It is published at 23 Draper St., Toronto, Ont.

THE *Philatelic Journal* of Great Britain for May has been received. Of all our exchanges, this paper is the most welcome. The May number contains about 40 pages of good solid reading matter, besides a photo-engraving of H. Stafford Smith, one of the oldest and one of the largest collectors in Great Britain.

A FEW days ago we had the pleasure of spending several hours with Mr. Wm. Henry Rice, father of Mr. F. G. A. Rice, the well known philatelic advertising agent, of 90 Nassau St., New York City. We enjoyed his company very much although Mr. Rice Sen. is not as well posted in stamp literature and stamps as is his son.

THE *Southern Philatelist* for May comes to hand bright and newsy as ever. Brother Luhn seems to be full of wit and vim, and his paper shows it. From the report of the half-yearly meeting of the Southern Stamp and Publishing Company (printed in their May number), we judge that they are doing a good business and making money.

WE have received the prospectus of Lohmeyer's Postal Card Album, and after carefully reading over same and examining the illustrations, we must say, we are well pleased with his idea of an album for holding cards and entire envelopes. Mr. Lohmeyer promises the best material throughout, and an album capable of holding 600 cards, at the small price of \$5.00. If you have not seen the prospectus already, write to A. Lohmeyer, 922 N. Gilmore St. Baltimore, M. D., and he will be pleased to send you one.

IT is always a pleasant duty to notice the advancement and success of any one whom we know. From the *Manitoba Daily Free Press*, of June 3rd we see that Mr. F. J. Scott, C. P. A. no. 253, has graduated from the Manitoba University, with the degree of B. A., Mr. Scott, also obtained a \$100 scholarship in Natural Sciences, also first-class honors in same. We well remember a few years ago when Mr. Scott was about entering college; it seems but yesterday. We wish him every success, and trust that the career which he will mark out for himself will be as brilliant and successful as in his University Course.

ROGER'S Priced Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of United States has been received by us. To say we are very much pleased with it does not adequately express our opinion, it far surpasses our expectations. The arrangement is so concise and yet so novel that it is sure to please. On looking over the prices as quoted by Mr. Rogers, we must say that we think if he errs at all, it is in making the prices on some stamps a little lower than he should. However, taking them all in all they are very fair. It gives date of use, color and variety of paper, value May 2, 1892, used and unused. It provides 4 columns, leaving blank, the first to mark in the cost of stamp, then its value in 1893, 1894 and 1895. The book is not only useful for the present but will be a valuable book of reference for years to come. It is finely bound in leather. Price \$1.00, and may be obtained from A. R. Rogers, 75 Maiden Lane, New York City, N. Y.

Mr. H. F. Ketcheson sends us a copy of his third edition Standard Catalogue of Canada Stamps. Same includes an historical review of the several provinces, besides the description and prices of all postage and revenue stamps ever issued. His third edition is a great improvement over the other two, and every collector specially interested in Canadian stamps should possess one. Mr. Ketcheson makes a specialty of British North American stamps, as many have learned from his advertisements in this paper.—*Mekeel's Weekly*. [This is the only catalogue published devoted entirely to Canadian Stamps, (Postage and Revenue), and should be in the hands of every collector. Paper 25cts, bound in cloth and gilt 50 cents. Order now, as the edition is limited. H. F. KETCHESON, Belleville, Ont.]

IN our April number we noted the fact that we had seen a Canada 5ct. register in blue, since then we have been investigating to find out where it originated. We have discovered that a certain P. S. of C. member, residing in St. Catharines, has, by means of acids, been changing not only the Canada 5ct. register from green to blue, but also the present issue 2c, and the 3, 6 and 9c, 3rd issue Bill. This gentleman sent us a sample of each stating that he had about 60 of them to sell and asking a good round figure for them. We wrote him to the effect that they were changlings and that he had better be careful or we would expose him. We have as yet heard anything further from him. The stamps are changed by means of hydrochloric acid. Collectors should beware of these stamps and not buy them as they have no philatelic value.

A GENTLEMAN in Honolulu sends us some further information regarding certain Sandwich Island stamps. He states that there are two issues of the 2c. of 1864, with head of Kamehameha which are different both in shade and in the quality of the paper. The postal authorities have resurrected some of these, and have been selling them to the public at face value to prepay letters. Our correspondent forwards us a specimen, postmarked April 11, 1892, the shade of which is rather lighter than an earlier specimen which he also encloses. At the same time, both this fact and the slight difference in the paper appear to us to be due more to age than to anything else, and we are of opinion that those now in use are simply some copies which had been left in the Post-office, and which are now being used up.—*Stamp News*.

By arrangements entered into by the International Philatelic Union and the Bradford Stamp club, a post card packet has been started under the control and supervision of the Hon. Secy., of Bradford Club. All Philatelic Societies are permitted to join, and it is hoped by the promoters that an International Exchange Packet will be the result. No members will be admitted unless their applications are made through the Secretary of the Society to which they belong. Collectors who join this packet are not admitted nor entitled by their admission to the Card Packet, to any of the privileges of either the Bradford Society or the International Philatelic Union, both of which societies are entirely distinct and separate from from the "United Post Card Packet." Communications to be sent to W. J. E. Hinscliff, 9 Park Lane, Bradford, England, Hon. Secy., Bradford Stamp Club.



THE following points relating to the stamps of Naples, which we take from the *Paris Postale*, may be useful to many of our readers. It may not be generally known that all these stamps of late issue bear a minute distinct letter, which is printed in a different part of the stamp in each value. In the  $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. there is a little G in the lower part of the white part of the circle to the right, and above the large circular lines. In the 1 gr. the letter N in the lower white part containing the figure value. In the 2 gr. the letter A in the lower part of the white octagon. In the 5gr. the letter S in the same place as on the 1gr. In the 10gr., in the white part to the right of the hexagon, above the large lines of the border, the letter Z. In the 20gr. the letter N to the right of the point of the lozenge in the white part above the thick line of border. In the 50gr. the letter C in the same place as on the  $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. In the  $\frac{1}{2}$  tornese the letter G in the same place as on the  $\frac{1}{2}$ gr.—*Stamp News*.

The following are a few of the testimonials received by Mr. T. S. Clark, regarding his *best gummed hinges*:

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I like the look of your round hinges and will try them. H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.

I like them very much. W. Lawrence GREEN, Albany, N. Y.

Your hinges are the best I have seen in paper shape and gum. From Luther W. MOTT, Oswego, N. Y.

They are above the Standard. Guy REYNOLDS, Welaka, Fla.

They strike my fancy. Sam. LELAND, Chicago.

I like the hinges you manufacture. N. E. CARTER, Minneapolis.

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## POSTAL AND OTHER INFORMATION.

### *A few notes on Costa Rica.*

QUEBEC, 6th June, 1892.

The Territory known as the Republic of Costa Rica (the rich coast) was so named on account of the quantity of gold the Spaniards found there. The position she occupies in the Central part of the American hemisphere facing both oceans and in the vicinity of the great interoceanic canal to be opened either through Panama or Nicaragua, or both, will cause the commerce of the world to pass by Costa Rica.

An excellent Postal Service is established with 92 post offices within the Republic, which handled in 1890-91, 2,101,428 pieces.

The Government liberally subsidizes the steamers of the Pacific Mail, and others have been granted exemption of port dues, with the exception of hospital charges (\$25.00) when touching regularly at Puerto Limon.

San Jose has a telephonic service and the Government has entered into a contract with an American Company for its extension throughout the whole country.

The first nation in Central America to have Telegraphic Service was Costa Rica and now has the cheapest rates, 20 cents only being charged for a message for any place in Central America. All centres of population of the Republic, large and small, are connected by wire with each other and with the neighboring nations and the rest of the world. The President of Costa Rica is Don Jose Joaquin Rodriguez, who was inaugurated on the 8th of May, 1890, and whose administration of the affairs of the country is as popular as any that has ever existed.

The Government is administered by three supreme powers, Executive, Legislative and Judicial. The President is elected for a term of four years, and cannot be re-elected for a following immediate term. He must be over 38 years of age and a Costa Rican or at least a Central American by birth and not belong to the ecclesiastical profession.

No provision is made for a Vice-President. In the event of the death or or absence of the President, he is succeeded by one of three persons designated by Congress to that effect at its first session in each Presidential term.

PACIFIC POSTAL TELEGRAPH CABLE COMPANY.—The above Company issued some two or three years ago, stamps as mentioned herewith, for use by their customers in the payment for telegrams. They are printed in book form, perforated, with five stamps on each sheet. They were printed in San Francisco for use in that country, and were put up in books with stiff cover and of a dark yellow color, with the following printed on each: "PACIFIC POSTAL TELEGRAPH CO." and underneath this "10 cent Stamps" or value to correspond with stamps.

The stamp is oblong, 2 inches in length by a little over 1 inch in width. On the left hand side a space is left in which is printed in red ink the number. The value appears on the right hand lower side, in a circle, numeral of value in center, with corresponding value in words above and cents beneath. In the body of the stamp appears the following:—"This stamp will be accepted at any office of the Pacific Telegraph Cable Company in payment for telegrams. Signed, Chas. R. Hosmer, General Manager."

There are five values:—10 cents brown, 15 cents black, 25 cents red, 40 cents green, and 50 cents blue.

ERNEST F. WURTELE.

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## STAMP COLLECTING IN ITALY.

*By the Author of "The Fight of Dame Europa's School."—Continued.*

(FROM PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN.)

"Hullo!" cried one of our boys coming to the rescue with a happy thought. "As you can't get past him, why don't you get *over* him? Your legs are long enough. Chuck one of them across his back, and you will find yourself on the other side in no time."

Precisely so. The unhappy youth bestraddled the donkey with his lanky legs, and stooping forward, threw his left arm round the animal's neck, to steady himself as he slipped down on the side nearest the town. But the donkey had

other views. He had not forgotten the thumping, and the kicking and the stonings. With that swift and sudden elevation of the hind legs, which none but a jackass can accomplish with such consummate grace, he freed his shaggy neck from the unwelcome embrace of his lean rider, and turned him head over heels into the tawny ditch. Good luck had the presence of mind to let fall the Album which lay harmless upon the ground.

With a shout of boisterous laughter which only boys can raise, the whole troop of spectators now rushed forward to enjoy more closely the entertaining scene. The ditch, though about 12 feet wide, was only 3 feet deep, but was lined with a tolerably thick coating of mud, which made progression along its slimy bed somewhat tortuous and toilsome. Before the boys could fairly reach him, however, Signor Scaramacci had emerged from his unsavory bath, and was clambering up the slippery bank in search of his Album, which lay precisely under the belly of the immovable ass. Smarting under a sense of the cruel wrongs he had sustained, the youth hurled himself in a fury against the donkey's ribs, endeavoring by means of his foot to bring the Album within reach of his hand. But the ass was too many for him once again. With engaging playful-ness and sprightly humor, the light-hearted creature flung himself on the ground, and proceeded to roll in the dust and bray for very joy, using the Album as a pivot on which to concentrate those scratchings of the back, so dear to the much-enduring species.

At this point I interfered, as it seemed hard that the poor youth should get a ducking and lose his Album too. Seizing therefore a moment when the sportive ass had rolled himself clear of the volume, I hooked it towards me with my stick, and held it out to the mud-bedabbled arms of Signor Scaramucci.

The trifling service which I had rendered my young friend Scaramucci was not received with characteristic Italian grace, but under the forlorn circumstances I readily excused the omission of forms and ceremonies. A man must be a courtier born and bred who could deliver himself of a polite speech or a graceful bow, two minutes after total immersion in a bath of muddy water. Making every allowance, however, for his late misfortunes, I thought the youth's manner rather strange. He first turned fiery red, then ashy pale. So far from manifesting any joy at the recovery of his album, he took it from my hands with apparent reluctance, and at one moment seemed almost disposed to decline receiving it altogether. I attributed this little awkwardness to the fact that Signor Scaramucci had not yet forgiven my unconscious offense at our first meeting, and I quite understood that it must be somewhat disagreeable to his vindictive feelings to accept any favour from me at all. Congratulating him therefore upon the thickness of the brown paper with which he had enveloped his precious volume, and which had successfully resisted the wear and tear of mud, gravel, and donkey's back, I recommended him to run home as fast as his legs would carry him, and change his dripping clothes. This advice he straightway took, and sped along the lane towards the good city of Aquila, with a rapidity which seemed almost in excess of that required for the attainment of the object in view.

"Never saw him run like that before," said one of the boys. "You would think the police were after him."

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