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UNITED STATES STAMPS.

Different Varieties of Home Issues and the Demand for Them.

Some months ago The Times contained an interesting interview with Mr. E. B. Sterling, of this city, respecting collectors and collections of postage stamps. Mr. Sterling, who resides at Bellevile avenue and Prospect street, has just issued a neat and 10, 15, 20 Centavos and possibly 25, complete catalogue of the adhesive postage and stamped envelopes of the United States. The catalogue reveals some extremely interesting facts. There are 551 varieties of stamps in the United States. The demand for the rarest of these stamps is so great collectors have been so eager to secure The impression is black on lilac. large collections of foreign stamps on hand most of the rare issues. In addition to the regular varieties al- in black, arms orange.—"The World." ready mentioned, there are 1,421 varieties of United States revenue stamps. These stamps are much cheaper, however, and do not rank so high in the estimation of the average philatelist. Mr. Sterling's book must prove well nigh invaluable to every collector.-Trenton Times.

Mr. Gladstone is fond of using postal cards for his communications. Although the law is that nothing must be written on the address side of the card save the address, he invariably puts either his name or his initi-Thus the recipient is subjected to a charge of two cents held that the gum, under certain resbear a 2d. stamp impressed on each extra postage. Probably the extra trictions, is capable of abso bing half, and if by French packet a 1½d. autograph is worth it. autograph is worth it.

NEW ISSUES.

Azores. — The 50 reis envelope stamp rose has been issued with small surcharge.

Bangkok.—The 3 cent post card, blue on buff, is reported with black surcharged B.

values of the new stamps, 1, 2, 3, 5,

50 and 100 Centavos. British Guiana.—The 3 cent post card has been surcharged "one cent."

Congo Free State.—A 15 centimes, brown on buff, has been emitted.

French Colonies.—A card similar to that employed in France but with a Cayuye, that the value of them has increased 10 centime stamp of the current issue over four fold in two years. Stamp of French Colonies is now in use.

Gwalior.—The 1/2, 1 and 2 anna that they have just awakened to the have the surcharge in two lines close fact that in hunting for foreign stamps | together and that on the 1/2 and 2 they have neglected to secure valuable anna is in red. The 3a. is similarly home collections. Hence the supply surcharged in black as well as the Cainga, is much less than the demand. Mr. card of 1/4 a., and 1/4 x 1/4 a. The en-Sterling makes a specialty of United velopes have the same surcharge the Kukey, Cuygey, States' stamps and endeavors to keep 1/2a. in red with arms green, the 1a. in black, arms brown and the 4a. 6p, Cugga,

Malta.—A 5 shilling stamp has been issued. The color rose.

Macau.-Two more varieties of surcharges have been issued. 5 on 25 reis red. 10 on 50 reis green.

New South Wales .- A 1d. official post card has been issued.

Persia.—Three more of the new stamps have appeared, 1 kran, slate; 5 krans, violet; 10 krans, bistre.

Tobago.—The 1d. has been changed to rose instead of red brown.

foreign matter floating in the air.

A BADLY-SPELLED PLACE.

How the average Letter-writer geto Cayuga.

Mr. Isaac Fry, the Postmaster at Cayuga, in the county of Haldimand, sends to the Globe the following " 112 ways of spelling Cayuga, every one of Bolivia.—The following are the which," he writes, "have been received at this office." The list is a curiosity:

> Cayuca, Cuyahoga, Chaugy, Caugh, Cuba, Cahucia, Cayagua, Cayugia, Cayuga, Cuga, Caughe, Kayuka, Kauguge, Kiucky, Cayuge, Cyuga, Cayga, Cavoha. Canugu, Cayug, Keugue, Kikuga, Caoga. Cayega, Eaquga, Cogay, Caeuga, Ceuaga, Cayuago, Cauugua, Caugey, Ceaugy, Cauyga, Caygua, Ciyuga, Cayueg, Cayauga, Kajuke, Cuagua, Cayoga Cabuga, Cavuhoga, Cajuka, Gayuga, Payuga, Cavua. Caugia, Cauaga, Caguga, Cayuag, Kiuaga, Caugoke, Cayauga, Caugga. Kajuka, Kuyga, Cajuga, Cauguga, Caiuka, Cyega, Kaucky. Cayuka, Cayaga, Kugague, Cogugar, Cycuga, Caucy, Cayeuga, Cayuage, Caugua, Couga, Cougo, Caugay, Kauguga, Cauguay, Cayago,

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Double or reply paid post-cards A case of fatal poisoning from lick- may henceforth be sent to Siam. If ing postage stamps is reported. It is intended to go via Brindisi they must stamp on each half.

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Readers will please take notice that "Morell's Philatelic Directory" will not appear until March 1st, 1886, on account of some unavoidable delay.

his address from Manchester, Mich., to Battle Creek, where he will be prepared to carry on the stamp and publin any but the newest editions of the cape." The pieces are scarcely ever lishing business on a more extensive dictionaries scale.

The well known Stamp and Coin dealers, Messrs. Scott & Co, have retired from business, and are succeeded by a stock company, under the name is said, \$700.—The Globe. of "The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Limited." Mr Henry Collin has Mr Henry Collin has department.

Mr. E. B. Sterling, the well-known stamp collector of this city, is about to send a notable exhibit to the New Jersey department at the New Orleans Exposition. It is a \$5,000 United States document stamp proof in orange, green and black colors. There is probably no other stamp of the kind in the country, only three or four having ever been issued. The card, which is suitably framed. For a day or two the gem will be on exwindows.—Daily True American.

NOTES.

Josushi Nornura, Postmaster-General of Japan, is an intelligent man about forty years of age. After perfecting as well as possible the mail service of Japan, he resolved to find out what was worthy of imitation in America, and is believed to have discovered some useful points during his visit to New York and Washington.

Eleven thousand dollars' worth of ink was used by the Post-office department last year in stamping and government would permit cancelled show was to be held at Woolwich. stamps to be reused, much of this expense might be saved; but the government never did go very strong on

There is a man who makes his livzine has reprinted an article on "Pro- ing in New York by his manipulation visional Stamps" from this journal, of old coin. He buys the plugged silver pieces and chipped copper coins that are dropped into the gate boxes along the elevated railroad, and fixes the money up so that it will pass again. Now and then he comes across a rare coin worth many more times its Advertising forms close February 15, face value. He calls himself a "money-dresser."

Mr. H. G. Spaulding, publisher of There are 30,000 stamp collectors the Michigan Philatelist, has changed in New York, and the number is constantly increasing. They call themselves philatelists-a word not found by the postmaster of Brattleboro, Vt., is poorly executed. in 1847, and was only in circulation for a few months. It is now worth, it

A number of employes of the Chicago post-office have been discharge of the stamp department and charged for talking politics, President Mr. William P. Brown of the coin Cleveland having determined to sit upon those who use their position to strengthen their party. It would be a good move to put the same law in force here. Whenever there is a political campaign in this province the custom-house, post-office and internal revenue department furnish hustlers

proof is prettily mounted on a white interpreted. Inquiries about deceased hibition in Brearly & Stoll's show to look up relatives who may have left money. Some correspondents

regard the post master as a matrimonial agent, and even ask his opinion as to the character of the individuals who are paying attention to their sisters. One amorous couple wrote him to send a marriage license by return of post, and a farmer desired him to name a suitable party to whom he might sell a thirty stone pig. Applications for employment in all sorts of trades are common, but the man who wanted the postmaster to interfere with some neighbors who called. him bad names was very far wide of cancelling letters. An economically the mark, and so was the proud disposed person thinks that if the mother who asked when the baby

NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

BY J. HOOPER.

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10. Obv. around circle "CANADA, 1830." Rev. half penny in two straight lines. Copper, size 15, plain edge.

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