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THE PERFECT COLLECTION.

BY WALTER A. WITHROW.

A FEW days ago I had the pleasure and pain of examining two collections, the property of two boys of my acquaintance. I say both pleasure and pain, I experienced. The collections were made on the same lines, but oh! how different.

One of the collections was formed by a boy of neat habits, and it was a pleasure to look over his stamps. The other collection was made in a careless manner, and was painful for a careful collector to look upon.

In looking over the better collection I noticed that the album was well taken care of, the leather cover being as smooth and fresh as when it came from the binder's. The pages were fresh and clean, the corners of the leaves were straight, and the name carefully written on the fly leaf.

The specimens were carefully selected, only unused or lightly cancelled stamps appearing. Each stamp had been examined for slight tears, the hinges on the back of each stamp being removed, lest they covered some imperfection.

The face of each soiled stamp was washed lightly with water or cleansed with gasoline, and a new hinge of light onion-skin paper was attached, and the specimen hinged neatly in the middle of the place assigned for it.

An unperforated stamp must have good margins; a perforated stamp must not be minus a tooth of perforation if it would be placed in this collection, and the stamp must be perfectly centred. I had never realized before that this added much to the appearance of a collection, and I mentally resolved to advise collectors to accept stamps, not if the perforation did not cut into the design, but if it were perfectly centred in every respect.

Each country received its share of attention and consequently in examining the collection one would not turn over a dozen or more pages without encountering a solitary specimen, as was the case in the other collection.

The other collection gave me a pain, look at it as I would. The leather binding of the album was scuffed and streaked where it had been soiled by careless fingers, and the pages were finger-marked and dog-eared.

The stamps were selected in a hap-hazard way, without reference to condition, a good part of them being torn and dirty, no attempt having been made to cleanse them, and some were poorly centred. They were hinged to the page with those rank, perfumed, perforated hinges, and if a stamp were to be removed a part of the page would follow, or a part of the stamp would inevitably remain.

There is a moral to this article, but it is so ob-

sure that I fear it could never be determined, so I will inform you that a collection of fine specimens is thirty-five and one-half times more valuable than one of indifferent stamps.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

SHORT STUFF.

BY LEO WAYNER.

News for collectors—reve-nues.

A case of blackmailing—a gentleman of color mailing a letter.

The cancelling machines used in all the large offices libel the men whose busts or portraits appear on our stamps. The father of his country and other celebrities are made to appear "behind the bars."

It would be a capital idea for Spain to display the portrait of the king on its stamps at different stages of his growth. Beginning with the present issue, the series would read thus: The "baby stamps," the "boy stamps," the "young man stamps," and "stamps with king's head." There will be some collectors who will carry things to extremes by referring to the "old man" stamps.

Gamin Collector No. 1—"Say, Patsy, why don't dey puts Corbett's picture on de postage stamps?"

Gamin Collector No. 2—"Why, don't yer know that it's only congressmen and sich what has dere mugs on stamps?"

Gamin Collector No. 1—"Naw, dat ain't de reason. Yer see der stamps has ter be as light as dey ken get 'em, an' Corbett's a heavy-weight an' nobody ken handle him."

A young lady asked a clerk in a New York stamp store: "Have you any of the United States stamps with the portrait of Washington's ghost?" The nimble brained clerk hesitated but a moment, and displayed before her a set of the 1865 large newspaper stamp, which she said, "are just what I want."

When the Columbian stamps first came out a number of readers wrote us asking why Columbus, in "The Discovery of Land," as depicted on the one-cent, has no beard, while in the "Landing of Columbus" he appears with a pointed beard. (Twelve hours are supposed to elapse between the two events.) We were not able to give a satisfactory answer at the time, but after reading up the best writers on the subject, we have come to the conclusion that it is a case of "before and after" using Dr. Geronimo's Celebrated Indian Hair Raiser.—*Daily Philatelic Bladder.*

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"THAT 'ERE COLLEGE CHAP."

BY A M. LADD,

Author of "The Severed Specimen"



HAT 'ere college chap is a right smart sort of a feller, but he's got one danged foolish notion, an' that is the collectin' of old postage stamps as what's been used once."

Thus was Elnathan Mudd's summary of Walter Marston's characteristics.

Walter Marston had come to this beautiful village of Auburn a week before to spend his summer vacation from college. It was to be his last regular school vacation, as he was in his senior year. His previous vacations had been whiled away at the sea-shore and in the mountains. Once, while going through Auburn on his bicycle, admiring this beautiful village with all its Arcadian simplicity, he had punctured his tire. While he was repairing it a young girl of sixteen came along the road. Walter never knew just how it was, but before he could scarcely realize it he and Bessie Mudd had become acquainted. And it came to pass that Walter came that way often on his wheel, and Bessie was always on hand with a smile of welcome on her pretty face.

It was a clear case from the start, and Cupid cut another notch in his bow.

And so it came to pass that Walter spent his next school vacation at Auburn, and what was more, managed to secure board at the home of his dream angel.

Walter had told Bessie of his stamp collection, and as she had expressed a desire to see it he had sent for it. She took to it at once and became quite enthusiastic. Bessie informed Walter that what was probably a grand chance to increase his treasures awaited him if he wished to investigate the contents of "an old box up-stairs in the attic," and she felt certain that she could obtain her father's consent that he should do it. That noon Bessie received her father's consent to let Walter go through the box.

"Yes, Walter," laughed farmer Mudd, "you can have all the stamps you find; much good they'll do ye."

"Perhaps I'll find something very valuable," said Walter. "There are stamps that are worth hundreds of dollars."

"Sho, you don't say so! Who'd give it?"

"A great many wealthy collectors and dealers. In fact, if there is anything of great value, I'll pay you a fair price for it. You know I have plenty of money that was left me by my parents when they died, and as I'm twenty-one I have it at my own disposal."

"Yes," replied the farmer, "you are fortunate, financially. I wish I had plenty of the stuff, I'd send Bessie off to the bordin' school at Lakeport for a two year's course. It would do her a heap of good. She's got through the Auburn schools."

"Then I hope I'll find some rarities for her sake," said Walter.

"Yes, and," added farmer Mudd, with a twinkle in his eye, "Bessie will make a better wife with a little seminary knowledge. Educated country

girls make the best wives. Don't you think so, Mr. Marston?"

"Yes, I I think she w-would," answered Walter a little uneasily, and blushing quite visibly. Bessie's bewitching eyes sparkled and her cheeks took on a deeper tinge.

That afternoon Bessie and Walter repaired to the attic.

Along about three o'clock the farmer came into the house for something, and incidentally asked:

"Where are Walter and Bess?"

"Up in the attic looking for stamps," smiled the worthy Mrs. Mudd.

"Guess I'll go up and see what th'y've found," grinned the farmer.

So occupied were the attentions of Bessie and Walter that they did not hear farmer Mudd's approach, and the first intimation they had of his proximity was when he suddenly opened the door and found Walter sitting on the up-turned box—and Bessie seated in his lap with one arm around Walter's neck, her head on his shoulder and face up-turned and close to his, while her other hand clasped his, and his other arm around her supple waist.

Perhaps farmer Mudd was astonished; perhaps the lovers were; yes, all were—just a little bit. Bessie made an effort to free herself, but Walter held her tightly, and said to Mr. Mudd with an astonishing bravado:

"Mr. Mudd I have asked Bessie to be my wife when she graduates from Lakeport Seminary, and she has promised, and all we want now is the consent and blessing of you and Mrs. Mudd."

"Wha-what? Lakeport Semin—say?—didn't I tell you I couldn't afford to send her?"

"Yes, and didn't I say I'd pay you for the stamps I might find in this box?"

The farmer had forgotten this in the momentary excitement of suddenly coming upon such an unexpected scene.

"For what I have found here," continued Walter, "I will give you one thousand dollars. They will be worth, at least, that to me. A thousand will carry Bessie through school won't it?"

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mudd gave their consent and blessing. Walter has graduated from college, and is managing his large investments himself. Bessie is at Lakeport Seminary, and has several months more to go ere she completes her course, after which she will fulfill the promise made to Walter Marston nearly two years before, by becoming his wife.

And as for Walter, Mr. Mudd thinks there is not another such fellow in the world as "that 'ere college chap," and perhaps there isn't, but what would Mr. Mudd say—or Bessie either—if it was known that the entire contents of that "old box up stairs in the attic would not have brought above fifty cents from any dealer? But then Walter is satisfied, and—so is Bessie.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list consisting of 64 pages and cover, and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE FUTURE OF THE COLUMBIAN.

BY W. H. PLANK.

IF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS could have lived to the ripe old age attained by some of the patriarchs of Biblical fame, and beheld the wonderful development of his continent, or seen the wonders that the White City had gathered together in commemoration of his discovery, the high honors that would have been heaped upon him would surely have overwhelmed this daring navigator.

If he could behold the representation of the little fleet, as depicted upon the three cent Columbian, or the other scenes through which he passed as the other denominations illustrate, he could hardly decide which of the two were the greater honors.

This series of stamps, so artistic and executed in the highest degree of workmanship, has excited and enthused the stamp collecting fraternity, that those who have never thought of forming a collection have almost become maniacs over the question of collecting. Those, too, who have laid away their collections years ago have rummaged through chest and drawers and brought out their old collections, and have been imbibed with a new life, and once again follow in the pleasant ways of stamp collecting.

The past year has been a jubilee year for stamp collecting, and will cause such a revival of stamp collecting that has never yet been seen.

While the Columbian stamps have been a boon to the cause of stamp collecting, it has also been an injury. It has, in a great measure, caused a large number of Philater's stamp followers, if I may use this phrase, who are nothing more than speculators, who have harbored up every obtainable stamp, not for exchange, but for speculative purposes. And now, in so short a space of time, many collectors only think of their collections as representing so many dollars. They have forgotten the pleasant hours spent in gathering and arranging their collections, and the little "finds" that all delight to think of.

Will the Columbian speculator reap his expected reward? We emphatically say, no! Do not think because the stamps have been issued only for a year that they cannot be had later. It is a mistake. There has never been an issue of stamps of any government that has been so religiously and systematically saved as the Columbian. Every school boy, collector and dealer, besides our side parties, have them in such quantities that it will be a long time indeed before they are worth the price many persons expect to receive for them. Don't think because you have been "cornering" the three, six or eight cent that your neighbor has not. But he has, and can probably exhibit as many as you.

So let us not, for the sake of the past pleasant recollections of moments spent with our collections, wander into ways that will cause us to throw away our collections for ever. And the future of the Columbian, you ask? Only time, which can answer all questions, and solve all mysteries, can answer what is the future of the Columbians.

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PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

BY A. W. BULLOCK.

PHILATELIC literature, in these days when so much is claimed for the advancement of Philately, is not what it should be.

Not that there is a lack of magazines, and so-called magazines, all of which aspire and pretend to fill the popular demand for high class publications. There are, alas, too many of these, a glut which only time can and surely will reduce.

But after the years of experience, that some of our journals have had, and the undeniable genius of a few well known contributors, there should be a better literary style and a higher order of writing prevalent. Literary genius, directed into the channels of philatelic journalism by inspiration, and the natural tendency of its authors, has certainly a field for much wider scope of subject, thought and treatment, than is at the present time given. And that we have literary genius in our ranks is an undoubted fact, for it has shown forth in our writers in the past, and is daily becoming more apparent. It is unnecessary to mention the names here, for our principal writers are known to the world of our fraternity.

A writer of genius is not he who expresses his own sentiments, but the deep, united feeling of his class or people. There is ample room for thought, and subject for study, and brilliant expression in the article which is in its nature wholly philatelic. What thoughts, what sentiments, what memories, are there not in the dramings of every true lover of our fascinating pursuit? They are, I venture to say, unlimited. Let them then be expressed in deeper, more serious and carefully composed productions.

The publications which lay claim to being philatelic magazines in America are of a large and widely varied order, but of these there are few which can truthfully hold the name of first class journals. There are, I believe, at the present time journals held in high regard in the philatelic reading circles, which are considering the question of a better class of matter, and making an endeavor to obtain it. Their enterprise is to be commended. It should have come before, but it is never too late to mend, and their reward will be prosperity, certain and sure, whether they be young or old. The ambition of the rising generation is unbounded, and of the American youth, who after a year's stamp collecting, does not think he can start a great stamp journal, there are few indeed. This, in a measure, accounts for the number of weak would-be stamp journals which have in the past two or three years rose, and which are now rising monthly, and dying a natural death after a few issues, in such astonishing numbers.

This class of publication has, without a doubt, done much to retard the development of better philatelic literature. The publisher does not appreciate the value of it, nor could he pay for it if he did, consequently the demand is not stimulated. Let the heavier and more enterprising of our magazines take up the matter, and their readers and the public generally will show their appreciation in stronger support.

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EDITORIAL.

Fernando Poo now has a set of stamps bearing the portrait of his juvenile majesty of Spain.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* is improving month by month. It is now one of the best papers we receive.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, the well known Chicago dealer, has recently opened a branch establishment in Buffalo.

Who would be surprised if shortly every city, town and village in the French Colonies issued a set of stamps? The present indications point in that direction.

We are informed that the remainders of the Portugal and Azores celebration issues will be shortly auctioned off to stamp dealers. This will doubtless reduce the price of these stamps.

It is reported that a large English dealer has just purchased a very fine collection of Afghanistan stamps, for which he paid over \$39,000. It evidently is an expensive task to acquire a complete collection of Afghanistan stamps.

The American Bank Note Co no longer prints the U.S. stamps. The work is now being done by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington. A set similar to the current issue will shortly appear and will be distinguished from those now in use by small ornaments in the upper corners. The new set will also comprise dollar values.

We now have another new weekly, *The Philatelic Era* having discontinued publication as a semi-monthly now appears weekly. The paper bids fair to be one of the best weeklies we have, but would be improved by the addition of a little news matter and fewer clippings. We trust that Brother Jewett will make a success of the paper in its new form.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have for some time been the victim of a series of heavy losses aggregating about \$25,000, through thefts made by their employees. After spending some \$5,000 in detective fees they have just discovered the chief culprit, through accident. The woman in question, Lizzie McDermott, has been arrested and other arrests will probably follow.

One of our New Zealand correspondents writes us to the effect that shortly all the Government Departments in New Zealand, such as Defence, Lands, Survey, Education, Railways, etc., (which have been in the habit of franking all correspondence) are in future to use special stamps for each Department. We are not aware as to whether each Department will have a different design, or whether the current issue will be surcharged. We shall have further information shortly.

Mr. J. A. Caron, of Rimouski, Que., desires us to warn collectors and dealers against the following parties, whom he claims are frauds of the worst description: Nardochi Arigheti, Suez, Egypt; Chas. P. Drokier, Regalle, Ceylon; Maurice Belin, Brussels, Belgium. He also sent in February, 1887, the sum of \$11.00 by P. O. order to L. D. and J. K. Ferguson and Co., of 50 Amberly Road, Harrow Road, London, W., England, for certain stamps advertised by them and up to the present time has received nothing, although they acknowledged receipt of his order.

It will be remembered that in August, 1890. Messrs. Deats and Sterling purchased from the U. S. Government a very large lot of U. S. Revenues, such as beer, spirits and tobacco stamps, the lot containing over 500 varieties. At the great Inter-State Fair which was held at Trenton, N. J., Sept. 28th to Oct. 2nd, 1891, they distributed over 50,000 of these stamps to those who visited their display. The stamps are large and by no means attractive. Yet there are many who enjoy collecting them. If the Government were only to issue all the circus posters that are used we doubt not but some would collect them!

After our March issue was mailed we decided to discontinue THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST and have the subscriptions filled by a well-known American magazine. Our subscribers will doubtless be glad to know that we have altered our decision and that in future this paper will appear regularly. We begin re-issuing the paper with the August number in order that the new volume will begin with January, 1895. This issue is late, but by October we expect to be able to publish promptly on the first of the month as heretofore. This number is somewhat smaller than usual, however we will resume our 16 page form when we get caught up. As our second-class rates have been cancelled all future issues will be prepaid by stamps. Subscription rates remain unaltered for the present.

We quote the following from *Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal*: "We are very glad to be able to announce to our readers that the London Philatelic Society has decided, after taking certain steps, which we hope and believe, will result in meeting two long felt philatelic wants. One of these is a definite and fairly reliable authority upon the really good and dangerous imitations, and the well executed frauds purporting to be rare and valuable stamps; the other is a kind of registration office of the known specimens of the rarer stamps, through which the history of individual copies may be traced, and which will at the same time preserve a good record of doubtful types and dangerous imitations, and thus assist in preventing the free circulation of the latter. The Society in appointing an Expert Committee to deal with the former of these difficulties has at the same time entrusted to that committee the task of endeavoring to supply the second want also; and it is hoped the arrangements made, which such modifications as may from time to time become necessary, will be found fairly adequate. The members of the Committee, who are all men whose time is pretty well occupied, are not anxious to burden themselves with the examination of unlimited

numbers of common stamps, either genuine or forged; their desire is rather to confine their attention at present to more serious matters, to deal with stamps requiring both examination and registration. With this view and to cover the necessary expenses, they have decided upon making a charge of 2/6 for each stamp examined; and we think that when all the circumstances are taken into consideration, this charge will not be found exorbitant. It must be remembered that the stamps to be examined will not in many cases be such as can be approved or condemned off-hand, but many require careful examination and study by each member of the Committee, and close comparison with known genuine copies, further, the members do not propose to rely on their own knowledge and experience—they would not have accepted the office on such terms,—but they feel that they have at their backs a body of specialists upon whom they are entitled to call in all cases of doubt, and whose opinions will carry far greater weight than their own. There will therefore be no small amount of expenditure upon postage and registration. Besides this each specimen declared to be genuine will be photographed; one copy of the photograph will be filed by the Committee for future reference, and a second copy with the opinion of the Committee written upon it, will be forwarded with the original to the party submitting it, who will thus obtain an opinion which will at the same time form a document by means of which the specimen may be identified. When the opinion of the Committee is unfavorable a photograph will not be transmitted to the sender, but such a record of bad or doubtful types will be preserved as will, it is hoped, render the further circulation of these particular specimens exceedingly difficult. It is perhaps a question whether such a Committee should insist on being allowed to brand in some indelible manner any specimens as to the falsity of which they have no doubt, the present members are not, however, inclined to assume such a position of infallibility as this would involve, or to run the risk of irretrievable damaging what might turn out to be a genuine stamp. It only remains for us to add that the Committee, as at present composed, consists of Messrs. E. D. Bacon, M. P. Castle and E. B. Evans, and that stamps sent for examination accompanied by the fee of 2/6 for each, should be sent to Major E. E. Evans, Longton Ave, Sydenham, England. The receipt of the stamps will be immediately acknowledged, but there will be necessarily a delay of some days before a final reply can be given." The above speaks for itself, therefore no comment is necessary. We feel sure that many of our readers will feel grateful for the above opportunity.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

OUR PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S MEETING.

CAPTAIN MILDMAY.

FOR MORE than a year there has been a club in our town called "The Sherbrooke Philatelic Society," and of course Sue has to belong to it. The society has its meetings every two weeks at each of the member's houses, alternately, and last week it was its turn to meet at our place.

Nothing would do but that Sue must have some refreshments for after the business of the meeting, and after a great deal of talking she decided on ice cream, and as she thinks the ice cream that our candy shop man makes isn't good enough for her, what did she do but get father to buy an ice cream freezer, and said that she would make it herself and that I was to help her.

The afternoon before the meeting Sue sent me to our store man to order some salt. I asked her what she wanted with salt, and she said that you couldn't make ice cream without salt no more than you could without ice. I went to the store and ordered the salt, and then had a game or two at ball with the boys, so it was late in the afternoon when I got home. There was Sue making the ice cream, and suffering dreadfully, so she said. She had to go and get dressed right away, and told me to keep turning the freezer till the ice cream froze, and don't run away and leave me to do everything again, you good-for-nothing boy. I wonder how you can do it.

I turned the freezer for ever so long, but the ice cream wouldn't freeze, so I made up my mind that it wanted more salt. As I didn't want to disturb Sue, I quietly got a cupful of salt and emptied it into the ice cream. It began to freeze right away, but when I tasted it it was awfully salt, so I got a jug of golden syrup that was on the kitchen table, and poured most of it into the ice cream, and when it was done it was a beautiful straw color.

The meeting came off splendid. Mr. Ivens, Mr. Western and Sue read some pieces about stamps, but I couldn't understand them. Mr. Stephens read a piece of philatelic poetry, that he had written especially for the occasion, at least they called it poetry, but it didn't sound very much like poetry, and most everybody was glad when he was done. Then Mr. Ivens showed everybody his stamp album. I couldn't see it from where I was hid, so I can't tell you what it was like.

There was an awful scene when the meeting tried to eat the ice cream. Sue handed everybody a dishful, and said: "This is my ice cream, and you must be sure and like it." The first one she gave it to was Mr. Western, who's dreadfully fond of ice cream. He smiled a big smile, and said "he was sure that it was splendid, and then took a spoonful; but it did not seem to agree with him, for he jumped up as if something had bit him, and ran out of the room. Two other men who had tried to eat their ice cream, jumped up and ran after Mr. Western, and two girls said: 'Oh, my!' Then everybody put down their dish and guessed they wouldn't have any.

The meeting was regular spoiled and I really don't wonder that everybody didn't like the ice cream, for I found out afterwards that the syrup in the jug, that I put in the ice cream, wasn't

golden syrup at all, but some medicine that the doctor left for our sick horse.

Sue was in a dreadful state of mind after the meeting had gone home, and made me tell her all about the syrup and the salt. She really made out that I did it all on purpose, and father took her part, and said that I ought to be made eat the ice cream since I had spoiled it, and that he would attend to my case in the morning.

If you have ever been a boy you will know what happened in the morning; but I will not dwell on such painful scenes longer. I'm sure it wasn't my fault that the medicine wasn't golden syrup; it was all the doctor's; but I couldn't get father to understand that.

I admit that I did wrong, but I didn't mean to do so. My only desire was to help my dear sister, but you'll not catch me helping her again, and the next time she wants to make ice cream I think that she will have to get Mr. Ivens or Mr. Western to help her.

Herr Schneiderkopf (at a meeting of the Philatelic Verein)—"I moof dot Herr Fleisher read his paper on 'Die Briefmarken des Schleswig-Holstein,' right away."

Herr Schimmelpfennig (excitedly)—"I moof dot Herr Schneiderkopf was not in order. Die shentlemans of der club haf not dere beer already had."

The President—"I veto die first motion, and I see tot die second motion can be passed mit out voting."

Angelica Marmaduke called Hamilton Walsingham down in a pretty smooth way last Sunday evening. Hamilton is too persistent in his hours of courtship, and is so bow limbed that he cannot form a lap, and therefore has no share of Angelica's affections. Sunday night, a little after twelve, Hamilton remarked:—

"Angie, do you know I'm getting to be a regular freak. Besides my bric-a-brac and autographs I'm collecting stamps now."

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End of the month! cried the inspector. What on earth do you mean?

Why I guess that old bag'll be full by the end of the month. Hav'n't been but three weeks gathering all these. An' old man Brown said he'd mail lot of letters about next Sunday.

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Costa Rica, 1889, Official, 1c.....	15	1 35
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Danube Steam Nav. Co., 4 varieties assorted.....	15	1 25
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Hawaii Prov. Govt., 3c. blue, red surg.....	45	—
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Uruguay, 1892, 1c. green.....	15	1 35
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* Hawaii, Prov. Govt., 2c. violet, red surg.....	05
* Hawaii, Prov. Govt., 5c. blue, red surg.....	18
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