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Interesting Notes.

Argentine Republic has issued a new series of stamps. The steel engraving represents the republic sitting, the right arm resting on the national shield, with the River de la Plata and a rising sun, as a background; above is the inscription "Republica Argentina." And paper of these stamps has on the back a sun as water mark. The values of these stamps are 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 30 and 50 centavos; they are printed in one colour each, and bear in the lower corners the value in figure and in the middle the word 'centavos'. The stamps of 1, 5, 10 and 20 pesos are larger and printed in two colours. They have the value in the left upper corner in figures and in letters at the base.

The colours are: 1 centavo, bistre; 2 centavo, green; 3 centavo, indigo; 5 centavo, carmine; 10 centavo, dark green; 12 centavo, sky blue; 16 centavo, orange; 20 centavo, dark carmine; 24 centavo, violet; 30 centavo, rose; 50 centavo, Prussian blue; 1 peso, green and black; 5 peso, orange and black; 10 peso, green and black; 20 peso, carmine and black.

It is reported that the South American Bank Note Company has a new set in preparation for Brazil; if so this may account for the numerous surcharges on old stock now being issued. The latest to hand is the 100 reis envelope, real surcharged, 200 reis in blue.

The 50 reis adhesive (Scott No. 115) now comes perf. 5J to G and the 200 r of same type, P and Qx11J. An unperf letter stamp of the 1895 type (Scott U 2) value 300 reis blue, perf., has been issued. Many errors of surcharge in the 1899 series, as was expected, are now cropping up.

The supply of the 15c Canada stamp, which in varying shades of lilac has done duty since 1868, is said to be at last exhausted. It is probable that no more will be issued, as since the adoption of the 2c domestic rate it is but little required.

The colour of the Canada 2c letter card has been changed from green to carmine and the 1c from black to green.

It is said that a serious error has been made in the die of the special-delivery stamp of Cuba. The inscription at the bottom contains the word "immediate." The correct form of the word in Spanish is "inmoliata." An error of this nature will certainly be corrected, and the stamp in the current form is likely to be valuable, as special delivery forms are of limited use.

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U S Notes.

It is very likely that there never will be any special stamps issued for Hawaii. It is said that the present supply of values above five cents is large enough to last until the first of February, at which time the United States Government contemplates some change in the postal regulations of the island. Thus the changes which have been made in colour in the one, two, and five cent stamps are likely to be all that we shall have until the set for the Republic of Hawaii is discontinued altogether. All surcharges and discontinued stamps of United States colonies are certain to advance rapidly in value in the next few years. Collectors should give some attention also to countries of the West Indian group which are not now included in American possessions. The Dominion Republic and Hayti are countries concerning which interest is likely to increase very rapidly.

It is not likely that United States stamps will be surcharged for use in the United States colonies, for any great length of time. It is stated by Washington correspondents that an order has already gone forth in relation to stamps of Porto Rico, which make it probable that no further sets will be surcharged for use in that island. The rate of postage will be the same as to any part of the United States, and this being the case, there is no reason why a distinction should be made between the island and any other American territory.

New Jamaicans.

New issues for Jamaica and others of the British West Indies are certain to attract attention very soon to the stamps of these islands. It is noticeable that whenever a new issue is made that is in itself attractive, collectors immediately desire to complete their collections of the older issues of the country. Many of the earlier stamps of Jamaica, and of the West Indies generally, are low in price, and within the means of young collectors. Especial attention may be profitably directed to them.

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Editorials.

We have now appeared in a larger form and as this is the first number in the year 1900 we wish to start in the New Year with a determined effort.

Although our paper was somewhat slim the first few numbers, we have not forgotten the motto, "Where there's a will there's a way," and we wish to carry it out. But we cannot accomplish this task without any aid,

therefor we beg of all philatelists to give us their support both in advertising and subscriptions of which the rates are very low. But these rates will not remain so low as we intend to raise them within several months, so you better advertise your goods while the ad rates are low.

We have just purchased a new press with which we are capable of doing a fine line of letter heads, bill heads, note heads, envelopes, approval sheets and all kinds of printed stationery required by every up-to-date stamp dealer.

Erwin Bros, two popular stamp and coin dealers of St. Catharines Ont. left with the second contingent for South Africa.

The December issue of "Energy" is to be mailed with January number.

Some years ago the Department at Ottawa passed a law prohibiting any body to print or manufacture in any way fac similes of any stamps from any country in the world.

Many Canadian publishers of philatelic papers have not observed this law and had the matter been well attended to, many of the above mentioned might have been accused of defrauding and perhaps severely punished in some way.

We have received several reports that the Post Master General has notified several Canadians published publishing firms to discontinue using stamp cuts in their papers.

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25

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5

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100

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6

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10

Blank app. sheets
WITH NAME AND ADDRESS ON.

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LEISURE HOURS.

With every issue of the PHILATELIC SPECTATOR for 1907 we shall publish papers on philately contributed by Sauerkraut Hans, giving his experiences as a stamp-collector and dealer. Now is your time to subscribe if you wish to secure the whole of this story. To those subscribing now the price is only 12s per year, in advance, with fine premium. See page 4. The subscription rate will however be changed to 23s in the near future.

PART I

INTRODUCTION.

Mein liebe Freunde!

Vin meins und Philaters, und Boys und Maidel menne und readers of der Philatelie in Spectator of dis grate Stamp Kauter. I vos now do dake mein Federkehl (pen) in mein side hand und rote you name I ge-Beer-freunds von all does, dem, disferend Bosses ago abtamps von aller der distiliced und unshiliced world und buy me pive ven tea dime rounts ven eye gets droo mit mein sidings mit dese slitemps. U vil awl egier mit me, dot ish me n sell of, der Lin Bow ger Hans, dad vos my side name to Sower Kraut Hans, pad shows dot I vos no comedings mist dose Bos-Stags slitemps und dot he vos Hat lots of EgsBeerrouse mit Hymn self und slitemps und effery dings all coonNeck! Det mit dem eh? Vell der toar roed Hers of dis journeyal, I vos

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But to come beck to mein skule dimes ven I vos ah buoy we vos to luf to lern English Grammer in dose slitemp books, yes yes way say you dare dit in in Heidell berg in Counter of Waverloo Brovinces of ontario, eh? I will del you how it was. It vos dis va uedeltisher vos give us de lesant fun ce Inklisch Crammer so dad we vos apelt to lern me dat Crammer lessant ven we vos go home. Good buy.

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