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No. 1.

EDITORIAL.

WITH the beginning of the fifth volume of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST a few words will not be amiss concerning our plans for the future. During the past four years of our existence we have undergone the trials incident to the publishing of a philatelic journal; we have by force of merit created a demand for our journal. In contents, in typographic appearance it will stand comparison with any magazine in its class.

What of the future? THE VIRGINIA will be issued on the 20th of each month as heretofore. We shall endeavor to produce a magazine best suited to the needs of the average collector. New departments will be added from time to time, and we solicit articles of interest. It is the intention of the publisher to secure a staff of regular contributors that produce articles above the ordinary. The best is none too good.

DOES THE paper pay expenses? No. The journals in the United States paying expenses of publication can be counted on the fingers of one hand. One of the strangest things we meet with is the fact that the average collector utterly fails to recognize the value to himself of a good philatelic journal. Commenting on this well known fact, Edward J. Nankivell, an English collector of note, and who is connected with the *Philatelic Record*, says:—

"And here let me put in a word for the philatelic journal. I can speak from experience when I assert that collectors as a whole are singularly neglectful of their journals. With one or two notable exceptions, philatelic journals have to struggle on with a circulation ranging from a few hundred to a couple of thousand. * * * * * What is the result of this neglect? The result is simply that philatelic journals are literally starved for means to carry on without incurring

heavy loss. Leading collectors, out of love for their hobby, and out of sheer enthusiasm, are continually putting their hands into their pockets to find the means to produce good journals for the benefit of their fellow collectors. * * * * * For lack of the needful means collectors are continually deprived of the publication or the results of some of the most painstaking research; deprived of it because its publication would cost a good round sum for illustrations and literary matter.

But it is a penny wise and pound foolish policy at best which regards the philatelic journal as rather a nuisance than a necessity. Without its journals I venture to assert that stamp collecting would have been dead years ago, and further, I have no hesitation in asserting the belief that if the philatelic journals of today were discontinued for even a twelve month most dealers would, by the end of that time, be filing their petitions in bankruptcy.

* * * * * But what I complain of is the measure of the support, what it is, compared with what it should be. As a matter of fact, the best circulated journal in this country, the *Monthly Journal*, is produced and published at a very heavy loss, and I daresay the same is the tale that the proprietors of the *American Journal of Philately* would have to tell, for its small subscription, even on a very large circulation, could not possibly meet the outlay. Hence it follows that collectors, who are to be numbered in each country by their hundreds of thousands, are, from some cause or another, not represented as supporters of stamp journals by more than five per cent. at the outside. Personally, I doubt if it reaches even one per cent. Now, if you were to button-hole any rational collector, and offer to bet him two to one that not five collectors in a hundred subscribed to stamp journals he would probably think you had recently suffered from sunstroke. But the fact is undeniable. Who will supply the explanation?"

The editor has been in the publishing business since 1894, and knows the remarks to be only too true. This is the reason, and the main one, why we have so many short-lived publications in the United States, as well as elsewhere.

Why does such a state of affairs exist? Ask us something easier.

THE editor of *The Australian Philatelist*, in commenting upon the functions of Philatelic societies says he has been struck with the fact that the work of philatelic societies is not on such broad and comprehensive lines as it was ten or fifteen years ago. Quite recently a number of articles and editorials have appeared in our contemporaries commenting upon the marked decrease in the membership of American societies, and the reasons advanced have alleged the results to be from any one of half a dozen causes.

COMING nearer home, we have but to observe the decrease in membership of the Southern Philatelic Association. Compared with membership of something like two hundred a year or two ago, we are confronted with a membership of about seventy. Why is this so? We do not know. We have the best conducted Sales Department in the United States, with the record of not a single claim against any member, and not a single stamp or book lost during the year. It is true, the society has been handicapped by the gross neglect of the last elected President, but we feel that the members themselves owe a duty to the Association.

SUBSCRIBE now to the VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Stanley Gibbons' Priced Catalogue of Stamps of the British Empire.

WE acknowledge receipt of a review copy of Stanley Gibbons' catalogue for 1902, issued by the New York branch, and for the first time containing prices in American currency; resulting, as is stated in the introduction by the publishers, of some curious prices. The prices are exactly identical with the British edition, and as their unit of one penny (2 cents) is followed we are not greeted with the familiar 1, 3 and 5 cents of our American catalogues.

As to the publication itself, there are many valuable notes that are omitted from the Scott catalogue, but we are of the opinion that many of the trifling varieties due to over-inking, etc., might well be omitted. Several countries have been entirely rewritten, including Griqualand and Madagascar, and Transvaal is now included in Part I. On turning the pages we find Transvaal occupying a dozen or so pages, of which over two are consumed by the Pietersburg, 1901, issue by the Boers. Besides the regular V. R. I and E. R. I. issues we find the issues for Lydenburg, Rustenburg, Schweizer Renecke and Wolmaransted listed. The Mafeking siege stamps and the Vryburg Boer occupation and British re-occupation are listed under Cape of Good Hope.

As to prices we see no startling changes in our hurried perusal of the work. Our Canadian friends claim there are many underpriced stamps of their country, but as the list is a *selling price* for Stanley Gibbons, we have no criticism to make.

The book contains over 250 pages, is neatly bound in royal scarlet, is neatly printed and well illustrated. It can be obtained from Stanley Gibbons' Ltd., 167 Broadway, New York. Price 67 cents, postpaid.

Danish Islands Will be Ours.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—As a result of the negotiations that have been in progress between Secretary Hay and Mr. Brun, the Danish minister, the last obstacles of substance to the preparation of the treaty of cession whereby the United States will become possessed of the Danish West Indian Islands have been removed.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the insular cases has made easier the preparation of the treaty on satisfactory lines, it is said.



Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

From the *Lone Star State Philatelist*.

Hon. John H. Reagan, who was the sole incumbent of the office of Postmaster-General of the Confederate States of America, recently placed in my hands, for a few days, a copy each of six reports, made by him to President Davis, at different dates, in the years 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864, from which I selected such information as seemed to me would be of the most interest to philatelists, and which (with Editor Bradley's consent) will be dealt out to my fellow readers of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* in several successive numbers of that favorite journal of ours.

H. G. ASKEW.

The first report is dated "Postoffice Department, Montgomery, Ala., April 29th, 1861."

At that time the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas composed the Confederate States, with Montgomery, Alabama, as the seat of government.

Hon. John H. Reagan was appointed Postmaster-General, March 6th, 1861.

At the date of the report the Confederate States Postoffice Department had not assumed charge of the postal service in the seceded states. (It did not until June 1st, 1861, as shown clearly by a later report.)

I quote from the report of April 29th as follows: "The only embarrassment that would be experienced in taking charge of the service at this time, would be the want of blanks for the quarterly returns of postmasters, and of *stamps and stamped envelopes*." (Italics mine). "Advertisements for proposals for contracts for furnishing these supplies have been made, and contracts for them are to be closed on the first day of May. Until supplies can be delivered under these contracts, the postage can be paid in money and the Department can make temporary arrangements for supplying such offices as are without blanks."

Three Chiefs of Bureau had been appointed, viz: H. St. George Offutt, Chief of the Contract Bureau, who assumed his duties March 22, 1861; B. N. Clements, Chief of the Appointment Bureau, appointed same date; and John L. Harrell, Chief of the Finance Bureau, appointed April 5, 1861.

(I learn from Judge Reagan personally that Mr. Offutt was of Virginia, Mr. Clements of Tennessee, and Mr. Harrell of Alabama. The two first named were up to the time of entering the Confederate States Postoffice Department, chief clerks in the post-office department at Washington.)

Each of these Chiefs submitted reports over their signatures, which reports were printed as appendices to the main report. That of the Chief of the Contract Bureau consists principally of a statement of the organization of the Confederate States Postoffice Department. Under this plan the making of contracts for supplies of postage stamps and stamped envelopes was to be vested in the Chief of the Finance Bureau, who was also to attend to all orders for the same.

The Chief of the Finance Bureau reported that prior to his installment into office, the Chief of the Contract Bureau had published proposals for furnishing the department with stamps and stamped envelopes.

Copies of two circular letters of the Postmaster-General, dated "Montgomery,1861," are printed with and referred to in his report. One evidently intended for mail route contractors, states that "the government of the Confederate States will not interfere with any existing contracts, entered into between the government of the United States and the present contractors until it assumes the entire control of the postal affairs" * * * "but if the government of the United States should abandon the mail service in the Confederate States before the Department shall be organized and ready to enter into new contracts, I am authorized to continue existing contracts provisionally, by proclamation, until new contracts can be entered into."

The other letter provides that "all postmasters and other employees in the postal service are directed to continue the performance of their respective duties as such, and render all their accounts and payable moneys to the order of the government of the United States, as they have heretofore done, until the government of the Confederate States shall be prepared to assume the entire control of its postal affairs." (Italics mine.) The letter adds that it is "out of my power to determine definitely when the new service will be substituted for the old," (the substitution was made on June 1, 1861), "and no removals or appointments of postmasters or others in the postal service will be made by the Department, nor will it receive returns relating to or moneys derived from the postal service, until it shall assume entire control of the service."

It thus appears that on April 29, 1861, the entire postal service in the seven seceded states remained in the full control of the United States Postoffice Department.

Referring to Mr. E. R. Aldrich's "Notes on Confederates," in the August number of the LONE STAR STATE PHILATELIST, it clearly appears that Mr. S. J. Berry, who acted as postmaster at Madison, Florida, from "within a few days after January 7th, 1861, did not act under any authority from "the Montgomery government" between that date and June 1, 1861, and that under the orders of "the Montgomery government" he should have rendered his accounts and paid over all moneys received to the United States government for that period.

I am afraid that there is not much of philatelic interest in this first paper. The next will contain a detailed account of the difficulties experienced by the Confederate government in getting its first supply of postage stamps, the date of the first delivery of them and the number delivered up to November 27, 1861.

H. G. A.



Chronicle of New Issues.

Austria.—Several of the current series have appeared with an overprint of brownish lines—we presume to prevent chemical cleansing.

Adhesives—same as 1900 with added lines.

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 heller, lilac. | 4 hellers, blue green. |
| 2 hellers, dark gray. | 6 hellers, orange. |
| 3 hellers, bistre brown. | |



Bulgaria.—We are indebted to *The American Journal of Philately* for information concerning the new issue for this country. The portrait is of Prince Ferdinand.

Adhesive stamps—perforated.



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| 1s violet and gray black. | 25s blue and black. |
| 2s bronze green and blue black. | 30s brown bistre and gray black. |
| 3s orange and black. | 50s dark blue and brown. |
| 5s emerald green and brown. | 1l salmon and bronze green. |
| 10s rose and black brown. | 2l red and black. |
| 15s lilac rose and gray black. | 3l slate and red brown. |

Dominican Republic.—A new set of postage due stamps has been issued.

Adhesives—perforated.

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| 2 centavos, brown-olive. | 5 centavos, brown-olive. |
| 4 centavos, brown-olive. | 10 centavos, brown-olive. |

Ecuador.—It is announced that the colors of the 5 sucre stamp have been changed

Adhesive stamps—perforated.

5s gray black and black.

Hungary—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* state that the 6 filler stamp of the present issue has appeared in a new color.

Adhesive stamp—perforated.

6f olive yellow.

Italy.—We learn from *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* that the remainders of the new set were placed in circulation during October.

Adhesive stamps—perforated.

40 centesimi, brown.	1 lire, gray and brown.
45 centesimi, olive.	5 lire rose and blue.
50 centesimi, violet.	

Mauritius.—Mr. J. J. Witney has shown us two varieties of the stamps of this colony, which we do not remember having seen chronicled. They are the 4c current type on yellow paper, and a distinct variety of surcharge of the 15c on 36c Jubilee, the overprint being in a thinner type and about $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. longer than that in the earlier type.—*The Australian Philatelist*.

Newfoundland.—*The A. J. of P.* has received a new 4c stamp bearing the portrait of the Duchess of Cornwall and York.

Adhesive stamp—perforated.

4c purple.

North Borneo.—It is announced in the journals that the current set has been surcharged "BRITISH PROTECTORATE" in two lines. We are not aware of the reason for this new supply of labels. The values are given below :

Adhesive stamps—perforated.

Red surcharge.

1c yellow brown and black.
2c green and black.
6c olive brown and black.
12c blue and black.
18c green and black.

Black surcharge.

3c lilac and olive green.
24c claret and blue.

Green surcharge.

4c carmine and black.
Blue surcharge.
8c brown lilac and black.

Unpaid letter stamps.

Perforated.

Black surcharge.

2c green and black.
4c carmine and black.
5c light blue and black.

Netherlands.—Our friend, P. den Outer, sends us a specimen of the current 3c in a new color.

Adhesive stamp—perforated.

3c sage green.

Orange River Colony.—*The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* has been shown an entire sheet of the 1 penny value surcharged "E. R. E." instead of "E. R. I."

Paraguay.—*The A. J. of P.* lists a 1 peso stamp of the 1892 design.

Adhesive—perforated.

1 peso, slate.

Queensland.—To this state belongs the honor of having issued the first stamps bearing the head of Edward VII, although Victoria has had dies prepared for some time. The Queensland stamps are, however, only Duty stamps. According to *The Australian Philatelist* they are very coarsely engraved and printed, and are the most perfectly hideous productions we have ever seen.

Adhesive stamps—perforated.

2d carmine, size 24x17mm.	3d yellow green, 30x20.
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Victoria.—We annex illustrations of two values of the current issue with the word "POSTAGE" added to the design. This change relates to the entire series.

The Southern Philatelic Association.

President.— Vice President.— Secretary-Treasurer.—A. Dietz, Richmond, Va. International Secretary.—R. S. Nelson, Birmingham, Ala. Sales Superintendent.—Chas. Waring, Box 292, Knoxville, Tenn. Librarian.—Chas. P. Davis, Richmond, Va. Counterfeit Detector.—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas. Trustees.—August Dietz, Chairman Ex-Officio, Richmond, Va., Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, New Braunfels, Texas. Official Journal—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.,
GENTLEMEN:—

The failure to hold our annual convention at Birmingham, Alabama, as intended, last month, makes it necessary for the officers to submit their respective reports to you in printing. They will be found attached:—

While this failure to hold the convention was quite a disappointment to us all, there is no grounds for assuming the S. P. A. a dead issue. The 88 members on our books may be relied on to support the Association in future and to induce others to join us. Let us try to build up again.

To-day we are without a President and Vice President. I would suggest and urge the selection of energetic officers for the vacancies at once.

Our Sales Department—the attractive feature of a stamp society—is in excellent running order, and is a great inducement to collectors—the main inducement we now have to offer. Patronize it, as a seller, as well as a purchaser.

Let members cease using this department for the dumping ground for their heavily canceled and mutilated duplicates—let them supply the books with first-class stamps at the same, or lower, prices than collectors can buy from dealers, and they will effect sales. The golden rule is applicable here, and members should not expect, because they are members, that this affords an opportunity for getting rid of poor duplicates at a good stiff price.

The Treasury is quite depleted, and I would urge the members to remit their dues for 1902 *at once*. There is still a balance of \$3.82 due THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST on its 1901 account.

We need more members—prompt payment of dues—and *we need it at once!*

In conclusion I would urge the members to rally once more; elect good officers and build up the Association. Conventions do not give life to a stamp society—better begin an exchange of correspondence for the sale and exchange of stamps, grow better acquainted with one another, and in this way feel that we are benefited by membership in the S. P. A.

I wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.
Yours, AUGUST DIETZ, Sec'y-Treas.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., November 2, 1901.

In hand October 25, 1900,.....31 books valued at.....\$775 08
Received to date.....111 books valued at.....2519 06

Total..... 142 books valued at.....\$3294 09
Retired, from which have been sold \$668.17..... 103 books valued at.....2319 11

In circulation November 2, 1901..... 39 books valued at.\$974 98
Insurance fund, October 25th, 1900.....\$56 99
Add 1% on \$2519 25 19

Insurance fund November 2, 1901.....\$82 18

Not a book or stamp has been lost during the year and the department has no claim against any member.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WARING.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY—TREASURER.

Number of members in good standing.....	68
To amount received for dues and initiation fees since September, 1900.....	\$15 09
By part payment R. B. Bradley, official organ account (\$14.82).....	\$11 00
By express charges on Assn's books from Hillsboro to Richmond.....	1 24
By postage during year.....	2 23
	14 47
Balance on hand.....	\$ 62

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

D. W. Osgood, from Box 502, Pueblo, Colorado, to South Fork, Rio Grande Co., Colorado.

Respectfully submitted,

AUG. DIETZ, Sec'y-Treas.

RICHMOND, VA., December, 1901.

Interstate Philatelic Association.

President.—E. C. Patton, Salem, Oregon. Vice President.—Dr. C. H. Gardner, Port Townsend, Wash. Secretary-Treasurer.—Lewis A. McArthur, 739 Glisan Street, Portland, Oregon. Sales and Auction Superintendent.—H. Moeller, 264 12th Street, Portland, Oregon. Librarian.—David E. Brown, 930 Holly Street, New Whatcom, Wash. Trustees.—Charles H. Precemeder, Jas. B. Finnigan, M. L. Gumbert, Portland. Official Organ.—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

SECRETARY—TREASURER'S REPORT.

PORTLAND, OREGON, November 12, 1901.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 131 Henry Griesel, Woodstock P. O., Oregon.
 132 A. Griesel, Woodstock P. O., Oregon. P. C. members admitted under consolidation agreement.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

- 133 H. A. Strickland, Secretary Vulcan Iron Works, Seattle, Wash. Refs., H. L. Geary, H. Moeller.

The President's Call for the Fifth Annual Convention will be found in this issue. Members are requested to send any nominations they may desire to make to me. The following have been received:—

- For President—E. C. Patton, of Salem.
- For Vice President—Dr. C. H. Gardner, Port Townsend.
- For Secretary-Treasurer—Henry Griesel, of Woodstock.
- For Sales and Auction Superintendent—H. Moeller, of Portland.
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Respectfully submitted,

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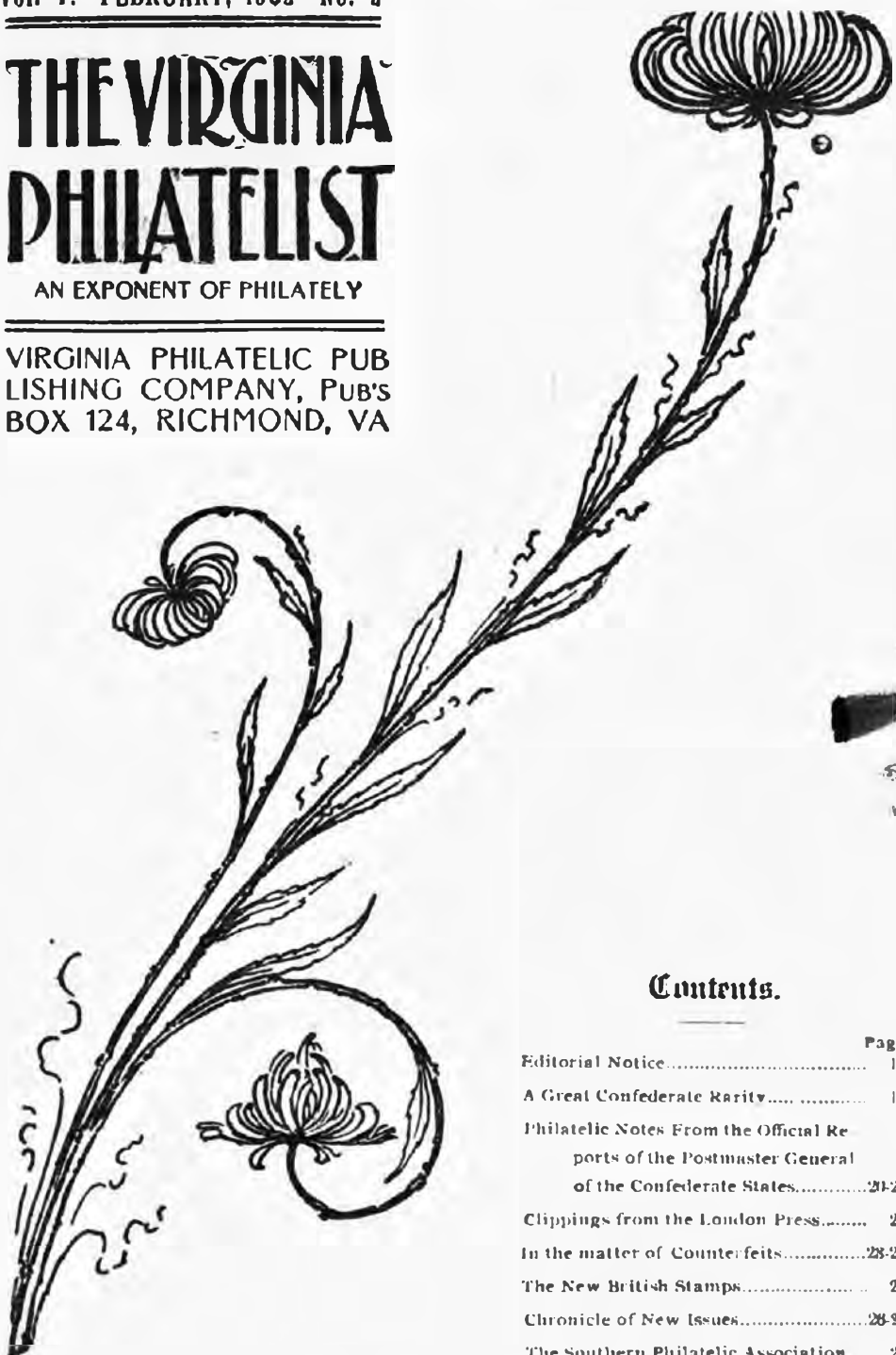
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Editorial Notice.

THE publisher has been too busy with other important business to give this issue of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST the attention it deserves. Our readers are kindly requested to overlook any deficiencies that may exist.

A Great Confederate Rarity.

WE are again enabled, through the courtesy of our friend Mr. R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Al. to present an excellent illustration of a great rarity from his fine Confederate States collection. It is an entire sheet (with only two stamps missing) of the *perforated* 10 cents variety.

Considering the great quantity of spuriously perforated Confederate stamps on the market, this sheet is of the greatest value, as Mr. Nelson is confident of its being one of the few sheets officially perforated by the Confederate Postoffice Department, as the circumstances under which he secured it, leave no doubt as to these points.

The perforations tally precisely with those of used copies on cover, (whose identity is unquestioned) with which they have been carefully compared. The gum on these stamps is of the same kind as used by the Department when they first printed this type, and the type is the correct one, corresponding with the plate in use during the brief period in which the tens were perforated. We have seen this sheet of Mr. Nelson's before, but, learning that he intended placing it on the market, we requested the privilege of reproducing it in photogravure. Further details of this rarity may be learned of its owner Mr. Robert S. Nelson, 2210 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

AUG. DIETZ.

Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

From *Lone Star State Philatelist*.

The second report of Postmaster General Reagan to the President of the Confederate States was dated at "Richmond, Va., Nov. 27th, 1861."

It states that an act of the Confederate congress of May 19, 1861, authorized him to issue a proclamation fixing a day on which he would assume the control of the postal service in the Confederate States, and that in pursuance of that authority he issued on May 13, 1861, a proclamation fixing June 1, 1861, as the date.

The proclamation is given in full in the report. It prohibits from and after June 1, 1861, all conveyance of mails within the Confederate States except by authority of the Confederate Postmaster General. It directs all Postmasters, Route Agents and Special Agents, "within these states," then acting under United States authority to continue in the discharge of their duties from June 1, 1861, under Confederate States authority and requires them to forward to the Confederate States Postoffice Department, their names and names of postoffices in order that new commissions may be issued under authority of the Confederate government. All postmasters were also required to render to the Postoffice Department at Washington, D. C., their final accounts and their vouchers for postal receipts and expenditures, up to the 31st day of May, taking care to forward with said accounts, all postage stamps and stamped envelopes, remaining on hand, belonging to the United States Postoffice Department. Postmasters were further instructed that "until supplies of postage stamps and stamped envelopes are procured for the prepayment of postage within the Confederate States, all postage must be paid money, under the provisions of the first section of an Act approved March 1st 1861."

June first was selected because it was supposed to be the earliest day that it would be practicable to reach with notice all postmasters, contractors and others engaged in the service, so as to secure uniformity in their official action.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Confederate proclamation the Postmaster General of the United States likewise issued his proclamation discontinuing United States postal service in the seceded states from June 1st.

Between the dates of the Confederate Postmaster General's first and second reports, four more states viz: Virginia, North Carolina, Arkansas and Tennessee had been added to the Confederate States, Tennessee apparently not having been added until after the proclamation of May 13th, as there was another similar proclamation, dated on July 3rd, which related to that state only, in which the 8th of June instead of the 1st of June was the time fixed for the commencement of service by postmasters, etc., in Tennessee under Confederate authority, the same instructions with reference to accounts, vouchers, stamps, etc., being given as before, the only difference being that of eight days in date.

The following statistics, in the report of Nov. 27, 1861, may be of interest :

The whole number of post offices in the Confederate States on the 1st of June, 1861, was	8,411
Of this No. there had been discontinued since that date	183
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Leaving in operation	8,228
Number established since June 1,	72
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Whole number, Nov. 27, 1861, in operation,	8,300
Number of postmasters who have been appointed since June 1,	6,261
Number of postmasters commissioned by the Department since that date,	4,184
Number of resignations during same period	950

Of the resignations 450 were of appointments made by the Confederate States and 491 were of appointments made by the United States.

It thus appears that at least two thousand post offices were in operation the postmasters of which had not received new appointments from the Confederate government and of those who had been so appointed more than two thousand had not been commissioned up to Nov. 27, 1861. In this connection I quote as follows from the report:

"Notwithstanding the prompt and energetic efforts of this Bureau, by the issue of proclamations and urgent letters requiring information to be furnished to the Department, there has been great delay in the receipt of the responses from postmasters, which are necessary to enable the Department to reappoint them, or to appoint others in their stead; and the inaccuracy in the execution of the bonds of postmasters, has delayed the issue of commissions to many of those who have been appointed."

In Postmaster General Reagan's report of Nov. 27, 1861, at the end of a chapter headed Finance Bureau, the following paragraph occurs :

"The first delivery of postage stamps by the contractors was made on the 15th of October last, and since that date only 1,430,700 stamps have been received, all of which have been issued by this Bureau to post offices near which large bodies of troops have been situated, with a view to their special accommodation."

Immediately following this paragraph is an entire chapter entitled "Postage Stamps," which I have thought best not to abridge or condense, but give it in full as follows :

The difficulties which have been encountered by the Department in its endeavors to procure postage stamps and stamped envelopes, producing great delay in procuring them in such quantities as to meet the demands of the public, have much impatience to be manifested on that account, which induces me to state at some length, the various efforts made by the Department to procure them, as well for the information of Congress as for the vindication of the Department against charges of neglect of duty in that respect.

The manifest advantage of having stamps and stamped envelopes for the payment of postage has been from the first fully realized by the Department, and immediately after my appointment, and before the Department was organized, correspondence was commenced with such parties as was known to be able to manufacture them, for the purpose of procuring them at the earliest day possible. Propositions were submitted early in March last, from parties not residing in the Confederate States,

to supply them, and the Department was lead to believe they ought to be obtained by the time it could be organized and prepared to take control of the service. But the political changes then going on so rapidly, and the increasing probabilities of hostilities between the new and old governments, soon rendered the fulfillment of the first proposition to furnish stamps and stamped envelopes impossible. H. G. A.

Clippings from the London Press.

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NO PARCELS POST TO AMERICA.

The United States Postmaster-General has informed Lord Panncofte, the British Ambassador, that his Government is not prepared to enter into negotiations with a view to the establishment of a parcels post between America and the United Kingdom.

PETITION FOR A NEW 1d. STAMP.

Mr. J. Henniker-Heaton, M. P., last night forwarded to Lord Londonderry, Postmaster General, a memorial signed at short notice by about a hundred members of the House of Commons in favour of a royal scarlet or red stamp being used in place of the present mauve penny stamp.

Mr. Henniker-Heaton says he could have obtained four hundred signatures at the House of Commons if necessary.

HIGH PRICES FOR COLONIALS AND TRANSVAALS.

The interest in the great sale of British, Foreign, and Colonial postage stamps at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's continues unabated, and again a total of nearly £1,100 was realized. Special importance was attached to the "1877 V. R." stamps of the Transvaal, one of these 3d. mauve, unused, and very fine, sold for £8 10s.; another, a 6d. blue, also very fine, sold for £16 and several others of the same issue, but of various values, sold at from £1 6s to £4 each. The following prices were also realized:—

Canada, 1851, 12d., black, a great rarity.....	£57 0
United States, 1869, 30c., carmine and blue.....	54 0
Ditto, 24c green and purple	24 0
Ditto, 15c., brown and blue.....	19 0
Ditto, Brattleboro', 1846, 5c, black on buff, an extremely rare stamp, with a small hole in the centre, which has been skillfully repaired.....	40 0
Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 1s., purple, unused.....	24 10
Reunion, 1852, 30c., black on bluish	22 10
Ditto, 15c., black on bluish, repaired.....	17 10
New Brunswick, 1851, 1s., mauve, large margins.....	17 0
Ditto, 1860-3, 5c, brown, with portrait of Postmaster Connell, extremely rare	14 10
Newfoundland, 1860, 1s., orange, good margins.....	14 10
St. Vincent, 1880 5s., rose-red, unused.....	11 0
Ditto, 1881, 4d., on 1s., vermilion.....	12 0

In the Matter of Counterfeits.

From The American Journal of Philately.

Should counterfeits be described in the philatelic magazines? The question is not a new one. At various times it has been discussed by societies and in print and opinion is still divided. Are the interests of philately best served by the publication of careful description of counterfeits, that all who read may shun them, or should such knowledge be held in trust by the few who may be called experts, with the idea of withholding information which the unscrupulous might use to further their nefarious ends? It is not easy to decide wherein lies the greatest danger to the collector.

It will scarcely be necessary to say that it is to the interest of dealers and publishers to protect the collector against counterfeits. The question is, how is he best protected? Those who favor publicity argue that it is due to the collector that all dangerous counterfeits should be minutely described in the press, in order, that he, being warned, may be on the lookout for them. On the other hand, the advocates of silence argue that the publication of important details is of more value to the counterfeiter than to his victims, since it points out the defects in his work and gives him information which enables him to improve his products and the better to defy detection. It must not be forgotten that a counterfeit can seldom be described by itself; in order that the difference between it and the genuine stamps may be made clear, it is usually necessary to give a careful description of the latter. Information of this sort is of quite as much value to the counterfeiter as to the collector whom it is intended to protect.

If all philatelists were students, there would be some reason for bringing to their attention all dangerous counterfeits and printing descriptions sufficiently minute to enable them to know a good thing from a bad; but, unfortunately, very few philatelists are either students or sufficiently interested and painstaking to follow articles in the papers and decide for themselves as to the merits of their stamps. The majority of collectors find it easier to refer such matters to their favorite dealer and accept his decision without question. To a certain extent this is not a bad idea, if the dealer is really a philatelist and competent to pass judgment on stamps; but of how few can this truly be said? This is one reason why many collectors prefer to purchase stamps only from the larger dealers. They may not obtain as many ostensible bargains, but they are relieved from the necessity of thinking and studying for themselves and they have the satisfaction of knowing that the stamps they buy have been experted and, should later information show an error to have been made, the stamps will be redeemed.

Until recently, the great majority of counterfeits which we encountered were of very inferior workmanship and could be detected without difficulty by most collectors. There were, of course, some which were sufficiently well made to be dangerous, but collectors had known most of them for a long time, and it is probable that their makers had turned their energies into other channels, so that describing them would

do no special harm. The counterfeiter of a few years ago seems to have tried his hand at making one or two stamps and then to have given it up. Perhaps they were discouraged when their work was detected or, more probably, they did not find it sufficiently profitable. But today we are face to face with counterfeits of a very different grade. The new *chevaliers d'industrie* have brought to their aid the best arts of the printer and engraver. They have used photography, line engraving and process work. The products of their misdirected abilities have occasionally deceived the most advanced and expert and have necessitated many weary hours of puzzling to detect their weak points.

Even more dangerous than the counterfeits of stamps have been the counterfeit surcharges on genuine stamps. There exist large stocks of unused remainders of many old stamps, for instance, those of the Spanish colonies. Some of these varieties, at the time they were in use, were surcharged, and in that condition are more valuable than before they were overprinted. It goes without saying that the temptation to counterfeit these surcharges was too great to be resisted. The result has been a flood of extremely dangerous forged surcharges. Some of these which were not at first well enough done to be alarming, were elaborately described in certain illadvised publications. The promoters of the enterprise were prompt to profit by the information thus placed at their disposal and soon improved on their work and placed much more dangerous frauds on the market; consequently collectors have been warned of one lot of counterfeits, only to be victimized by a later and far more dangerous emission. It is not easy to see wherein publicity has benefitted them. Had the matter been allowed to rest in the hands of those who first discovered the frauds, gave warning of their existence and would willingly have examined any doubtful specimens, much trouble and loss might have been saved to collectors.

Within a few years there have been placed on the market three lots of counterfeits of the rarer stamps of Spain. The first was carefully described in the philatelic press. By a bit of good fortune, the leader of this enterprise committed some other irregularity, for which he was arrested and imprisoned and his goods seized. But printed descriptions of his handiwork were not forgotten, and, a few years later, there came on the market a new lot of Spanish countefeits that, for a time, deceived the leading experts in Europe and America. Again the kindly publishers went to extreme pains to point out the minute differences between the genuine and the spurious stamps. Apparently, the counterfeiters read and took heed. Recently a third lot has appeared, and some of the things included in it are truly startling. These frauds appear to have been made by some photographic process and they so carefully reproduce the originals as almost to defy detection; taken singly, many of them would be extremely dangerous. To a certain extent, this closeness of imitation may be a good thing for collectors, inasmuch as it would be very difficult to write a description of the points wherein the counterfeits differ from the genuine stamps. Consequently, doubtful specimens will have to be submitted to experts, who have access to large collectors and also are familiar with the details of color, paper, gum, etc, of the original issues.

Other examples might be quoted, but these should suffice to illustrate the points I wish to bring out.

It seems to me that, in view of the perfection to which counterfeits have now attained, the time has arrived when publishers should remember that "silence is golden." When dangerous counterfeits are discovered, let us give warning that they exist but forbear to publish any details. The majority of collectors are neither inclined to investigate for themselves nor to trust their own judgment after investigation; as a consequence, doubted specimens will be sent to experts. How much better, then, that this should be done without giving publicity and information that is of more value to the rogues than to their intended victims. This suggestion is, of course, intended to apply to the things which are evidently being manufactured at the present time, more than to the old counterfeits. So long as the counterfeiter does not find his own work described, there is a good chance that he will rest content and not try to improve it. Those who are wise will let sleeping dogs lie.

The New British Stamps.

We are indebted to Mr. Jno. Courtice of London, for specimens of the new British stamps. Thus far the issue consists of the $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 6d denominations. The following clipping gives further details:—

THE NEW PENNY STAMP.

As already stated in our columns, the Postmaster-General has issued a notification that on and after New Year's Day the new stamps will be on sale at the post-offices in the United Kingdom.

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THE NEW PENNY STAMP.

and handsome red. The other stamps which will be issued with this one are half-penny (green), the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d (blue), and the sixpenny (purple). The design of these stamps is identical, the only difference besides that of colour being that the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp bears its denomination in figures. The profile head of the King will be considered a good portrait. It is contained within an oval, and above the oval is the Imperial crown; a wreath of laurel and oak surrounds the design.

Chronicle of New Issues.

Bahamas.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* chronicles a stamp of new value.

Adhesive stamp—perforated.
7s. 6d., black.

Cape of Good Hope.—*Vryburg*—A correspondent of *The L. P.* states that all four values of the issue of Nov. 1899 exist with an italic "Z" in the surcharge, and mentions other minor varieties.

Trinidad.—The postmaster-general of Trinidad has announced a new series of stamps in the near future.

Columbian Republic.—*Antioquia*—*S. G. M. J.* has received copies of a type-set provisional stamp, printed in sheets of four.

Adhesive stamps—perforated.
1c deep blue. 1c brown.



Germany.—*China*—In the December issue of the *Monthly Journal* it is announced that the 5, 10, 30 and 80 pfennig, used at Tientsin, May 7, 1901, exist with inverted surcharge.

Crete.—It is announced that the colors of the high value unpaid letter stamps have been changed.

1dr violet. 2dr brown.

Paraguay.—*L. Echo de la T.* reports a new 1 peso stamp.

Adhesive stamp—perforated.
1 peso, blue.

Cuba.—*The A. J. of P.* is authority for the statement that the two cent carmine, 1899 issue, exists with inverted surcharge.

Transvaal.—We illustrate the provisional stamp used in the city of Lydenburg.



Abbyssinia.—The *Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* states that the current set has appeared with the word "Ethiope" overprinted thereon.

Adhesive stamps—perforated.

Violet surcharge.	2g dark brown.
½g green.	4g lilac brown.
½g salmon.	8g lilac.
1g blue.	16g black.

Chile.—It is announced in the *A. J. of P.* that the 5c of the new series has appeared.

Adhesive stamp—perforated.

Ecuador.—It is said that the current set has been surcharged "Official" in black.

Soudan.—The 1 millieme stamp is reported by the *Timbrophile Belge* as being perforated with the letters "s. g." (Service Gouvernemental), for use as an official stamp.

Adhesive stamp—perforated.

1m rose and brown.

Gold Coast.—The illustration herewith shows one of the provisional stamps recently issued.

Adhesive stamps—perforated.

Black surcharge.

1p on 2½p lilac and ultramarine. 1p on 6p lilac and purple.



Rhodesia.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* states that they have seen a 7sh, 6p has been issued to the current set.

Great Britain.—The new set has appeared, or at least four values as follows :

Adhesive stamps—perforated.

½d green.	2½d blue.
1d red.	6d purple.



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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.

There is nothing further to report this month, except that I would again urge the members of the S. P. A. to hold a mail election to fill the vacancies in the offices of our association. This state of affairs cannot endure, and I would request that nominations be sent me for publication in the next issue of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

RESIGNATION RECEIVED.

Adolph Lohmeyer, Baltimore, Md.

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Our Wedding.

In view of the facts presented in the following excerpts taken from the *Richmond Dispatch*, of January 31, the editor again begs the indulgence of our many readers for the many shortcomings of this and the preceding issue.

Mr. Royal Bennett Bradley and Miss Beulah Wilford Reams were united in marriage by the Rev. James E. Oyler, pastor of Denny-Street Episcopal Church, South, at the home of the bride, 703 Nicholson street yesterday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

The parlors were beautifully decorated with palms, and the decorations were very effective.

The bride wore a handsome dress of blue silk, and carried a bouquet of Bride's roses. There were no ushers and no maid of honor, only the families of the contracting parties being present.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held, and the bride and groom were showered with congratulations. Later the parties were tendered an elegant collation in the dining-room.

The bride is the handsome and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver Reams, and is noted for her many accomplishments.

Mr. Bradley hails from the Lone Star State, where he is well known, having been a resident of Richmond for the past three years, and has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley will be at home to their friends at 2703 east Franklin street, after February 24th.

Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

From *The Lone Star State Philatelist*.

(This is the remainder of the chapter entitled "Postage Stamps," which was commenced in the last number. It is taken from Mr. Reagan's second report to President Davis.)

On the 16th of March, a proposition was submitted by a gentleman having the means and capacity for manufacturing them, to establish a house in the city of Montgomery for that purpose and for the purpose of doing any other engraving, lithographing and printing which might be required by the government. Assurances were given him that he should have the contract for furnishing stamps and stamped envelopes, and at his request, and to facilitate the early manufacture of them, he was furnished by the Department, with designs for the various denominations of stamps, in order that he might complete the necessary engravings by the time his presses and other materials could be prepared. He left that city, as he said, for the purpose of carrying into effect that enterprise, and nothing was heard from him afterwards.

On the 27th of March the Department advertised for proposals for furnishing stamps and stamped envelopes, in newspapers in the following cities, to wit: Montgomery, New Orleans, Charleston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Savannah, Columbus, Richmond Memphis and Louisville. No proposals in response to this advertisement were received from any establishment in the then Confederate states. The only proposals made in answer to this advertisement were one from Richmond and one from Baltimore, proposing to furnish lithographed stamps. The proposition from Baltimore was regarded as most favorable, both on account of the style of the work proposed to be done and the terms on which the supplies were proposed to be furnished. But the collision between the citizens of that city and the Federal troops, on the 20th of April, and consequent suspicion of communication with that city, prevented further negotiations on the subject.

A skillful engraver, not a citizen of the Confederate States, visited Montgomery early in May, for the purpose of entering into a contract to furnish stamps and stamped envelopes, to be executed in the highest style of art. When there it became manifest that the condition of affairs between the United States and our government would interrupt the delivery of these articles from the place at which he proposed to manufacture them. He then entered into an agreement to make the stamps in the Confederate States subject to the contingency of his being prevented from introducing the necessary machinery by hostilities between the two governments. In June, the Department received notice from him that it would be out of his power to introduce the machinery and fulfill his agreement.

In July, a confidential agent was employed by the Department to procure the making of the required steel dies and plates for postage stamps, and to furnish them to the Department as soon as they could be

prepared, and also, if found practicable, to have the stamps made and furnished ready for use.

After receiving some encouragement, and after the work of making steel dies had been commenced, circumstances rendered the discontinuance of the work by the manufacturer necessary. And our agent then made an effort, at another point, to procure lithographed stamps of a superior style, and, after some delay it became necessary to abandon that effort to supply the Department. This brought us to September. And in the meantime an extensive correspondence was kept up by the Department, and has been steadily persevered in up to this time, with persons in various cities in the Confederate States, and indeed with every person who was represented to the Department as an engraver, who might execute the work desired. Urged by the wants of the public, the Department was induced, as a temporary expedient, to make arrangements with a lithographic establishment in this city for the manufacture of lithographed stamps. Unexpected delay, however, occurred in the preparation of them; and after the completion of the plates, the supplies furnished to the Department were so insufficient to meet the demand for them and the prices charged so exorbitant, as compared with the cost of the superior steel plate impressions in use in the United States and other governments that a special agent was dispatched on the 27th of October to Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga., for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of having stamps printed there on more favorable terms, and in quantities equal to the public demand. This agent returned to the Department, November 4th, and reported that the engravers of those cities would submit estimates to the Department so soon as they could ascertain the cost of machinery and paper. I have just received a letter from Charleston submitting a proposal for furnishing stamps, but stating that it would require at least ninety days for the preparation of the necessary machinery and plates.

This engraver proposes to furnish the stamps gummed, but not perforated, at a cost of one dollar per thousand, the paper to be furnished by the Department, whereas the United States government paid but eighteen cents per thousand stamps, gummed, perforated, and put up in tin and paper boxes and envelopes, without extra charge for paper, and boxes, and envelopes,

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Adhesive stamp—perforated.

10c, lilac and green.

Cook Islands.—The *Phil. J. of G. B.* states that the stamps of this island are to be over printed with a crown in black, to denote their allegiance to the British Empire.

Cyprus.—A new set is in course of preparation.

Columbia.—*Le Timbrophile Belge* is our authority for the issuance of the registered letter stamp.

Adhesive stamp—perforated.

5c blue.

Cayman Islands.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* illustrates the new King Edward stamps.



Adhesive stamps—perforated.

2½d blue.

6d brown.

1s orange.

Dutch Indies.—The new set has been issued, says *The Metropolitan Philatelist*. They are of the oblong type.

1 cent, olive. 3 cents, orange.

2 cents, brown. 5 " rose.

2½ " green.

Dominican Republic.—We illustrate one of the new set.



Adhesive stamps—perforated.

1c dark green and black.

2c scarlet and black.
 5c blue and black.
 10c orange and black.
 12c purple and black.
 20c carmine rose and black.
 50c bistre brown and black.

Official stamps.

2c scarlet and black.
 5c dark blue and black.
 10c yellow green and black.
 20c yellow and black.

Danish West Indies.—According to the *A. J. of P.*, two new provisional issues have been made by surcharging the current 3 and 10c with figure of value, the word "CENTS" and "1902" in three lines.

Adhesive stamps—perforated.

Black surcharge.

2c on 3c blue and lake.

8c on 10c brown and gray.

German Offices in Morocco.—Mr. William Thorne has shown the *M. P.* a new set of stamps, surcharged diagonally.

3 pfennings, brown.	20 pfennings, ultramarine.
5 " green.	25 " orange.
10 " carmine.	50 " red-brown.

Gambia.—We illustrate the new type with face of King Edward.



Great Britain.—Great dissatisfaction is felt over the design on the new stamps, and it is possible they may be withdrawn.

We are indebted to the *S. C. Fortnightly* for illustrations of the designs for the stamped stationery.



Greece.—The *Fortnightly* illustrates the new parcel post stamps of Greece as follows :



5 lepta, orange.
 25 " green.
 50 " blue.

1 drachma, carmine.
2 " brown.

Leeward Islands.—A new issue to consist of the values $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 6p, 1sh, 2sh, 6p and 5sh are to appear shortly.

Malta.—It is stated in the press that the King Edward set has appeared.

Natal.—A new set with the King's head is in preparation.

United States.—*The Metropolitan Philatelist* states that we are to have a 13 cent stamp in the near future.

Victoria.—We present an illustration of the 1 pound stamp.



Roumania.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles two new values of the current set ; also change of lb. from " bani " to " ban."

Adhesive stamps—perforated.

1 ban, brown.

30 bani, brown.

75 bani, brown and violet.

Trinidad.—The current 1p has been issued in new colors, black on red.

A Few Suggestions.

Below is an interesting letter from C. E. Severn, a popular S. P. A. member, which should be read by every member of our society.

CHICAGO, February 7th, 1902.

AUGUST DIETZ, ESQ.,

Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Philatelic Association,
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

DEAR SIR:—I shall act upon your request to express briefly how the low vitality of the S. P. A. could be stimulated into useful activity, in my opinion.

While it takes time coupled with intelligent effort to really establish a philatelic society, yet when once it is firmly grounded, it is strong enough to successfully withstand sieges of torpidity and indifference on the part of many of its members. A stamp society is hard to found and hard to founder. If it can live to boast of a history, the chronicle of its years will show periods of depression and of elevation ; of inertia and of philatelic accomplishment. A society with a membership so imbricative as that of the S. P. A., always may claim among the individual members some with latent possibilities for society work and promotion. These qualities are to be developed under the tutelage of an active set of officers who themselves should possess not alone the credentials of honor but the faculty for disinterested work in upbuilding their organization.

The success and progress of a philatelic society accord with the capacity of its officers for promoting it in a sagaciously aggressive way. It is necessary that they

set the example for members to emulate. Just along what lines the officers can make the society advance one cannot say for they must be born of the circumstances of the particular case; but the right men find the way to promote the welfare of their society. Tangled skeins may be adjusted and the many details when properly attended to have a cumulative effect that ultimately becomes an important factor in the advancement of the organization. The executive capacity that slights the small duties and attends only to matters important in themselves does not match in good results that which develops the small beginnings in every possible way. The task of regenerating the S. P. A. should not be difficult for the organization is fortunate in having its two most important working offices in capable hands; and it now becomes necessary to round out the offices, other than those of the Sales Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer with men of similar calibre. If the needful men cannot be supplied, or if the men are in the association but will not ally themselves with its workings, then there is small excuse for the existence of the S. P. A.

Very truly yours,
C. E. SEVERN.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A. :—

Very little heed has been paid to repeated requests in these columns that members remit their dues for the current year, as well as send in nominations for the vacancies of President and Vice-President.

It is imperative that these matters be attended to at once. Your Secretary therefore once more calls upon you to send in a list of nominations, to be published in the next issue of your official organ. Members can then vote by postal card, addressing same to me, and the result will be announced in the following issue of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

While it may appear that I am trespassing beyond the limits of my official lines, I am compelled to resort to this procedure as a final attempt to place the Association on a working basis, before resigning the office you have entrusted to me.

Very truly,
AUG. DIETZ, Sec'y-Treas.

Richmond, Va., March 15th, 1902.

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Editorial Notes.

OUR apologies are due the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., for failing to mention their 1902 catalogue, sent us for inspection and review some time since. The catalogue is along the lines of its well know predecessors, and is the leading catalogue published in the English language. The prices show some advances and reductions in price, the dependencies of Great Britain coming in for their share, notably the South African countries. New Confederate locals and envelopes are listed for the following cities: Aberdeen, Miss., Moutgomery, Ala., and Richmond, Tex. The work in question is well bound in a compact book of 700 pages, in brown cover. Price 58 cents, post free.

OUR esteemed contemporary, *The Australian Philatelist*, in an interesting article on the past, present and future of the New Hebrides, gives much interesting information concerning the islands and their history. The stamps issued by the Company, which are private locals, were issued on the 17th of March, 1897. They were lithographed by John Sands & Co., of Sydney, and were designed by the popular Australian collector, Mr. A. F. Basset Hull.

AN OLD question that has provoked some discussion is whether minute descriptions of forgeries should be published in the philatelic press. The editor of the *A. J. of P.*, for whose opinion we have a great amount of respect, opposes the publication, and supports his position with many excellent reasons, the principal one being to restrict the publication of details which would enable the counterfeiter to correct errors in his work. But on the other hand, does not the suppression of elaborate details enable the counterfeiter to easily foist upon the collector his

imitations? And again, if by the publication of detailed descriptions of points of difference the collector is thoroughly educated and instructed in the detection of forged stamps, does this not force the forger to abandon his labors?

It is with deep regret that we have to chronicle the death of our esteemed English contemporary *Stamps*, which will be incorporated with the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*. Messrs. Heygate & Co. have published the journal successfully for several years, and it, to use an old phrase, filled a "long felt want." It was one of the few papers we enjoyed, and are loath to see it cease publication.

FROM some interesting editorials in a recent issue of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* we clip the following:

"The most successful dealers in the country limit their profits to ten per cent., and they sell a much larger proportion of their stock at from one-half to one-tenth of this sum. You cannot do business without advertising. You may have a few good customers, but the better they are the sooner you fill them up, but a regular succession of catchy advertisements brings a constant stream of new buyers and they can be attracted forever. Patent medicine men have accumulated the largest fortunes of any traders in the country, and their money is made solely by advertising. We have known several firms who have put their first few years profits in advertising. It would be a good and paying rule to put aside twenty-five per cent. of all profits for advertising, and it is safe to say that the more you spend this way the greater will be your profits."

THE PHILATELIC ALMANAC.

OUR thanks are due Messrs. Chas. J. Endle & Co. for a copy of the Philatelic Almanac for 1902. The work in question is well worth the insignificant price of four pence, as it contains much valuable information for English philatelists, arrival and departure of foreign mails, directory of philatelic societies, and much valuable postal information.

CONFEDERATE AUCTION PRICES.

WE quote a few prices realized on Confederate stamps at recent auction sales, as they will interest many of our readers.

SCOTT STAMP AND COIN CO., MARCH 19-20.

Baton Rouge, 5c green and carm., original cover, very fine, used..	\$42.00
Mobile. Ala., 2c black, on original cover, a little cut into at one corner.....	23.50
Tellico Plains, 5c red, nice copy, unused.....	71.00

PLUMRIDGE & CO., FEBRUARY 26.

Baton Rouge, 5c green and red, on entire, very fine, type II, S.G.	25.00
" 5c " " " " " " " III.....	15.75

J. M. BARTEL'S CO., MARCH 22.

Jonesboro, Tenn., 5c blue on orange.....	51.00
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Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

H. G. ASKEW.

From *The Lone Star State Philatelist*.

The following chapter is transcribed entire and without alternation from the report of Postmaster General Reagan, dated November 27th, 1861 :

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE.

"Capital is always timid in times of war and commercial depression like the present. And this, with the suspension of specie payment by all the banks, and the fact that corporations and individuals have issued and put in circulation, in many portions of the country, small notes which are substituted for specie as change, has caused the coin of the country to disappear, to a great extent, from circulation. This renders the payment of postage difficult in the absence of stamps, embarrassing the people, and necessarily reducing the revenues of the Department. In view of this, and of the impossibility of obtaining a sufficient supply of postage stamps for the present, I recommend that Congress extend the provisions of the act "to require the receipt by the postmasters of the Confederate States of Treasury notes, in sums of five dollars and upwards in payment of postage stamps or stamped envelopes," approved the 30th of August last, so as to make the Treasury notes receivable in sums of five dollars, or of amounts equal to other denominations of Treasury notes, for postage. It is necessary to limit the receipt of Treasury notes to amounts corresponding with their several denominations, and to leave it to the postmasters and persons paying postage to arrange between themselves the manner in which these notes may be used, as it cannot be expected that postmasters should furnish coin in change for them, on account of its scarcity, and it would be wholly inadmissible to allow them to receive and use the small notes, issued by corporations and individuals, for change, partly on account of the general worthlessness of such notes and the facility for counterfeiting them, and partly because whatever value they have is usually limited to some small locality which renders them wholly unfit for use as a Confederate currency."

A careful perusal of the foregoing will disclose the following condition of affairs which prevailed in the Confederate States in 1861, after the war had commenced: The banks had suspended specie payments, and the money which was in the country chiefly consisted of (Confederate) Treasury notes of which the smallest denomination was at that time five dollars, and "small notes" (the writer remembers them well under the name of *shinplasters*.) for amounts less than five dollars, which were issued by corporations and individuals, and which entirely took the place of the silver coins which had disappeared from circulation. Now it must be remembered that up to November, 1861, the Confederate Government had only been able to procure a very limited supply of postage stamps, and that limited supply had only been placed on sale at a very few points. In the greater portion of the Confederacy, the situation was simply this when a citizen had written a letter and wished to mail it. He had no gold nor silver, neither had the postmaster. He had probably never seen an unused Confederate postage stamp—ditto the postmaster. He had in

his pocket book some Confederate Treasury notes of denominations of five ten and twenty dollars. If well to do, he probably also had some of the denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500. He undoubtedly had a greater or less supply of shinplasters issued on the private responsibility of sundry mercantile firms and enterprising individuals in his immediate locality. These ranged in denominations about the same as the silver coins that had disappeared, viz: 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00. But their "range" of circulation was very much circumscribed. In an adjoining county other and different shinplasters were seen, and so on all over the Confederacy.

But to return to our Confederate citizen with his letter to mail. He hands it to the postmaster with a ten cent shinplaster. The postmaster tells him that he cannot take that kind of money because the government will not receive it from him. The citizen then lays down a five dollar Treasury note, and asks that \$4.90 in change be given to him in silver. This the postmaster is unable to do because everybody has long since ceased paying him any silver for postage. Citizen then says that he expects to have more letters to mail in the future and that if the postmaster will hand him \$4.90 in postage stamps, it will answer his purpose. The postmaster cannot do this either, because he has not been furnished by his government with stamps. But an idea strikes him. He says to the citizen, hand me the five dollar bill and I will mark your letter paid. I will also mark in the same manner* forty-nine envelopes, (or may be two or three less to compensate for the value of the blank envelopes), and you can take them home with you and whenever you have written a letter put it into one of them, address it, and drop it into my letter box, and there will be no more of this bother while you have one of these envelopes left. There you have the origin of the Confederate local envelope. General Reagan distinctly says that it was necessary "to leave it to the postmasters and persons paying postage to arrange between themselves the manner in which these (Treasury) notes may be used." The most natural and convenient arrangement was the one I have endeavored to picture.

The writer was in the Confederacy during the whole four years of its existence, and was fifteen years of age when his state (Texas) seceded, therefore was old enough to observe and remember—and does remember—the practically complete disappearance of silver change from circulation. He knows that it would have been almost absolutely impossible for a person to pay the postage on a single letter at a Confederate post-office prior to their having been supplied with postage stamps. I am firmly of the opinion that the greater portion of postage paid in 1861, was under such an arrangement as I have described, and that the reason Confederate locals do not exist now in large numbers is because of the great destruction resulting from a war which was maintained to the last ditch, and until almost the whole of the South had been devastated by troops, some of whose commanders boasted of not leaving undestroyed even a crow's rations.

As some stress has been put on the dates of the commissions issued

to the Confederate postmasters, I append the following extract from a tabular statement which appears in Postmaster General Reagan's report bearing the date of November 27, 1861 :

	Number of Postoffices	Number of appointments made by this department.	Number of commissions issued by this department.
Alabama.....	831.....	608.....	398
Arkansas.....	610.....	400.....	166
Florida.....	160.....	144.....	85
Georgia.....	851.....	762.....	577
Louisiana.....	341.....	287.....	165
Mississippi.....	616.....	555.....	356
North Carolina..	1054.....	741.....	552
South Carolina..	645.....	542.....	404
Tennessee.....	987.....	581.....	351
Texas.....	717.....	540.....	288
Virginia.....	1599.....	1100.....	842
	8411	6261	4184

This statement is signed by B. N. Clements, Chief of Appointment Bureau, and is dated November 25, 1861.

*The editor believes this to be a correct view. He also believes that a large proportion of the "Paid 5" envelopes, commonly called "hand-stamps," were used in the way described in the above, and that they should be collected and catalogued as regular provisional envelopes.



The Alabama State Revenue Stamps.

R. S. NELSON.

At the November session of the Legislature of Alabama, 1868, an Act was passed providing for the revenue of the state (see Acts of Alabama, 1868, page 297), and in Section 121 of this Act provided for the use of adhesive stamps as follows:—That it shall be the duty of the Auditor to furnish the Treasurer with a supply of adhesive stamps of the denomination of one dollar and two dollars each, to be printed in separate colors, similar to those used by the United States, and to bear an appropriate devise and the words "State of Alabama, Tax on Seals, one dollar" or two dollars, as the case may be. Provided, however, that any officer purchasing stamps as aforesaid in the aggregate amount of \$50 and upwards, at any one time, shall be allowed a deduction of five per cent.

Section 122 of this Act provides, That it shall be the duty of each Notary Public, Probate Judge, Commissioners for other States, Clerks of Circuit, Clerk of City Court, Registers in Chancery, or other public officer, that may be required to employ a seal by the laws of the state, officiating within the limits of the State, to affix one adhesive stamp of the value of one dollar upon each official impress of such seal of such Notary, etc., and shall proceed to cancel the same by writing or stamping his signature and date across the face of said stamp, provided that stamps shall not be required on claims of discharged soldiers or pension, or arrangements of pay or bounty from the United States.

Section 123 of this Act provides, That the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Alabama, Auditor and Secretary of State, shall affix one adhesive stamp of the value of two dollars upon each official imprint of the seal of such officers; and to cancel the same as above provided.

This Act also provided that any instrument requiring a stamp was void without a stamp affixed as required by law, and could not be introduced in a court of law as evidence.

This Act was amended Dec. 15, 1876, to allow affidavits of parties making a homestead entry under act of Congress approved May 20, 1868, without a stamp.

This Act of November 1868, and the amendment thereto, was incorporated in the Code of Alabama as Section 518, 519, 520; and was repealed in 1884. See Acts of 1884-5, page 13.

Under the law, all affidavits made before any officer using a seal such as Notaries Public, Commissioners of other States, Judges of Probate, Clerks of Courts of Record, and Registers in Chancery, and all acknowledgment of mortgages or deeds made before such officers using their seals, had to affix a one dollar tax on seal; and all papers issued out of the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Auditor, and Secretary of State of Alabama, where the seal was used, had to have a two dollar tax on seal affixed.

Now, as I understand from this law, such officers could take affidavits and acknowledgments without using their seal, and not have to use a stamp.

I have seen the one dollar tax on seal used on affidavits and acknowledgments, and the two dollar tax on seal used on official commissions of the officers of the State, such as Notaries Public, Justice of the Peace, Judge of Probate—in fact all offices where there was a commission issued to them; also the certificate of the Auditor that the insurance companies had complied with the provisions of law in filing a statement of their assets with the Auditor.

Pre-cancelled Oddities.

E. R. A.

A pre-cancelled postage stamp occasionally is found in such shape that it bears relatively the same status to the normal type as an imperforate current issue does to the general issue—a curiosity—an accidental mistake. To list all that may exist would probably be impossible for they are widely scattered and probably only a few are found in any single collection. The first and most of these varieties is caused by being twice printed and probably the most common hails from West Grove, Pa., both the one and the two cent values in this shape being fairly common. The Elgin 2c also exists in several collections in this shape, a block of ten having come into my possession some time since and been scattered. In Chicago I know of two double prints, 4c surcharged, 4—1 and the 1c overprinted 11—1.

The second class of oddity consists of a mis-spelt name and I know of three varieties, all on one cent values LJOWELL, DANBURY and BECORAH. In this class also could be included the "small figure variety" of the 2—2 Chicago set, where the first two is about half the size of the second.

In the Lexington, Ky., pre-cancelled, several varieties of "type setting" can be found in each full pane of stamps but can hardly be classed as oddities but rather type varieties as they are evidently caused by the printer being "shy" of type in a certain font.



Chronicle of New Issues.

British Guiana.—The *Deutch Briefmarken Zeitung* has seen the six cents in new colors.

6c black and ultramarine.

Crete.—The surcharge on the 25 lepta is now printed in a larger type than before, measuring 2mm more in length.

Cooks Islands.—The 1d has appeared surcharged a crown.

It is said that the stamps of this colony will appear in Postal Union colors.

Curacao.—The *A. J. of P.* has seen a 12½c Netherlands surcharged Curacao at bottom and value in upper corners.

12½c blue.

Danish West Indies.—We illustrate the surcharge listed last month.



The postage due set has been issued. Design a crown and monogram "C. R." Value in large numerals in lower corners.

1c blue.

6c blue.

4c blue.

10c blue.

Dominican Republic.—The *A. J. of P.* reports the discovery of the 1 centavo of the Jubilee series with inverted portrait.

From the same source I learn that the plates and litho stones of this series have been destroyed.

Federated Malay States.—Four postal cards of the tiger type are announced by the *London Philatelist*.

1c green.

3c rose red.

1x1.

3x3.

Fernando Po.—An over-printing of the stamps of this colony for use (?) in the "Muni River Settlements" is reported by Cadiz Postal.

Germany.—The new stamps were placed on sale March 20th, but were not available for postage until April 1st. Values remain same as before.



The inscription has been changed from "Reich Post" to "Deutsches Reich" signaling the extension of the Imperial post to Wurtemberg. The same change has also been made in the post cards.

The new stamps have been surcharged for China, Levant and Morocco.

Great Britain.—The following are chronicled by the *London Philatelist*, with date of issue:

1½d green and lilac, end of March. 2s 6d, middle of April.

3d purple on yellow, end of March.

Designs same as old issue, but with head of King Edward.

The 2½d King Edward has been surcharged 40 paras for the Levant, but not yet issued.

The following King Edward stationary has been issued :

½d envelope. Post Cards. ½x½d green on white

1d envelope, 3 sizes. and buff.

½d wrapper. Post Cards: 1d carmine on white

Post Cards: ½d green on white and buff.

Letter Card: 1d carmine on bluish.

Registration envelope: 3d chocolate brown (includes 1d postage and 2d registry fee.)

New official stamps, Queens head type :

"O. W. Official (Office of Works) "I. R. Official" on 1s gr. and carm. ½d green. "Board of Education" on 5d and 1s.

The following official stamps, Kings head type, are announced as ready for issue :

"R. H. Official" on 1d. "Army Official" on ½d and 1d.

"I. R. Official" on ½d, 1d and 2½d. "Boarth of Education" on ½d, 1d,

"O. W. Official" on ½d and 1d. 2½d.

Greece.—The *Mitteldeutsch Phil. Zeitung* reports a new series of unpaid letter stamps :

11, 21, 51, 101, 201, 401, 601, 701, 801, 901, 1001, 2001.

Guadeloupe.—The 5c and 10c in the Postal Union colors were received and placed on sale February 24th.

Hong Kong.—*Mekeel's Weekly* lists a 12c light blue.

India.—Envelopes and post cards with Emperor's head have been sent to India, and should have been issued in February. Postage stamps of the new type will not reach India before the middle of April. Details are not known.

Mauritius.—Another provisional has appeared.

12c black on 18c green and blue.

Netherlands.—I have to record a new value in the current unpaid letter set :

½c ultramarine and black.

Nicaragua.—*Mekeel's Weekly* chronicles these stamps of the current type lithographed locally :

5 centavos blue.

10 centavos purple.

5 centavos carmine.

Nieue, or Savage Island.—It is reported that this island is to have an issue of postage stamps.

Orange River Colony.—The *London Philatelist* has seen a proof of a new stamp for this colony. It is described as 2½d with head of King Edward in small oval in upper half and springbok below.

Penrhyn Islands.—I record a reported surcharge on current New Zealand stamps: black surcharge,

½d green.

2½d blue.

1d carmine.

Persia.—*Der Philatelist* chronicles a provisional five kran on fifty kran. Scott type No. A22.

Peru.—A correspondent sends me a new issue:

22c green, with seated figure of Liberty.

Saint Helena.—*Der Philatelist* has seen the following stamps with Kings head:

½d green

1d carmine.

Tasmania.—The one penny and two penny pictorial stamps have been seen on paper watermarked a "V" and "Crown." A six months supply having been printed in Melbourne.

Transvaal.—*Der Philatelist* chronicles a new set with head of King Edward:

1d carmine.

1 shilling olive green.

2d violet.

2 shillings brown.

2½d blue.

5 shillings dark red.

6d orange.

10 shillings dark violet.

Tunis.—Two new values are reported for this country:

35 cent. brown.

2 francs violet.

There is also a new value in the unpaid set.

1 franc yellow green.

Wurtemberg.—From April 1st, this Kingdom ceases to be a stamp issuing country.



The Southern Philatelic Association.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

RICHMOND, VA., April 13th, 1902.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.:—

According to my request in the last issue of this paper, I have received a number of nominations for the offices now vacant. They will appear below. *I would request the members to forward to me at once a list of their choice by post card, addressed to 18 North Eleventh Street, Richmond, Va.*

Dues are coming in very slow, and I again urge the members to remit promptly.

Very Respectfully,

AUG. DIETZ, Sec.-Treas.

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KNOXVILLE, TENN., March 27, 1902.

In circulation at last report	45 books, value.....	\$748 58
Received since	5 " "	68 93
	50 " "	815 51
Retired	21 " "	264 53
Now in circulation	29 " "	550 98
Sales from 21 books.....		71 72

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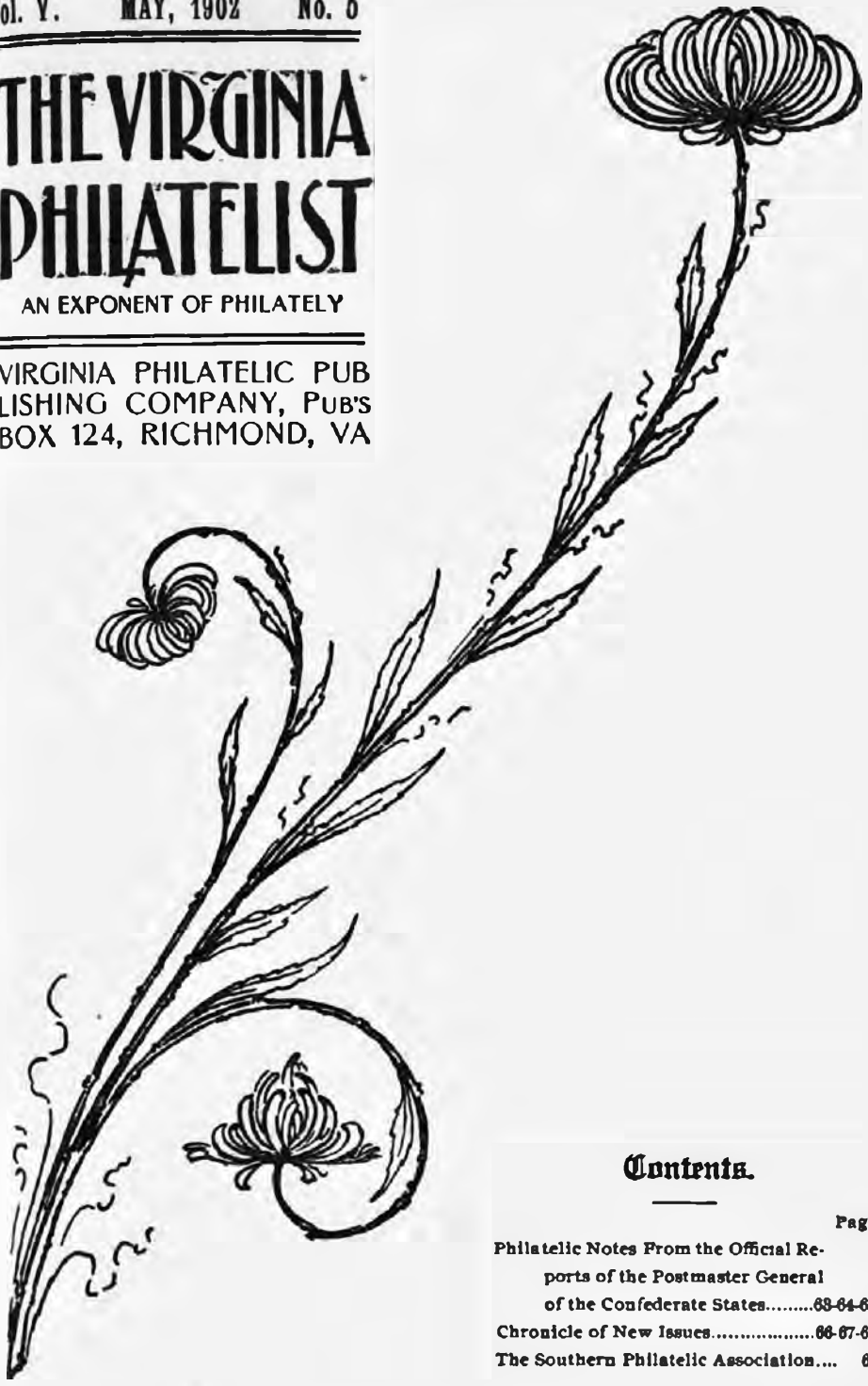
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Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

H. G. ASKEW.

From *The Lone Star State Philatelist*.

The third report of Postmaster General Reagan to the president of the Confederate States was dated at Richmond, February 28, 1862. I quote from the tenth page of that report the following paragraphs which I think philatelists will find of interest:

"The first postage stamps were delivered to the Department, under the contract by which it is now supplied, on the 15th of October, 1861.

Since then 9,289,400 five cent stamps have been received, equal to.....\$464,470 00
And 902,100 ten cent stamps..... 90,210 00

Making in all 10,191,500.....\$554,680 00

These stamps have been distributed to such postoffices as were in the vicinity of military encampments, to the large cities, and to such of the principal and smaller towns as the number furnished by the printer has enabled the Department to supply. The Department, however, has just received from Europe, under the order referred to in my last report, two million one hundred and fifty thousand (2,150,000) five cent stamps, equal to one hundred and seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$107,500) which added to the number above stated makes the total number of stamps received twelve million three hundred and forty-one thousand five hundred (12,341,500) amounting to six hundred and sixty-two thousand one hundred and eighty dollars (\$662,180.00.) This number, together with those being furnished by the printer in this city, will enable the Department, in a very short time, to furnish every office with a full supply.

Two cent stamps have been very much needed, and it is believed that the Department will be able to supply them soon."

I find nothing else of special interest to philatelists in the third report unless it is the following statistics from the Chief of Appointment Bureau relative to the number of postmasters appointed and commissioned up to February 27, 1862 :

States	Number of Appointments	Number of Commissions Issued
Alabama.....	671	513
Arkansas.....	443	291
Florida.....	161	97
Georgia.....	837	653
Louisiana.....	311	203
Mississippi.....	641	424
North Carolina.....	808	657
South Carolina.....	549	457
Tennessee.....	689	556
Texas.....	682	423
Virginia.....	1217	992
	7009	5266

Postmaster General Reagan's fourth report is dated at Richmond, December 7, 1863. It does not contain much information about stamps but the following may be of interest :

"The revenues derived from postage (for the fiscal year, from the 1st of July, 1862, to the 30th of June, 1863,) were three millions three hundred and thirty-seven thousand eight hundred and fifty-three dollars and one cent, (\$3,337,853.01.) The expenditures of the Department were two millions six hundred and sixty-two thousand eight hundred and four dollars and fifty-seven cents, (\$2,662,804.57.) The excess of receipts over expenditures was six hundred and seventy-five thousand and forty-eight dollars and forty-four cents, (\$675,048.44,) thus showing the gratifying fact that the Department has been brought within the requirements of the Constitution that its expenses shall be paid out of its own revenues after the 1st of March, 1863."

This result it was stated was in part brought about by "the increased rates of postage, which went into operation with the beginning of the fiscal year"—July 1, 1862.

The sources of the receipts as above stated were given in detail as follows :

"From letter postage paid in money.....	\$ 753,069.84
From newspapers and pamphlets.....	188,665.52
From sale of postage stamps.....	2,392,332.63
From surplus of emoluments and box rents.....	3,785.02
Total	\$3,337,853.01

The large amount of receipts "from letter postage paid in money" indicates that the private arrangements between postmasters and patrons still continued into 1862 and 1863, resulting in the issuance of local stamps and local stamped envelopes, for it is very improbable to any one acquainted with the financial and monetary situation in the Confederate States in those years that any "money" was paid for postage in amounts less than five dollars at a time.

It is stated that \$12,572.78 was paid for postage stamps during the year ending June 30, 1863, but it does not appear to whom this amount was paid,

Supplies of two-cent, and of twenty-cent stamps were secured between the dates of Post Master General Reagan's third and fourth reports as will appear from the following extract from the latter :

"The stamps supplied to postmasters from July 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, were as follows:

Number of 2 cent stamps.....	557,200	value	\$ 11,144.00
" 5 " "	37,953,977	"	1,897,698.85
" 10 " "	10,417,700	"	1,041,770.00
" 20 " "	95,100	"	19,020.00

Total making..... 49,023,977 \$2,969,632.85'

After mentioning the facts that "previous to the fall of Vicksburg and Port Hudson, communication across the Mississippi river and valley had been rendered irregular and uncertain by the military operations of the enemy" and that "since their fall and occupation by them, we have had no reliable postal service across the river," it is stated that "among the means recently adopted for securing mail service across the Mississippi, was the establishment of an express mail line, under the authority of an act authorizing the establishment of express mails, approved May 1, 1863, and the making of a contract with a party represented to have ample means of carrying it out, for the conveyance of letters and packages, twice a week, between Meridian, Mississippi, and Shreveport, Louisiana. On all letters or packages sent by this line, the postage to be prepaid, is at the rate of forty cents for each single letter of one-half ounce in weight, and forty cents for every additional half-ounce, or fraction of a half-ounce.

Who has an entire cover from a letter or package that was transported by this express mail? Don't all speak at once! Such a specimen would have some additional historic interest.

Before closing the extracts from and notes on the fourth report, I will add that the item, \$12,572.78 paid for postage stamps, which has been mentioned in the foregoing, appears again in an appendix to the report as having been paid for "postage stamps and stamped envelopes." So that it is possible that a few Confederate States stamped envelopes may have been made.

(To be Continued.)



Chronicle of New Issues.

Amoy.—It is said France will issue a set for this office of the same style as those for Canton and Hoi-Hao.

Austria.—A new value has been issued: 35 heller, green. Black numerals in corners. Perf. 13.

Bahamas.—A one penny envelope is announced, of the Queen's staircase type. *The London Philatelist* is informed that a 2½d envelope, 2d registration envelope, and ½d and 1d post cards are being prepared with head of king.

Benadir.—(Italian Somali Coast.) *Revista del Franco Bollo* announces that the following set will be issued for this office:

1 besa, brown,	2½ annas, blue,
2 besa, green,	5 annas, orange.
1 anna, red,	10 annas, violet.
2 annas, yellow.	

Brazil.—*The Journal of Commerce*, of Rio Janeiro, announces that new stamps ranging from 10 to 2000 reis are to be prepared by Bradbury Wilkinson Co., of London. A Brazilian artist, Visconti, has been charged with the execution of the designs. Journal stamps, newsbands, postal and letter cards are to be included in the set.

Columbian Republic.—Cartagena provisional. *The Montreal Philatelist* chronicles two issues, 5 centavos violet, and 10 centavos brown. The stamps are said to be coarsely lithographed and have a rough pin perforation. As a control mark a five pointed star is hand stamped on the stamps.

Finland.—*The London Philatelist* reports that the current ten pennia stamp now comes perforated 11½.

Fernando Po.—It appears that the date on the stamps of this country have been changed, and that the following values comprise the issue:

5c, green,	75c, lilac,
10c, blue,	1 peseta, rose,
25c, carmine,	2 pesetas, bronze-green,
50c, brown-black,	5 pesetas, vermilion.

France.—General Issue. *Mekeel's Weekly* says that the design of the 30 and 50 centime stamps of the present issue have been modified. The lines of the back ground have been re-drawn and are wider apart than before. Olive branches have been introduced into the frame of the tablet containing the value.

An envelope has appeared with 5c stamp of current type, also a wrapper with a 2c stamp of the same design.

Single and reply cards of 10c carmine on greenish with stamp of new design have been issued.

The cards and envelopes used by the Pneumatic Post of Paris have been surcharged with new values, owing to a reduction in the rate.

Many varieties of surcharge occur.

France.—Foreign Offices. New stamps are said to be in preparation for the various foreign offices. (China, Alexandria, Port Said, Morocco, Levant, Cavalle, Dedeagh, Zanzibar, Crete.) The stamps are to be of the current type with some modifications. The values from 1 to 5c will have "Bureau Francais" in place of "Repub. Francais," and the name of the office in place of "postes." The designs from 10 to 30c are not decided upon yet. From 40c to 5fr., "Postes Francais" will be substituted for "Repub. Francais" with the name of the office instead of "Postes." Surcharging will be done when the currency differs from the French.

Germany.—An error in the three pfennig stamp of the new Deutches Reich issue makes the inscription of the stamp in some of the sheets read Dfutsches instead of Deutsches.

Great Britain.—The following of the King's head type have appeared, or will be issued soon. Color same as previous issue.

2d., 9d., 1s., 5s., 10s.

The one pound stamp is expected about the middle of July. The 6d Kings head has been overprinted "Gov't, Parcels."

Netherlands.—This country now sells stamps in books. The 1c, 3c, 5c, 12½c come in this form.

Guadeloupe.—The negro postal officials of this colony are said be busy with a new crop of surcharges, and the usual variety of "errors" is promised.

Hungary.—Owing to an increase in the postal tariff for the interior, the current four filler interior post cards have been replaced by the following stamps of current type, cards of Postal Union size.

5 filler, brown on buff.	5x5 filler, brown on buff.
Inscription in Hungarian.	
5 filler, brown on buff.	5x5 filler, brown on buff.
Inscription in Croatian.	

New Caledonia.—*L'Echo* chronicles two new surcharges.

5c on 30c

15c on 40c.

New Zealand.—*The Australian Journal of Philately* says the 1d value has appeared on unwatermarked paper.

Orange River Colony.—The 6d V. R. I. has been surcharged 4d.

Roumania.—*The Monthly Circular* says the 15 bani is printed in lilac-gray and is now perforated 13½x11½.

Salvador.—*Mekeel's Weekly* is informed that a Bradbury Wilkinson Company set for this country is being prepared.

Sarawak.—*The London Philatelist* has seen the two cent green of the current set with watermark resembling a rose.

Spanish Guinea.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* announces on the authority of Madrid Filatelico, that there will be an issue of stamps for the Spanish settlements on the West Coast of Africa which have employed the stamps of Fernando Po heretofore. The series is to be of the same type as the F. Po stamps with inscription Guinea Espanold, and probably the year 1902. Values and colors same as listed under F. Po.

Transvaal.—In addition to the stamps chronicled last month should be mentioned the 2-6 grey-black, with head in lilac.

Uganda.—Two new values appear surcharged on current British East Africa stamps :

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ annas, blue.



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Editorial Notes.

THE editor and publisher of this journal has been unable to devote the proper time to THE VIRGINIA it deserved for the past three months. Mr. Bradley does not publish his paper as an opportunity for making money, but as a pastime to occupy his leisure hours, and it sometimes happens that it is seriously neglected. The editor had the good fortune (but *misfortune* for the V. P.) to become connected with an insurance company incorporated last year, and he has had but little leisure time at his disposal.

We hope soon to secure some one to assist us in our work on THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* in an interesting editorial on philatelic literature, pays a well-deserved compliment to an American collector, the late John K. Tiffany, styling him the greatest of all American philatelists. In years gone by, this untiring worker compiled a list of all known American stamp publications. It is now a common occurrence for a philatelist to possess a library. All philatelic journals of merit should be preserved and complete volumes bound with index. And it is well to remember that a journal worth preserving should publish an index for each volume.

The *Montreal Philatelist* has suspended publication, the publisher frankly stating the real reason, viz. : that the paper was not a financial success. We are loath to see our old contemporary depart from us, as we always found articles of merit in its column. The editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST began the publication of a stamp collectors' journal in 1894, the *Lone Star State Philatelist*, and published 112 numbers, when it was consolidated with this journal, and we can say that in this space of time we have seen papers come and go by the score, and solely because of the non-support of the collecting fraternity. Our old paper was a philatelic success, but never a financial one. The same can be said of THE VIRGINIA. We now publish the little paper of ours because we love the work ; because it has a fascination for us, and because we dislike to sever the ties that bind us to the past.

The Australian Philatelist contains the welcome news that from the first of July the issue and sale of postmarked sets of the postal issues of Victoria will cease. A vigorous appeal is made to Mr. Drake, the Federal Postmaster-General, to abolish the similar practice still being carried on in New South Wales.

Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

H. G. ASKEW.

From the *Lone Star State Philatelist*.

The fifth report of Hon. John H. Reagan, Postmaster-General, to the president of the Confederate States, was dated at Richmond, May 2, 1864. In print it makes a small pamphlet of nineteen octavo pages. The first three pages form the report proper and summarizes in a general manner the contents of the remaining pages. The next six pages are filled with estimates for appropriations for maintenance of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1865, and to cover service performed in previous years but not paid for. The remaining ten pages are occupied by copies of letters of instructions to Dr. James H. Starr, agent of Post-Office Department, Marshall, Texas. A perusal of these instructions indicates that this agency at Marshall, was in reality almost a complete Post-Office Department for that portion of the Confederacy west of the Mississippi river, its establishment having been rendered necessary because of the occupation of that river from Cairo to the Gulf of Mexico by the United States forces. One of the letters to Dr. Starr, dated March 13, 1864, states that the following amounts of stamps were transmitted, viz:

10 cents	1,250,000.
20 cents	400,000.
5 cents	250,000.

This is the only reference to stamps found in the fifth report.

The sixth and last report was dated at Richmond, Va., November 7, 1864. It forms a printed pamphlet of 21 octavo pages. On the third page appears a table showing "the number, denominations and value of the postage stamps sent out from the 1st of July, 1863, to 30th June, 1864," by quarters, or periods of three months, which I condense for the year as follows:

Number of 2 cent stamps	869,200	value	\$ 17,884.00.
“ 5 “ “	3,626,600	“	181,330.00.
“ 10 “ “	33,450,400	“	3,345,040.00.
“ 20 “ “	1,833,300	“	366,660.00.
Total	39,779,500		\$3,910,414.00.

The number of each denomination of stamps and the aggregate of the same is here given as they appear in the original table, but a mathematical error in the amount of value has been corrected by me.

In a recapitulation of postal receipts for the nine months ending with March 31st, 1864, it appears that \$445,193.31 was received in money for letter postage, \$178,350.55 in money for postage on newspapers, pamphlets, and \$2,149,250.79 from sales of stamps, indicating that many localities in the Confederacy were up to that late period still inadequately supplied with stamps, thus necessitating the continuance of the private arrangements between the postmasters and the public, heretofore mentioned in these notes. In Texas, out of the total postal receipts of \$38,721 58, only \$17,883.33 were for stamps sold.

The supply of stamps mentioned in the fifth report as having been sent to Marshall, Texas, in March, 1864, is stated in the sixth report to have arrived safely at destination, hence there was probably a sufficient supply in the country west of the Mississippi river after that time, provided that the stamps were properly distributed.

(*The End.*)

The Southern Philatelic Association.

The annual conventions of our northern societies have come and gone, and are now matters of history, but we exceedingly regret to see the lethargy existing among the members of the Southern Philatelic Association. We hope officers elected by the mail election called by Secretary Dietz, and presumably held, although we have no knowledge to this effect, having received no notice of same, and no reports for publication. Our good friend, Mr. R. S. Nelson, writes that he has been elected President, and we feel sure that he will make a most capable officer. The society has been very unfortunate in the selection of officers for the last few years, some of whom were actually suspended for non-payment of dues! Mr. Dietz has served the society faithfully but has not had the time to devote to it that it requires.

We hope to see a revival of the old-time enthusiasm, and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST stands ready to assist in every way possible. Our Sales Department is in fine shape, and Mr. Waring has made a most excellent Superintendent.

Let the new officers, whoever they may be, rally around them the remaining faithful, and once again push the Southern Philatelic Association to the front.

Wedding Bells.

The editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is in receipt of the announcement of the marriage of our friend Mr. Pieter den Outer, of Vlaardingen, Holland, to Miss Liske Sietsche Roukema, on July 17, 1902. Our friend, talented and affable, has many acquaintances and correspondents on this side of the Atlantic who send their best wishes and congratulations.

We give liberal discounts on all advertisements extending over a period of three months or more.

Chronicle of New Issues.

Antioqua.—The *P. C. and A.* is our authority that a complete new set for this Columbian province has been issued, all lithographed at Medellin. The following are the values and colors:—1c rose, 2c blue, 3c green, 4c purple, 5c red, 10c lilac-rose, 20c green, 30c rose, 40c blue, 50c brown on yellow, 1 peso black and mauve, 2 pesos black and rose 5 pesos black and blue.

Argentine.—The one peso, current issue, exists with inverted center.

Bermuda.—Says the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*: "A stamp of a new type, but without the head of the King, of the value of 1d., is to be issued shortly. A small view showing what appears to be a dock and two or three ships on the sea, all enclosed in a circle, is the principal feature of the design. "Bermuda" appears in a label at the top, and the value below, while a lot of crude ornamentation completes a somewhat feeble-looking stamp."

Bosnia.—The 20 heller stamp has appeared in rose and black.

British Somaliland.—A complete series of stamps for this territory has been issued. The stamps are surcharged in two lines on the current Queen's head Indian stamps.

Adhesives.

½ anna pale green.	8 annas dull mauve.
1 " carmine.	12 " brown on red
2 annas violet.	1 rupee carmine and green.
2½ " blue.	2 rupees yellow-brown and carmine.
3 " brown-orange.	3 " green and brown.
4 " slate green.	5 " violet and ultramarine.
6 " pale brown.	

Officials.

½ anna pale green.
1 " carmine.
2 annas violet.
8 " lilac.
1 rupee carmine and green.

Cape of Good Hope.—The 1d. Cape of Good Hope (figure standing) has been surcharged "Orange River Colony" in three lines.

France.—The 10 centimes of the modified type already described in these columns has appeared. It is presumed others will follow.

Gambia.—The complete set of King's head stamps up to and including 2 sh. is now in use.

Hayti.—Eleven values of the current set have been surcharged "Gt. Pre." and the date "May 1902." It is stated that this issue precedes an entirely new series.

Hong Kong.—The *Ph. J. of I.* states that the 12c. with "CA" watermark exists in pale blue, as well as in the deeper shade.

Madagascar.—Three new surcharges are issued, 5c on 50c, 10c on 5 francs, 15c on 1 franc.

Northern Nigeria—The new King Edward set has appeared.

St. Vincent.—The usual set of King's head stamps has appeared for this colony.

Adhesives.

½d. lilac and green.	3d. lilac and olive.
1d. " carmine.	6d. " brown.
2½d. " blue.	1sh. green and carmine.

Seychelles.—This island furnishes us with five new provisionals, as follows :

Adhesives.

2c. on 4c. rose and green.
30c. on 75c. yellow and violet.
30c. on 1 rupee, mauve and rose.
45c. on " " "
45c. on 2r. 25c., mauve and green.

Straits Settlements.—The new King Edward set is being issued.

Fred. Hagen's Catalogue.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a copy of Mr. Fred. Hagen's illustrated priced catalogue of the stamps of Australasia and adjacent islands. Although the work does not purport to be a complete standard catalogue, it is a remarkably large, well-illustrated book of 100 pages, listing many "hard to get" stamps lacking in many collections.

Philately in the Far East.

Wherever white men foregather they begin to collect stamps, and somebody starts a stamp paper, and somebody else organizes a stamp exchange club. Surgeon-Major Piens, an old friend of the *Fortnightly*, now quartered at the Military Hospital, Hong Kong, has just established the "Far East Stamp Exchange Club," and reports satisfactory progress. Should any reader of the *S. C. F.* be proceeding to take up his residence at Hong Kong it will in some sort console him to know that in that unsalubrious corner of the globe there are good philatelists waiting to swap stamps with him!—*The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

The Earl of Crawford, Stamp Collector.

Mr. M. P. Castle having retired from the Vice-Presidentship of the Philatelic Society, London, the Earl of Crawford has been appointed to fill the vacancy. It was the Earl of Crawford who recently purchased the Tiffany library.—*The Metropolitan Philatelist.*

New Russians.

The German press is responsible for the rumor that the Russian authorities will issue a special series of postage stamps during the present year to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the foundation of St. Petersburg by Peter the Great. As Russia has been extremely temperate in the matter of stamp issuing, the issue in question will be beyond the blame attached to the ordinary uncalled-for "Jubilee" issues. The beauty and neatness of Russia's stamps have been, and are, conspicuous, and the projected issue will no doubt be a worthy follower of the present issue. Some beginners may not know why the thunderbolts were added to the posthorn below the imperial eagle in the oval frame. The posthorn signifies the use of the stamp for postal purpose; but when the stamps could be used to pay for telegrams, then this fact was indicated by engraving crossed thunderbolts behind the posthorn to signify the electric current.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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Editorial Notes.

WE understand that two prominent stamp dealers of Chicago have formed a partnership under the firm name of the United Stamp Co. The two dealers are P. M. Wolsieffer and F. N. Massoth, both of whom are well and favorably known. The United Stamp Co., will give to Chicago a firm of substantial character.

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ADVICES from Washington state that the contract for the printing of our stamps for the next four years has been secured by the Bureau of Engraving, while the Hartford Manufacturing Company secured the envelope contract.

It is stated that the new thirteen cent stamps are being printed and will soon be on sale, while the drawing for the ten cent special delivery has been approved by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

The Private Stamps of Switzerland.

G. C. CUENOD.

From the *Lone Star State Philatelist*.

The so-called Swiss locals are in fact private stamps, since they were issued by the proprietors of hotels and summer resorts among the mountains of Switzerland. Their use was to prepay the mail sent and received by the guests between the hotel and the nearest regular post office. Briefly I will endeavor to give the many readers of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* some information concerning these interesting stamps.

In Switzerland the mail is delivered free almost everywhere, and the most remote villages get their letters and papers, but in the special cases of the important summer resorts of Rigi-Kulm, Rigi-Kaltbad, Rigi-Scheideck, Kurort Stoos, Maderanerthal and Bel Alp, where foreigners from all parts of the world come in crowds during the short season to enjoy the light air of the Alps and admire the splendid spectacle of sunrise and sunset on the glaciers and high peaks, the regular mail service proved inefficient. Then the landlords with considerable enterprise organized a carrier service, charging so much on each letter or paper, either coming or going. They also probably found this an excellent system of advertising their hotels—by the use of the aforesaid stamps. For the convenience of the guests the regular Swiss stamps were kept on hand and sold, consequently each letter mailed from these resorts had two or more stamps affixed, viz.: the regular Swiss postage and the private one.



SOME OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF THE SWISS PRIVATE STAMPS.

The Rigi-Kaltbad came first in 1864 with a lithographed stamp, printed in red on white paper; design representing some flowers; no value. The postage charged there was 15 centimes (3 cents). This stamp was perforated in after years, and the color changed to pink.

The Rigi-Scheideck, another hotel on the same celebrated mountain, issued in 1867 a set of three stamps, lithographed; design, a letter surrounded by a garter. The stamps were printed on white paper, 3 varieties, (green, pink and blue); no value, imperforate. The rate was 5 centimes (1 cent). The establishment having changed owners, new stamps were issued in 1880; same value; design, a dove carrying a letter; two varieties (blue and pink); perforated.

The Rigi-Coulm (or Kulm), the highest of all the resorts, issued a stamp in 1870. Design, Alpen rose; imperforate; no value. This stamp came printed in two colors on white paper; inscriptions in light blue, net-ground and flower printed in red. The first variety had the flower in both colors, but the later issues the flower only is red. Two shades of red are mentioned, another variety has the flowers reversed. About 1884 a new stamp was issued, printed in red and green, but it was soon obsolete.

The first landlord of the Rigi-Scheideck established in 1877 a new resort near Brunnen (Lake of Lucerne) at Kurort Stoos. Three stamps were issued; no value; design, a post horn; white paper; perforated. Colors, red, blue and green.

The Kurort Stoos stamps were first printed on thin paper and later on on heavy paper. They were found sometimes without perforations. The hotel owner used to cancel them with the official telegraphic stamp.

Maderanerthal has also its issues. Design, mountain scenery; ultramarine on white paper. Value 5 centimes; four large figures of value in the angles; imperforate; two varieties.

The same stamp was perforated about 1880. The first issue was made in 1872. About 1884 the design was changed and the figures disappeared. A first printing was made in blue, and the places formerly occupied by the 5's were left white. A second printing restored the old ultramarine shade and the white spaces were filled with emblems. Perforated. The paper used was ordinary letter paper lined in blue.

Now comes the Bel Alp, a fine resort in Valias, above the large Aletsch glacier. The altitude is nearly 6200 feet. The hotel issued in 1874 a stamp printed in purple on white, imperforate. Value, 5 centimes. Design, mountain scenery in oval; figures "5" in the corners. The color was changed to brick red in 1877. About 1880 a new design was issued in lilac. Imperforate.

In 1884 or 1885 the Federal Post Office established regular post offices at the three hotels on the Rigi, and the carrier's delivery for the others. The use of the private stamps was then prohibited.

Chronicle of New Issues.

Angola.—The stamps for this colony, as well as those of Cape Verde, Guinea and Portuguese India have been surcharged as follows:

Adhesives.

Surcharged on issue of 1886,

Black surcharge.

65r on 40r chocolate

65r on 300r orange

115r on 200r gray-violet

130r on 50 blue

130r on 100r brown

400r on 30r rose

400r on 25r violet

Red surcharge.

400r on 5r black

Surcharged on issue of 1894.

Black surcharge.

65r on 5r yellow

65r on 10r red-violet

65r on 20r lavender

65r on 25r green

115r on 80r light green

115r on 100r brown on buff

115r on 150r carmine on rose

130r on 15r chocolate

130r on 75r rose

130r on 300r dark blue on salmon

400r on 50r light blue

400r on 20r dark blue on blue

Surcharged on Newspaper stamp of 1893.

400r on 2½r brown

Issue of 1898.

Surcharged in black "PROVISORIO."

15r brown

25r blue-green

Belgium.—This country has furnished us with a new series of postal packet stamps.

Adhesives.

10c yellow-brown and slate.

15c slate and violet.

20c ultramarine and yellow-brown.

25c yellow-green and red.

30c orange and blue-green.

40c blue-green and violet.

50c pale rose and violet.

60c violet and red.

70c blue and red.

80c olive-bistre and violet-brown.

90c red and yellow-green.

1fr violet-brown and orange.

2fr ochre and blue-green.

3fr black and ultramarine.

Cape of Good Hope.—A correspondent of *Mekeel's Weekly* states that an entirely new issue is contemplated.

Chile.—The 20, 30 and 50 centavos stamps of the new design has appeared with two colors.

Adhesive stamps.

Perforated.

1c green.

20c gray and black.

30c purple and black.

50c red-orange and black.

Columbian Republic.—A 20 centavos stamp has been issued at Barranquilla, and it is said the entire series will follow.

Guatemala.—*The Metropolitan Philatelist* has seen the following:

Adhesives.

1c. emerald and mauve, arms in circle.

2c. lake and black, statue of J. R. Barrios.

5c. ultramarine and black, Reform Palace.

6c. olive and green, Palace of Minarva.

10c. orange and pale green, Amatitlan lagoon.

20c. pale mauve and black, the Cathedral.

50c. brown-violet and blue, Columbus Theatre.

75c. blue-violet and black, Artillery Barracks.

100c. brown and black, statue of Columbus.

200c. vermilion and black, Indian schools.

France.—The 25 centimes stamp of the modified type has appeared.

French Offices in Hoi-Hao.—The *American Journal of Philately* has been shown the 15c blue, surcharged in red for this office.

Great Britain.—The 6d violet on rose has been surcharged "Army Official," and the 1sh green and carmine surcharged "Govt. Parcels."

Cayman Islands.—The regulation King's head stamps have appeared.

Hayti.—The surcharge described in the the September issue of this journal has been applied the postage due stamps as well.

India.—Three new stamps have appeared as follows :

Adhesives.

3p gray

$\frac{1}{2}$ a green

1a carmine

Iceland.—The 3 aur has appeared in a new shade, buff, and from a re-engraved plate.

Japan.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ sen stamp has appeared surcharged for offices in China.

Leeward Islands.—Three surcharges were issued, pending the arrival of the King's head stamps.

Adhesives.

1p on 4p lilac and orange

1p on 6p " " brown

1p on 7p " " slate

New Zealand.—A new issue of unpaid letter stamps has been issued.

Niue.—The New Zealand stamps on paper watermarked N. Z. and Star, have been surcharged for this island.

Adhesives.

½p green
1p carmine
2½p blue

Perhyn.—The same stamps surcharged for Niue have appeared for this island also.

Persia.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* reports a 3 shahi black, of the provisional issue; also some official surcharges as follows:

Adhesives.

5ch on 1kr carmine
1och on 1kr carmine
12ch on 1kr carmine

St. Lucia.—The new King's head issue has appeared.

Servia.—The color of the 5 paras stamp has been changed to yellow-green.

Somali Coast.—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles the following:

Adhesive stamps.

Provisional issue.	10c on 50c lilac-rose and blue
Imperforate.	10c on 2fr orange and violet
Black surcharge.	<i>Regular issue.</i>
On stamps of Obock.	1c violet and orange.
5c on 30c bistre and yellow-green	2c yellow-brown and yellow-green
10c on 25c black and blue	5c blue-green and yellow-green

South Australia.—The *Australian Journal of Philately* states that it has been informed of the issuance of a supply of postage dues for South Australia, Queensland, and Western Australia.

Albania.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* says: The current stamps are being over printed for the use at Italian Post Offices in Albania. The following are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.:

5c. green, surcharged	"Albania 10 para 10."
20c. orange	" "Albania 35 para 35."
25c. blue	" "Albania 40 para 40."

Uruguay.—A set of postage due stamps have appeared.

Adhesives.

Perforated.	4c violet
1c blue green	10c dark blue
2c carmine	20c ochre

The Danish West Indies Again.

The daily press has ere this heralded the news of the rejection of the treaty ceding the Danish West Indies by the Danish Rigsdag. The Folksting or lower house, is overwhelmingly in favor of the sale, and here a couple of months ago it was announced that the faction favoring sale had won a majority in the upper house or Landsting. It was understood until a few days ago,

when for reasons not stated several members of the Landsting announced a change of heart. The vote stood at a tie, 32 for and 32 against ratification, which is equivalent to rejection. The State Department officials in Washington are very much chagrined and disappointed at the result but hope there may yet be a way to bring about the deal. It is expected the ministry will resign over over the division and that a new ministry will be chosen. It said the masses of the people are favorable to the sale, but the nobility, including the king, are bitterly opposed to bartering away the only colonial possessions, save Iceland, owned by Denmark.

It will be difficult to estimate the effect of this developement upon the stamps of the Danish West Indies, which have advanced considerably in price, but it is believed in some quarters that prices will hold up.—*Metropolitan Philatelist*.

Prussian Franks.

The following is translated from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* by the A. J. of P.: "From a communication by Mr. Dinger to the *Berliner Lokal Anzeiger*, we learn that the authorities of the Kingdom of Prussia are to receive, for 1 year, stamps for franking official correspondence. The experiment will continue from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1903. The denominations employed will be: 2, 3, 5, 10, 25 and 50pf. The stamps will have the same forms and the same colors as the stamps in regular use, bearing mention that they are franking stamps.—They will be obliterated with the same marks as ordinary stamps."

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Editorial Notes.

WE desire to call the attention of all members of the Southern Philatelic Association to the importance of promptly paying your dues. Our old society has been somewhat depleted in membership, owing to various causes, and it should be the duty of each and every member to assist our new officers in regaining our oldtime strength.

Full reports appear elsewhere, together with an old one, which should have reached us sooner, but was never forwarded to us.

We believe our new corps of officers possess the vim, energy and devotion to the S. P. A. so necessary to its welfare, and heretofore conspicuous by its absence. It must be born in mind, however, that the officers expect the hearty co-operation of all members. Put your shoulder to the wheel, boys.

THE space devoted to personal quarrels in some of our contemporaries could be well devoted to matters of interest to the stamp collecting public, who care nothing about the matters under discussion.

OUR English collectors have been buying the current English colonial new issues at a very slight advance over face value, thanks to H. L'Estrange Ewen, who seems to have aroused great resentment among his competitors by his business methods. Now it appears that Whitfield King & Co., the large wholesalers, will meet him on his own ground by cutting prices with a vengeance.

OUR editor has been favored with the annual report of the Birmingham (England) Philatelic Society for the year ending September 30th, 1902. The report in question is very complete, giving a list of members, rules and a *resume* of the work during the past year.

The New Eight Cent Stamps.

Both the Bureau and the Department officials agree that the design for the eight cents stamps, with portrait of Martha Washington, is the finest design thus far produced. The Post Office officials are delighted with the die proof which has been submitted and the Bureau folks are tickled because the Post Office officials are. As has been stated, the stamp is a work of art of the highest class.—*The Metropolitan Philatelist.*

Chronicle of New Issues.

Australian Commonwealth.—The *Monthly Journal* states that the postage due stamps, which we chronicled last month for South Australia, are for the use of the entire Commonwealth. The set is as follows:

5d	emerald green
8d	“ “
10d	“ “
1sh	“ “

Argentine Republic.—The 20 pesos stamp exists with inverted center.

Bulgaria.—Three stamps have been issued to commemorate the defence of Shipka Pass.

5st.	carmine
10st.	green
15st.	blue

British Honduras.—The 5c has appeared with the King's head.

Cuba.—The 3 centavos stamp issue has been surcharged with a new value, 1 centavo, in carmine, with the following inscription “Habilitado 1 un centavo October, 1902.”

Denmark.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles three new official stamps.

Adhesives.

1 öre,	orange
5 öre,	green
10 öre,	carmine

The *A. J. of P.* lists the 10 orange and 150 lilac of the current type.

Ecuador.—Owing to theft of large quantities of stamps the Governor of the province of Guayas signs all stamps “C. Benj. R.” The set is as follows:

Adhesives.

1 centavo,	red and black.
2 centavos,	green and black.
5 centavos,	violet and black.
10 centavos,	blue and black.
20 centavos,	gray and black.

Fernando Poo.—The new set is as follows:

Adhesives.

5c	dark green	75c	light mauve
10c	dark indigo	1p	bright rose
25c	lake	2p	bronze-green
50c	dark chocolate	5p	light orange-red

Labuan.—*The Metropolitan Philatelist* has received a beautiful new issue for this colony.

Adhesives.

2 cents,	green and black.	16 cents,	brown and pale green.
4 “	lake and black.	18 “	yellow-brown and black.
8 “	orange and black.	25 “	greenish-blue and slate.
10 “	slate and brown.	50 “	lilac and violet.
12 “	yellow and black.	1 dollar,	orange-red and lake.

Lorenzo Marquess.—The same set issued for Portugese India has appeared for this colony.

Morocco.—An issue issue is being surcharged at the National Stamp Factory, over current Spanish stamps.

Mozambique.—The regulation list of surcharges has appeared for this colony.

Portuguse India.—The following surcharges have appeared:

Adhesives.

1 real, in black, on 2t of 1885	2½ tangas, in red, on 1¼r of 1885
1 real, in black, on 6r of 1895	2½ tangas, in black, on 4t of 1885
2 reis, in black, on 4¼r of 1885	2½ tangas, in red, on 1¼t of 1895
2 reis, in black, on 8t of 1895	5 tangas, in black, on 8t of 1885
2½ reis, in black, on 6r of 1885	5 tangas, in black, on 2t of 1895
2½ reis, in black, on 9r of 1895	5 tangas, in black, on 4t of 1895
3 reis, in black, on 1t of 1885	6r of 1898, surcharged "PROVISORIO"
3 reis, in black, on 4¼r of 1895	1t of 1898, surcharged "PROVISORIO"
3 reis, in black, on 1t of 1895	

Spanish Guinea.—Two new stamps have appeared for this colony, similar in design, to that of Fernando Poo.

Adhesives.

5c dark green.
5c blue black.

St. Thomas and Prince Islands.—The long list of surcharges heretofore mentioned for other Portugese colonies have appeared.

United States.—The new 13c cents is now on on sale, and presents a handsome appearance.

Zambesia.—This country has also been favored with the already familiar list of Portugese surcharges.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Huguenot, Ga., Nov. 7, 1902.

Dear Fellow-Members:

Brother Robt. Nelson having resigned, the office of President falls upon me until the vacancy can be filled in the proper order, which I trust will be an early date. A full corps of officers is a very important factor in the make-up and welfare of a philatelic society, and to fill vacancies now existing I suggest that nominations be called and a mail vote be polled at the earliest date practicable, say about the middle of February, 1903. I, however, beg to

hear from each one of the members on this point and if a better plan is suggested I will notice same in my next report. Otherwise we will have the mail election.

Brother Bradley promises his best assistance in resurrecting our beloved society, and I sincerely trust, that from this time on he will be able to have the official organ appear regularly, as without that we cannot hope for success.

In conclusion let us each remember the dues and send them in promptly, and altogether make one mighty effort and I feel confident we will not fail to set the grand old Southern on it feet again.

Yours sincerely,

JOEL H. DuBOSE,
President S. P. A.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

NEW MEMBERS.

269. William S. Hunter, Elburn, Ill.

SUSPENSIONS.

The following members have not yet paid their dues for 1902.: 9, 14, 10, 30, 47, 46, 50, 51, 57, 59, 63, 66, 93, 98, 124, 133, 138, 147, 155, 162, 180, 183, 201, 203, 204, 216, 223, 227, 229, 233, 244, 247, 248, 250, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 290, 261, 262, 264, 265, 266, 267.

I regret to see so many of our old members on this list. I trust that you will send in your dues for 1902 promptly. We must re-establish the prestige of our society and endeavor to make it what it once was. I am open to receive nominations for offices now vacant.

Mr. J. H. DuBose has accepted the Presidency. We now want a Vice-President, International Secretary and two Trustees.

I nominate for Trustees: Messrs. H. G. Askew and H. A. Herzog, of Austin, Tex.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from Aug. Deitz,	\$1.43
Dues received since,	2.25

\$3.68

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Respectfully submitted,

3324 Perry Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

W. P. KELLEY, Sec'y-Treas.

RESIGNATION.

To the members of The S. P. A.:

My fellow-members please accept my resignation as president of our association, as it will be imposible for your humble servant

to serve as such.

To each any every member that voted for me, I reach out my hand with warmest philatelic friendship from my heart for their kindness and now ask that you place "a man of force" in the office, and grant me a kindness by accepting my resignation.

I am your most humble servant,

ROBERT S. NELSON.

REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

		Knoxville, Tenn., May 31, 1902.
In circulation at last report March 27, 29	books, value	\$550.98
Received since	9 " "	102.35
	35 " "	653.33
Retired (sales \$66.70)	15 " "	207.22
	20 " "	\$446 11

Above report was mailed to Sec'y Deitz on May 31st but has not been published, so I now send duplicate to Sec'y Kelly.

CHAS. WARING,
Sales Supt. S. P. A.

Sept. 4, 1902.

In circulation at last report May 31st, 20	books, value	\$446.11
Received since	10 " "	99.81
	30 " "	\$545.92
Retired (sales \$54.05)	8 " "	196.18
	22 " "	\$349.74

CHAS. WARING, Sales Sup't.

A Weekly from the West.

We have received the first number of *The Philatelic World*, a neat little weekly from Minneapolis, Minn. It is well gotten up and reflects credit upon the publishers, whoever they may be. Ernest R. Aldrich, the well-known writer of Benson, Minn., is the managing editor. We wish our new contemporary every success.

Independence of Collectors.

Possibly no other class of followers of a hobby are so independent in their findings and are so self-reliant in forming their opinions as philatelists. They are singularly unresponsive to the appeals and the advice of philatelic editors and the press. They are their own courts of settlement and are but slightly moved by the admonitory words of their publications. So many reforms have been advocated in the past by the press that failed of fruition that it is needless to attempt any particulars. This reflection is caused by the statements of several dealers who say that certain classes of stamps of unsubstantial character that were bitterly assailed in the philatelic press some years ago are now enjoying

a popularity with collectors that exceeds in volume any previous favor that was extended them.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*

The collector who finds it difficult to distinguish between engraved and lithographed stamps may well rest content when he considers that the existence of the lithographed Chilean stamp should have remained unknown for so many years, especially as the first issue Chili has been subjected to close scrutiny by careful collectors looking for paper varieties. It is admitted that early examples from lithographed plates are not easily distinguished from engraved stamps.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*

English Provisionals.

Some of our English readers will no doubt be astonished to hear that the Postal authorities in London have resorted to the dubious method of cutting stamps in halves to serve as half-stamps. Mr. Beverage, of this city, has shown us an envelope that came through the post in the usual manner to Sidney, such letter having two King's Head 1d and a half of a King's Head cut vertically, bearing postmark date—London, W. C., 5:15 p. m. Aug. 6, '02—repeated twice, covering the three stamps. This no doubt was done to arrive at the exact rate of 2½d for the ½oz. Will some of our English readers kindly explain the cause of this provisional.—*The Australian Philatelist.*

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Editorial Notes.

THE editor has been favored with a copy of 1903 edition of Stanley Gibbons's Priced Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World. The work is well printed, and consists of two portions one for the British Empire and another for foreign countries, corresponding with the Eurooan edition, but with the prices expressed in the more convenient American currency.

From a casual examination we do not find any radical changes in price. One commendable plan is the working of three price columns for Labuan and Borneo, to distinguish the London canceled-to-order stamps from those which have performed legitimate postal duty.

The catalogue can be obtained from Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 167 Broadway, New York City. Price 40 cents, postfree.

THE editor of the *American Journal of Philately* in some interesting remarks anent the so-called reprints (rank counterfeits) of Moldavia now being offered for sale in Europe, remarks that it behooves collectors to buy only from parties known to be reliable, and states that we may yet find it necessary to keep records of the owners of rare stamps, as is now done with books.

ONE by one the stamps of the new series for the United States are being issued, which give promise of being a very handsome set. It is now announced that the two cent stamp will be issued about January 20th.

Warning.

R. L. Deitrick, of Lorraine, Va., is indebted to the publisher of this paper for advertising space to the value of \$3.50 which he refuses to pay, although repeatedly requested to do so.

We desire to notify the agents of the this paper that we will not accept any advertising fuom this party for our columns.

The above account is for sale and will be advertised each month until sold or settled. We have no patience with people who are in the above class.

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"Condition" in British Stamps.

BY W. BUCKLAND EDWARDS, B.Sc.

The difficulty of obtaining really fine copies of our own stamps has been often alluded to, more especially in connection with large corner letters, which, poor in design and printed in pale colours, are spoilt by even a heavy postmark. Scarcely one copy in twenty of the 10d. brown or 8d. orange can be classed as "very fine," and the same is nearly true of the 4d. sage-green and the 1sh salmon.

The series just obsolete will be in time found somewhat difficult to get in superb used condition, both on account of the heavy obliteration ordinarily employed, and the fugitive nature of the green colour used. The 4½d. green and scarlet is fairly common, yet how many copies do we see before coming across a really fine one? The 1sh green, if fine, is certainly worth the catalogue value of 3d., for the most of them were used on parcels and received the usual daub of ink. Even the 2d. value is usually found badly treated, although it is of course a common stamp and will always be so.

The writer ventures to predict that in ten years time certain values will be really scarce, although million and millions of the stamps have been used. It is curious to find the 1sh green already in demand unseen at double face. How is it that collectors omitted to buy it when they had 15 years in which to do so? It is the usual case of something which can be done at any time, and is therefore never done at all!

Turning to the Official Stamps, which are naturally far less used, the same difficulty of condition is met with. Here we have the surcharge partly obliterating the stamp, as it were, and the cancelation usually completes the damage. The Government Parcels of '83-'86 are already scarce in fine state, and even the recent 9d. and 1sh values are by no means to be despised. The writer is in a position to see large numbers of used Army Official stamps. The ½d. and 1d. current are mostly used in blocks, and the ink smudged on so as to render them quite useless to collectors. One in twelve represents the probable proportion of fine to poor copies. The 6d. just obsolete had a short life, but is never so badly treated as the lower values, the proportion of fine to poor copies being about one in six. It was not required to anything like the same extent, however, and the cat. value of 9d. is low for perfect and lightly postmarked copies. The present 6d. takes its obliteration very badly by reason of its pale colour, and is mostly used on parcels.

The early I. R. Officials are as a rule found in good condition, but the later ones are treated like the majority; the 1sh green and scarlet will be a very desirable stamp in the course of a few years, even now it is next to impossible to get, comparatively few are used.

A few collectors have lately brought to notice the fact that these surcharged stamps exist with broken letters, but these are in nearly every case due to particles of dust or foreign matter preventing the ink from doing its duty, and not to genuinely defective type. If such be considered collectable varieties, the days of philately are numbered, for it would be possible to get together a thousand or so of all the combinations of these so-called broken letters, and nothing is so detrimental to our hobby as this hair-splitting specialism.

The stamps of Great Britain form an ideal field for the collector, and to get every genuine variety in a state of absolute perfection is the work of a life-time, without troubling about microscopic minutiae.—*Stamp Collectors Fortnightly*.

Greek Forgeries.

It is another curious coincidence that very dangerous forgeries of some of the rarer varieties of the stamps of Greece have been brought out lately, and are also being offered as *reprints*, to those who are believed to know something about stamps, and as *originals*, to collectors who are supposed to be likely to accept them as such. The vendor, we understand does not ask long prices for his wares, except in the instances when he forgets to mention that they are reprints; but others into whose hands these curiosities pass may not be so moderate in their demands. It will be well for the bargain hunter, the natural prey for the ingenious, to be on his guard.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

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Chronicle of New Issues.

Austria.—The 6 filler stamp is now issued with the numeral printed in black.

Bahamas.—The regulation king's head issue has appeared for this country.

Adhesives.

Watermarked Crown and C. A.	6p bristre brown
1p carmine	1sh black and carmine
2½p ultramarine	5sh violet and ultramarine
4p orange	£1 green and black

Canada.—This country has issued a new stamp, 7 cents, in the current design, color olive yellow.

Cook Islands.—According to the *A. J. of P.* six more values have appeared on paper watermarked Star and N. Z.

Adhesives.

Head of Queen.	Bird design.
1½p purple	2p chocolate
5p olive gray	6p purple
10p blue green	1sh carmine

Fiji.—The *Weekly Era* chronicles a new set of "specimen" King's head as follows:

Adhesives.

½p green	5p lilac and green
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2p lilac and red	1sh lilac and carmine
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3p lilac and brown	£1 gray black and blue
4p lilac and blue	

Iceland.—The complete set has now appeared as follows:

Adhesives.

3a orange	20a deep blue
3a gray and rose	25a brown and green
5a yellow green	40a violet
6a gray brown	50a gray and slate blue
10a rose	1k slate and yellow brown
16a red brown	

Dutch Indies.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles a new and attractive issue for this colony.

Adhesives.

10 cents, gray black	25 cents, violet
12½ cents, dark blue	30 cents, red brown
15 cents, brown	50 cents, lake brown
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Liberia.—Says the *American Journal of Philately*:

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Adhesives.

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Macau.—A long list of surcharges similar to those listed under Timor has appeared. The surcharges are in "avos" of same type.

Natal.—The 5 and 10s of the new issue have appeared, as follows :

Adhesives.

5s dull blue and carmine
10s carmine and light brown

Paraguay.—The *A. J. of P.* chronicle a 1 peso stamp of the 1892 issue with the word "Oficial" in black.

Southern Nigeria.—A new King's head set for this country is reported, as follows :

Adhesives.

½p green and black	1sh black and green
1p carmine and black	2sh brown and black
2p red brown and black	5sh yellow and black
4p olive green and black	10sh red brown and black on yellow
6p violet and black	£1 violet and green

Transvaal.—The *P. J. of I.* lists new 3 and 4d stamps of the King's head type, also changes in the color of the 1s and 2s.

Adhesives.

3d black and sage-green	1s black and red-brown
4d black and chocolate	2s black and yellow

Tasmania.—The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* has received the 1d printed entirely in brick-red showing representation of Mount Willington.

Timor.—The following surcharges have appeared :

Adhesives

Surcharged in black. "5 AVOS"	6a on 20r lavender
On issue of 1887.	9a on 15r chocolate
5a on 25r purple	9a on 75r rose
5a on 200 gray-lilac	15a on 10r red violet
6a on 10r blue green	15a on 100r brown on buff
6a on 300r orange	15a on 300r blue on salmon
9a on 40r chocolate	22a on 80r light green
9a on 100r yellow brown	22a on 200r blue on blue
15a on 20r rose	On newspaper stamp of 1893.
15a on 50r blue	6a on 2½r brown
22a on 80r gray	Surcharged in black "PROVISORIO"
On issue of 1894.	On issue of 1898-1900.
5a on 5r yellow	3a gray violet
5a on 25r green	12a rose
5a on 50r light blue	

United States.—The new 8 and 13 cent stamps have appeared and are now on sale, also the new special delivery stamp, which is printed in ultramarine.

Forged Russians.

During the first week of September there came to light in Lodz, the "Manchester of Poland," an extensive forgery of postage stamps. A woman presented a letter for registration franked by stamps which seemed to the post-office official to be suspicious. A close examination showed that they were forged, and on being asked how she had come to them, the woman said she had bought them in the shop of a certain Motel Ditmann in the Vidzevska Street. Of course, Ditmann's shop was searched at once, and the police found an immense stock of forged stamps of all values. About the same time two Hebrews of Odessa circulated forged post-office orders on Moscow, and succeeded in obtaining large sums of money. It is believed that all the culprits referred to are members of a band which put into circulation quite recently false bank-notes of various values. The unfortunate part of the business is that the Russian authorities discover these constant attempts to swindle the State and the public only when the swindlers have made no little profits out of their misdirected energies.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

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Editorial Notes.

As many collectors were strenuously active in the opposition to the Omaha and Buffalo commemorative stamps it is interesting to note that a commemorative issue is being urged in celebration of the Jamestown Ter-Centenary Exhibition, to be held in 1907, to celebrate the anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown, the first English settlement in America. A. C. Quisenberry, in an interesting letter in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, gives a proposed list of designs of the series, consisting of Virginians and those intimately connected with Virginia history. The list is presented herewith:

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3c Pocahontas	15c James Monroe
4c Nathaniel Bacon	16c William Henry Harrison
5c George Washington	17c John Tyler
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7c Patrick Henry	19c Winfield Scott
8c Horatio Gates	20c Robert E. Lee
9c John Paul Jones	21c George H. Thomas
10c Daniel Boone	22c "Stonewall" Jackson
11c George Rogers Clark	25c King James I
12c John Marshall	

It is impossible to say whether the series will ever materialize, but as the exposition is being actively promoted by the Tidewater section of Virginia, with General Fitzhugh Lee as president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, it is among the possibilities.

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Cuban Provisional, 1c on 3c—1902.

The attention of the Philatelic Society of Cuba and the Cuban Postal Administration was called to a publication in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* of an extract from the *Metropolitan Philatelist* of New York, in relation to the provisional postal stamp recently issued in Cuba, in which the three cents stamp was surcharged for use as one cent.

The comment above referred to, indicated that the stamp was of a speculative character and that although the Havana Post Office had none of them the postmaster's friends were well supplied and were very willing to sell at a profit.

The comment having been brought to the attention of the Postmaster General of the Cuban Republic by the Philatelic Society of Cuba great indignation was expressed by that official at what he regarded to be a very erroneous and offensive statement. He invited an interview with a commission which would represent the Cuban Philatelic Society and Doctors Llanso, Diez, Estorino Y Barreras were designated to wait on the Post Office Department in the matter.

On December 31st, the commission was received by Sr. Figueredo who explained the cause and postal necessity for the surcharge in question and satisfied these gentlemen, of the postal necessity of the provisional stamps. The Cuban Government wishing to have no unpaid account between the new Republic and the United States Government at the time postal affairs were given over they refrained from ordering stamps during the latter part of the American Administration, consequently one of the first acts of the new Cuban Republic was to solicit from the United States the printing of their stamps by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

It being necessary that this should proceed through diplomatic channels, the usual red tape associated with matters of this kind, delayed the receipt of the new stamps and the one cent denomination being exhausted the surcharge of the three cent stamps was resorted to as a postal necessity.

Two hundred thousand of the three cent stamps were surcharged and placed on sale to the public without any restrictions whatever. The stamps lasted three days. The citizens, whether they were stamp collectors or not, had the privilege of purchasing whatever they required and it is, of course, not to be denied that individuals availed themselves of the opportunity for speculation, just as it always occurs whenever provisional stamps are placed on sale, anywhere else in the world.

An advance in price is naturally anticipated and individuals buy for speculation. The intimation of irregularities conveyed by the papers mentioned above was shown to be without any foundation in fact, and the Cuban Postal Department contends that these statements were due either to ignorance or maliciousness.

The second issue of Cuban provisionals had already been prepared when a shipment of the 1c. stamps arrived from the United States, and the Department declared its intention to burn the surcharged stamps rather than issue them, then there was no necessity.

A new series of stamps is projected for Cuba which will include other denominations than those which now exist, up to and including a \$1.00 denomi-

nation. The new series will depict various Cuban views, and the drawings, colors, paper and other details will be considered. A committee from the Cuban Philatelic Society have been invited on account of their technical knowledge to assist the Post Office Department in determining these matters in connection with the new issue.

It appears to us that the provisional 1c. on 3c. stamp of October, 1902, has been fully vindicated.—*Mekeel's Stamp Collector*.

Chronicle of New Issues.

Angola.—Another set of stamps has appeared, the design of the 1898 issue being used.

Adhesives.

15r gray green
25r carmine
50r brown
65r dull blue

75r lilac
115r orange brown on pink
130r brown on straw
400r dull blue on straw

Australian Commonwealth.—*The American Journal of Philately* says the 1p postage due stamp has appeared with the blank space at the bottom filled in to match the top of the design.

British Honduras.—The 2c brown and red, King's head has appeared.

Cape of Good Hope.—The *P. J. of G. B.* chronicles the 1p and 1sh of the King's head stamps.

Adhesives.

1p rose, wmk. anchor
1sh ochre, " "

Cape Verde.—The same set as listed under Angola has been issued.

Columbian Republic.—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles a new series.

Adhesives.

1c green on straw
2c salmon on rose
5c blue on greenish
5c dark blue on greenish
10c pale brown on straw

20c purple on rose
50c dull rose on greenish
1p black on yellow
5p slate on bluish
10p dark brown on rose

Costa Rico.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* says that "specimen" copies of a new provisional are being circulated from headquarters of the Postal Union at Berne. The stamp is the 2c of 1900 issue, surcharged "PROVISORIO OFICIAL" in two lines, in green ink.

Adhesive stamp.

Provisional issue.
Perforated.
Green surcharge
2c vermilion and black

Canada.—A "maple leaf" 7c stamp was issued on December 24th.

Adhesive.

7c olive yellow.

Ecuador.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* chronicles the 5c stamp overprinted "RIOS."

Adhesive stamp.

Black surcharge.

5c lilac and black

Guinea.—A set, listed under Angola, has appeared for this colony also.

Honduras.—A new issue has been issued for 1903.

Adhesives.

1c emerald green

2c carmine rose

5c blue

6c purple

10c brown

20c ultramarine

50c vermilion

1p orange

Iceland.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* lists two new sets one for postage and the other for official use.

Adhesives.

Postage stamps
Inscribed "FRIMERKI."

3 aur, orange,

4 aur, rose and grey

5 aur, green

6 aur, deep brown and grey-brown

10 aur, carmine

16 aur, reddish brown

20 aur, blue

25 aur, green and brown

40 aur, mauve

50 aur, slate and grey

1 krona, brown and dull blue

Official stamps

Inscribed "PJONUSTA."

3 aur, black and yellow-buff

4 aur, black and dark green

5 aur, black and orange-brown

10 aur, black and blue

16 aur, black and carmine-red

20 aur, black and green

50 aur, black and mauve

20 aur, blue; *error*

Inhambane.—This is a new Portugese colony, and we have a lengthy issue, even for its first offense.

Adhesives.

2½r gray

5r orange yellow

10r light green

15r gray green

20r gray violet

25r carmine

50r brown

65r dull blue

75r lilac

100r dull blue on blue

115r orange brown on pink

130r brown on straw

200r violet on pink

400r dull blue on straw

500r black on blue

700r gray black on straw

Lorenzo Marques.—A set, as chronicled for Angola, has appeared.

Liberia.—Several new stamps have been issued. The *A. J. of P.* chronicles:

Postage stamp.
Unwatermarked.
Perforated 14.
3c black
Official stamp.

Adhesives.

Registration stamps.

Unwatermarked.

Perforated 14.

10c blue and black, Buchanan

10c vermilion and black, Grenville

Unwatermarked.	10c green and black, Harper
Perforated 14.	10c purple and black, Monrovia
Red surcharge.	10c magenta and black, Robertsport
3c green	

Macau.—The following new stamps have appeared, type of 1898.

Adhesives.

2a gray green	12a lilac
3a slate	13a gray violet
4a carmine	18a orange brown on pink
5a pale yellow brown	20a brown on straw
6a red brown	31a violet on pink
8a gray brown	47a dull blue on straw
10a dull blue	

Nicaragua.—The *A. J. of P.* has seen four varieties of a new issue.

Adhesives

1c emerald green and black	5c ultramarine and black
2c carmine and black	10c orange yellow and black

Portuguese Congo.—The same set listed under Angola has appeared here.

Portuguese India.—The following, type of 1898, have appeared:

Adhesives.

1½r slate	3t blue
2½r pale yellow brown	5t brown on straw
3r dull blue	8t violet on pink
9r gray violet	12t green on pink
1t carmine	1 rupia dull blue on staw
2t brown	2 rupia gray black on straw
2½t dull blue	

St. Thomas and Prince Islands.—See Angola chronicle for set of stamps for this colony.

Salvador.—A new issue is being prepared.

Sierra Leone.—The King's head set has appeared, watermarked Crown and C. A.

Adhesives.

½p violet and green	4p violet and carmine
1p violet and carmine	5p violet and black
1½p violet and olive	6p violet and violet
2p violet and brown	1sh green and black
2½p violet and ultramarine	5sh green and carmine
3p violet and gray	£1 green (?) on red

Spanish Morocco.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* reports that the 5, 10 and 25c stamps of Spain have been surcharged "CORREO ESPANOL MERRUECOS," diagonally, and have been issued or about to be issued.

Adhesive stamps.

Red surcharge	Black surcharge
5c dark green	10c red
25c blue	

United States.—The new set is fast appearing, we have seen since our last chronicle the 1, 2 and 5 cent stamps. The designs are rather too ornamental to survive the test of time.

Zambesi.—The "Angola" set, 1898 type, has appeared.

Persia.—A new issue appeared on December 15th, and the *Monthly Journal* lists the following:

Adhesives.

1ch mauve	1kr mauve
2ch grey	2kr blue
3ch green	5kr light brown
5ch rose-red	10kr vermilion
10ch light brown	50kr green
12ch blue	

Corea.—*Mekeel's Stamp Collector* chronicles a commemorative stamp issued in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the accession of the present Emperor, Yi Huing. The central feature appears to be the Corean imperial crown, and the design is elaborate and artistic. Inscriptions are in French and Chinese, with two large figures of value ("3").

3 cheun, orange.

Cheap, But Hard to Find, Stamps.

BY ALFRED WOODS.

The majority of beginners are confined to low-priced stamps, but it does not follow that these are all easy to get. It is very doubtful if many of our dealers could supply the following numbers in Scott's catalogue, sixty second edition.

	Unused.	Used
British Guiana, 8c. lilac and black, No. 132	\$.15	\$.08
Martinique, 15c. on 75c. carmine, No. 20	1.25	—
Martinique, 5c. on 25c. rose, No. 29 . . . . .	.30	—
Martinique, 5c. on 25c. rose, No. 31 . . . . .	.60	—
Norway, 10. black brown, No. 44 . . . . .	.35	.08
Straits Settlements, 1c. on 12c. violet brown, No. 74 . . . . .	.25	—
Victoria, 4p. magenta, No. 150	—	.75
Wurtemberg, 50pf. red brown, No. 213 . . . . .	.25	—

Among the difficult ones to find might also be mentioned:

Norway, 3s. gray lilac, No. 7	\$4.50	\$1.75
Egypt, 10pa. lilac rose, No. 31	—	.25
Egypt, 3mil. maroon, No. 45 . . . . .	.06	.05
Hungary, 1k, vermilion red, No. 101 . . . . .	.25	.15
Luxemburg, 30 green No. 56 . . . . .	.25	.12
Chile, 5c. on 30c. carmine, No. 39 . . . . .	.08	—
Crete, 20pa. green, No. 3 . . . . .	.12	—
Grenda, 2p. lilac and brown, No. 47 . . . . .	.08	.08
Mauritius, 4c. lilac and green, No. 93 . . . . .	.06	.02
Mauritius, 12c. on 18c, No. 105 . . . . .	.12	—
Seychelles, 2c. on 4c., No. 33 . . . . .	.05	—
Victoria, 1/2p. blue green, No. 184 . . . . .	.05	.02

The writer will not forget his experience in search for some Ecuador stamps. Perhaps he deserved it for going to so much trouble with stamps of Seebeck infamy. I refer to the 1894 and 1895 issues of Ecuador (Scott's Nos. 39 to 54). For several years all I could find of the 1894 issue was from 1 to 50 centavos, and of the 1895 issue, from 1 to 10 centavos. For the higher values, especially the 1 and 5 sucres, I searched in vain. I tried Boston, New York, Chicago, San Francisco and all advertising firms. Two years ago, when the agents of the New England Company and Liberty Stamp Company were going to London. I asked them to get them if possible. They were unable to do so. Stanley Gibbons and others could not furnish stamps that were catalogued at only a few cents. I could hardly believe my eyes a few months later to find an ad. in the *Weekly* by a San Francisco firm offering the 1 and 5 sucres, 1894, for half catalogue, which was 37c. for the pair. Of course, I lost no time in securing them. But a new surprise came about a year ago, when a Boston firm advertised the 1894 and 1895 sets complete, unused, for 40c a set. The question is, Where were those stamps all this time? Whether we know or not, I suppose their status, unused, is the same as Seebecks. Gibbons prices the 1894 set 66c. for unused and \$1.15 used; Scott's price is 40c per set unused and \$1.12 used. Now apparently the used copies are as scarce as ever. Many of them cannot be procured, and it is evident whatever may be the value of the unused sets, which may be had for 40c., the used copies, which are unobtainable, are catalogued at a ridiculously low figure. I have never seen but one complete set of 1894, used, and none higher than 10 centavos, used, of the 1895 set.

The Unpaid Letter stamps of Sweden have two perforations, 14 and 13. I have been unable to find the 10. black, perforated 14, No. 151, catalogued 8c. unused and 5c. used; also the 60. yellow, perforated 14, No. 154, listed 10c. unused and 5c. used. This list of cheap stamps could easily be extended. Many collectors doubtless have had difficulty with stamps not mentioned here. These stamps will inevitably be listed higher.

United States Stamps Values.

The probable increase in value of stamps of the United States seems to be a subject attracting the attention of many writers the past few weeks. The general concensus of opinion seems to be that United States stamps have seen their lowest point in the scale of prices and that a rise is imminent. Some seem to believe the advance is to be notable and immediate, while others consider the stamps of the United States destined to advance with moderate rapidity. No one seems to take the opposite end of the argument.

My views on this subject need not be again detailed. I have harped on this point until it would not be surprising if collectors would conclude that I have a great collection of United States stamps I am in eager to work off at advanced prices, which it is needless to say is not the case. The very logic of the situation, however, has seemed to make it clear that there can be no other result than that our stamps must increase in value. I am glad, of course, to find myself in such good company, now.—Washington Correspondent, *The Metropolitan Philatelist*.

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Editorial Notes.

OUR globe-trotting friend, Mr. Clyde Allen Dickinson, of Chicago, now touring the world sends us a clipping taken from the *Times of Ceylon*, giving a short sketch of his travels, from which the following is taken:

Mr. Clyde Allen Dickinson, of Chicago, who arrived in the island yesterday by the B. I. steamer "India" from Mauritius, styles himself the "Globe-Trotter." He has had a varied experience to support his claim. At one time he edited "The Cuyler Sun," and later a magazine styled "Ambition," in Chicago, but both are now defunct. His tour round the world is with the object of gaining experience, &c., to start a new Magazine on his return to Chicago. He was in South Africa from the later end of 1900 until the end of the war, and is the proud possessor of a silver medal presented to him by the staff of the "Advertiser," Durban; he has also a great collection of South African scenery, the result of a thoughtful use of his kodak. * * * Mr. Dickinson left Chicago on July 9th, 1900, and has already covered over 16,000 miles. While in Mauritius, Mr. Dickinson had a very successful time, and in August last he gave an entertainment on board H.M.S. "Highflyer" at Port Louis. Mr. Dickinson is prepared to give private entertainments at bungalows, hotels and clubs.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST has been notified that it is no longer the official journal of the Southern Philatelic Association, part of the officers having made arrangements with the *Philatelic West and Camera News* to act in that capacity. It is with deep regret that we make this announcement, as the action of the officers seems like the most base ingratitude towards the publishers of the VIRGINIA, who have made many sacrifices for the old S. P. A.—indeed, many have said that were it not for the energies displayed by the editor of this paper the Southern Philatelic Association would have long since been defunct.

Of course the action of the above officials is unconstitutional; the VIRGINIA being elected the official journal by the last convention, and no mail election having ever held for the election of a successor—but in spite of the many protests we have received, filled with indignation that the S. P. A., planned to foster and encourage philately in the South should desert the only Southern journal, etc., we shall not raise the question, which would doubtless lead to a division in the society, and we prize it too highly to mediate any blow at it.

Under the existing circumstances the editor does not care to longer remain a member, and forwarded his resignation; and, in order to show his good feelings toward the Association, has donated to it about \$10.00 from the amount due THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for its services.

We trust that the Southern Philatelic Association will live long and prosper.

Wedding Bells.

THE editor acknowledges receipt of the announcement of the marriage of Mr. Erwin Lester Shove and Miss Bessie Belknap, which occurred on January 21st, at Middletown, N. Y.

Mr. Shove is an old-time friend of ours, acquaintance dating from the foundation of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* in the earlier nineties, and is esteemed by all who know him as a gentleman of sterling worth and possessed of a most happy disposition.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST extends best wishes for a joyful and prosperous journey through life.

Chronicle of New Issues.

Afghanistan.—A new issue is being prepared.

Australian Commonwealth.—The 3d postage due stamp has appeared in the second type.

Barbados.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles a 2sh 6d of the 1896 type; color purple and green.

Colombian Republic.—Says the *A. J. of P.*: "The continuous performance for this country still goes on. The 4, 5 and 20c of the regular issue of 1902 have appeared in new colors. The recently issued 5 pesos has once more changed its coat, and we are presented with a new stamp of 5 centavos with a picture of the warship Cartagena. In addition to this we have seen the 2 centavos stamp of the 1902 issue of Antioquia printed in violet of a rather light shade, not nearly as dark as the shade of the 4 centavos stamp. This may be an error, intentional or otherwise."

Adhesive stamps.

Imperforate.	5c deep blue
Type of 1902.	5p gray green
4c blue on green	Antioquia.—
5c blue on blue	<i>Adhesive stamp.</i>
20c blue on salmon	Perforated.
Type of 1903.	2c violet

Cyprus.—The *S. C. F.* lists the following of the "King's head" type :

Adhesives.

30 paras, green and purple
$\frac{1}{2}$ piastre, green and carmine
1 " blue and carmine

4	piastres	purple and olive-green
6	"	pale green and brownish-green
12	"	black and brown

France.—The *A. J. of P.* has received the 15 cent of the new issue, design figure of the Sower.

Adhesive.
15c gray green

French Colonies.—The following surcharges have appeared; design of the current French set, altered inscriptions.

FRENCH OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—CAVALLE.

Adhesive stamps.
Perforated.
10c rose red
13c pale red
30c brown lilac
Black surcharge.
1 pi on 25c blue

DEDEAGH.—
Adhesive stamps.
Perforated.
10c rose red
15c pale red
20c brown lilac
Black surcharge.
1 pi on 25c blue

FRENCH OFFICES IN CHINA.
Adhesive stamps.
Perforated.
10c rose red
15c pale red
25c blue
30c lilac

Mauritius.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* has received the 5c of the current type with the value in black instead of violet.

Orange River Colony.—The 1d stamp of the new King's head issue has appeared, of a pleasing variation from the conventional type.

Paraguay.—Whitfield King & Co., have shown the *Fortnightly* a new set as follows:

Adhesives

1 centavo, grey	5 centavos, blue
2 centavos, green	30 centavos, ultramarine

Roumania.—*The Timbrophile Belge* reports four postage due stamps printed on wove paper with rose gum.

FRENCH OFFICES IN CRETE.—

Adhesive stamps:
Perforated.
20c brown lilac
25c blue
30c lilac
Black surcharge.
1 pi on 25c blue

FRENCH OFFICES IN EGYPT.—

ALEXANDRIA.—
Adhesive stamps.
Perforated.
20c brown lilac
25c blue
30c lilac

FRENCH OFFICES IN ZANZIBAR.—

Adhesive stamps.
Perforated.
Black surcharge.
1a on 10c rose red
1½a on 15c pale red
2a on 20c brown lilac
2½a on 25c blue

<i>Postage Due stamps.</i>	5b green
Perforated 11½.	10b "
Rose gum.	30b "
2b green	

Transvaal.—Two values of the new issue have appeared.

Adhesives.

3d sage green and black	
4d chocolate " "	

The 1s and 2s have appeared as follows, with changed colors :

1s red-brown and black	
2s yellow " "	

Adhesive.

1d carmine

United States.—To the new set we add:

Adhesives.

10c reddish brown	\$1 black
15c olive	\$2 blue
50c orange	\$5 green

Venezuela.—The *American Journal of Philately* says: "We have seen what purports to be a provisional issue made in Curupano. These 'would be' stamps are primitive affairs consisting of an inscription in two lines 'Correos—Vale B 0.05', or whatever the value may be, with ornaments at the ends of the lines. The inscription appears to be set up with rubber type and is hand-stamped upon paper of various colors. We list these stamps 'for what they are worth.' We can only say that a set of them was used to frank a letter to us and the stamps were evidently accepted in payment of the postage as there was no mark of anything to collect."

Adhesive stamps.

5c carmine on yellow	1b violet on gray
10c green on yellow	2b carmine on green
25c black on orange	5b violet on blue
50c blue on rose	

Texas Philatelic Association Convention.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Texas Philatelic Association was held on April 16, 1903 at Galveston, Texas with seven members in attendance.

The report of the Secretary Treasurer showed a membership of 37 and \$113.75 in the Treasury. The report of the Exchange Superintendent showed sales during the past year of \$449.71. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, S. V. Pfeuffer of New Braunfels. First Vice-President, Otto Staerker, of Schertz. Second Vice-President, Emil Gerlich, of Schertz. Secretary-Treasurer, Edward W. Heusinger, of San Antonio. Librarian, G. C.

Cuenod, of Galveston. Exchange Superintendent, Chas. Roemer, of San Antonio. Associate Trustees, H. G. Askew and H. A. Herzog, of Austin.

The *New York Philatelist* was retained as the official journal and San Antonio was selected for convention seat in 1904. The Texas Philatelic Association was organized in 1896 and is strictly a state organization. Our readers in the Lone Star State who are not members are invited to join. Application blanks and further information may be had by addressing the Secretary-Treasurer, Edward W. Heusinger, 133 and 135 W. Commerce St., San Antonio, Tex.

Sale of Rare Stamps.

Messrs. Puttick and Simpson sold last week the collection of unused British and colonial postage stamps formed by Mr. G. L. Edwards, the total of the 590 lots amounting to £1,647. The following were the more important:—Gibraltar, 1889 (Nov.), 10c carmine, the rare error in figure of value omitted—£10; Great Britain, 1840, 2d. deep blue, a block of ten—£32; 1847-51, octagonals, 6d purple, a block of six—£17; ditto, 10d. brown, die 3, a block of four—£15; 1855-7, 4d. carmine, pair—£12; another, 4d. carmine on blue, very fine—£12; 1867-78, 10s. grey—£12 12s.; £1 brown-lilac—£17; 1882-83, 10s. grey on bluish—£48; and 1888, £1 brown-lilac—£10 10s.; British Central Africa, 1895, £10 vermilion—£10 5s.; Cape of Good Hope, 1863-4, 1s. emerald, a block of four—£18; Lagos, 1884-6, 10s. lilac-brown—£11 11s.; Sierra Leone, 1897, 2½d. on 2s. lilac, three types—£36; St. Christopher, 1885-8, 1d. on 2½d. blue, the very rare small surcharge—£19; St. Vincent, 1880-81 1d. in red on half of 6d. blue-green, a fine pair—£12; 4d on 1s. vermilion—£13; Tobago, 1879, £1 mauve—£10; Turks Island, 1881, 2½d. on 1s. dull blue—£10; and British Guiana, 1862, provisionals, 1c. black on rose extremely rare—£22 10s.—*London Times March 6, 1903.*

Two Cent Postage to Europe.

Postmaster General Payne is now, more than ever, hopeful that before many months the Post Office Department will have treaties with all the European countries that will reduce the postage of parcels sent between those countries and the United States.

Notice has been given the German government of the termination of the last treaty and the desire to make a new one which will reduce the postage on parcels. The new treaty with France will likely become operative July 1. Negotiations are more or less advanced with other countries of Europe, among which are Great Britain, Italy and Sweden and Norway.

The Postmaster General is also hopeful that before long there will be a uniform letter postage rate of 2 cents between the countries of Europe and the United States. He has had conferences of late with a number of the diplomatic representatives of these Governments in Europe.—*Phila. Record, April 28.*

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Editorial Notes.

THIS issue of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, as well as the preceding one, is much delayed by reason of the removal of the offices of Whittet & Shepperson, Richmond's leading book and art printers, to their newly erected premises at Nos. 11-13-15 North Eight Street. We hope for better things in the future.

VOLUME V of THE VIRGINIA ends with this issue, and we hope to make some announcements in the next number. The publisher has been unable to devote the necessary time the paper deserves, but we hope to announce a competent staff to assist in the future management.

A list of contents for this volume will accompany the next issue.

UNDER the caption of "Stamp Collecting as an Investment" in the May *Monthly Journal*, Mr. Charles J. Phillips furnishes a most interesting and instructive article on what to and what not to collect as likely to give best returns for the money.

In brief Mr. Phillips advises collectors to beware of the following pitfalls noted below:

1. Stamps quoted in advertisements at one-third to one-tenth of catalogue.
2. Avoid all stamps cancelled or postmarked to order, such as the rubbish of Labuan and North Borneo.
3. Avoid stamps made primarily for stamp collectors and accordingly not for postal use.
4. Above all, avoid poor condition.
5. Beware of speculation in new issues.
6. Beware of paying fancy prices for stamps of which we give no catalogue price.

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Mr. Phillips continues:

"For investment purposes, then, I advise the formation of special collections of one or more countries; but to make a success the collector must not only accumulate a large mass of material, but must study all that has been written on his particular country, and then study the stamps themselves, and endeavour to find out more than is known by any other collector about his particular subject.

To do this successfully his mass of material must be of good quality. In some cases entire panes are necessary to show the full watermarks, such as the 'Arms' in recent Roumanians; in other cases large blocks, or even rows of stamps are useful to show the methods of perforation, the number of machines used, etc. Dated copies, stamps on letters, bisected stamps used for a moiety of their value—all have their use and all tend to increase the commercial value of a special collection. Generally speaking, I find that unused stamps pay best, and a special collection should be chiefly of unused stamps, with a judicious admixture of used stamps, etc., as named above.

In considering the selection of a country or group to take up, the question of the amount to be invested is of first importance, and I think that, broadly speaking, we can divide collectors who wish to invest money in stamps, combined with study and relaxation from other affairs, into three classes:—

First. The collector who can spend from £50 to £200 per annum.

Second. The collector who can spend from £200 to £500 per annum.

Third. The collector who can spend from £600 to £x per annum.

The first named class is naturally by far the most numerous, I give below a list of countries, in the order of our Catalogues, in which I think good investments might, at the present time, be made on the lines I have suggested.

Great Britain, used. In fine condition are not common, are *always* in demand, and practically sure to show a steady advance in value.

Bechuanaland. Great demand for these from Africa. When business becomes good there, prices will rise materially. Many interesting varieties in the native-printed surcharges still to be listed and studied.

British Central, East, and South Africa, and Zanzibar. All popular groups. Many varieties still to be classed, but great care is to be exercised in buying surcharges, as quantities of forged surcharges come from India, and many such have been sold in London auctions and dispersed by small dealers.

Canada, especially the issues prior to 1880, in *unused* condition, I consider bound to increase in value.

Falkland Islands. A small lot, but old issues scarce and good, and sale easy.

Hong Kong. A nice little group; undervalued at present, both used and unused.

Chamba, Gwalior, Patiala, etc. A nice little group; many unlisted varieties, and worthy of more attention than they receive. The Queen's Head stamps should show a good increase in value in next few years.

Jamaica. Used and unused prior to 1872 certainly undervalued.

Labuan. To 1893 safe stock, and worthy of more study than they have received. The picture issues should be ignored by an investor.

New South African Republic. Much rarer stamps than most people think, and well worth getting, if you can find any. I have been trying for two years to get a set together, and have had but little success.

Prince Edward Island. Well worthy of attention; many minor varieties, several varieties of perfs., and not at all properly listed or valued at present.

Seychelles. A safe little country in which to put a small sum. The obsolete stamps *must* rise *considerably* in next few years.

Tonga. Popular stamps, and pretty safe to invest in; at present cheap prices. *Argentine Republic,* up to 1890 and omitting the officials, it is an interesting lot of stamps with a ready sale.

Belgium and Luxemburg. Unused especially well worth present prices and likely to give good returns.

China. In great demand, and safe for a good increase in value.

Iceland. Ditto, ditto.

Holland and Colonies. A very interesting group, worthy of more study than they get here, and unused especially getting quite scarce.

Liberia, prior to 1892, wants a lot of studying. There is much to be found out about the early issues and few of them to be had. (No purchases of stamps later than 1892 should be made for investment purposes; the supply fully equals the demand.)

Siam. Much to study here; a small investment should pay well.

In Class II., for collector prepared to invest, say, from £200 to £500 per annum, I can recommend a selection from the following groups:—

Great Britain, unused, mint. Our own stamps in perfect condition are bound to advance in value. The supply is gradually becoming smaller and smaller, and the demand increases year by year.

Barbados, unused especially, becoming rare, and show an increasing demand.

Cape of Good Hope. Debenture stock, always a safe seller, and always increasing in value. Triangular stamps, especially unused, getting scarce; the issues of 1864 to 1883 much undervalued, and stocks in dealers hands very poor.

Ceylon. First-class standard stock, safe for steady sale, and good, safe rises. The issues of 1867 to 1885, unused, much undervalued at present.

Fiji Islands. Much to learn here. A fine subject for study, and more worthy of advanced collectors' attention than it has received.

Indian, unused, getting scarce, and used fine copies of early issues are desirable stock.

Natal. Undervalued at present; not easy to get, either used or unused, and in good steady demand.

St. Vincent, Trinidad, and Turks Islands are all sound countries, both used and unused, if selected copies are taken.

Straits Settlements and Native States are rarer than people think; much still to be learnt about them, and a nice group for an advanced specialist.

France and French Colonies, mint, unused. French are much rarer than supposed in this country. See how few copies any dealer has got. The French Colonies are neglected here, but good collections sell readily in Paris and will in time here. A good handbook is wanted on these stamps. Great care must be exercised in purchasing surcharges. Many good forgeries of Obock, Nossi Be, etc., come from Marseilles and even to London from unexpected sources.

Germany and States. Seem under a cloud at present, and now should be a good time to buy. Be particular about condition. Don't buy Oldenburgs without margin such as are offered at one-third catalogue and dear at any price. Avoid the German colonial stamps. With few exceptions they are little used and 90 per cent. are sold in Berlin and never see the countries whose names they bear.

Italy, with Tuscany, Modena, Sicily, Naples, etc., forms a fine group to specialise. There are few fine copies amongst English dealers, and I think a few years will find a marked appreciation in values.

United States. Seem rather under a cloud, but unused fine copies are *rare* and well worth present rates. Avoid Departmentals, Periodicals, and Dues. The old postal issues are sound stock.

In Class III., for collectors of considerable means, the question of sound investment is perhaps not so important as that of taking up a country or a group in which they are really interested, but all the same, it is this class that eventually makes the most money when they want to dispose of their collections. The reason, no doubt, is that wealthy collectors get the "pick of the market," and practically absorb the *really fine* and *rare* stamps, and it is this class of stamp that, if kept for a considerable time, shows a very large profit.

The last few years have seen a great rise in value of *all first-rate* goods in prints, furniture, china, silver, etc., and in a smaller degree the same thing is applying to really rare stamps. The demand increases, the supply diminishes, through absorption by museums, etc., the prices of the very best stuff are bound to advance.

Investors of considerable means will be able to select the cream of the market, and while putting large sums in rare stamps, will be practically certain of large increases in values of the rarer stamps of such countries as British Guiana, New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Transvaal, Victoria, Western Australia, etc."

Chronicle of New Issues.

Ceylon.—The *A. J. of P.* has received "specimen" copies of the following King Edward series:

Adhesives.

3c green	25c light brown
12c olive green, and red	30c violet and green
15c ultramarine	

Eritrea.—The new postage stamps and postage due stamps which we announced in March, have been placed in issue. They are the current stamps of Italy surcharged with the words "Colonia Eritrea" in a straight line.

<i>Adhesive stamps.</i>	<i>Postage Due stamps.</i>
Perforated.	Perforated.
Black surcharge.	Black surcharge.
1c brown	5c orange and maroon
2c orange brown	10c " " "
5c blue green	20c " " "
10c claret	30c " " "
20c orange	40c " " "
25c blue	50c " " "
40c brown	60c " " "
45c olive green	1L blue and cramine
50c violet	2L blue and brown
1L brown and green	5L " " "
5L blue and rose	10L blue and carmine

Gilbratar.—*Ewen's Weekly* lists a new King's head issue as follows:

Adhesives.

½d grey-green and green	1s black and carmine
1d lilac on red	2s green and blue
2d grey-green and carmine	4s violet and green
2½d lilac and black on blue	8s violet and olive on blue
6d lilac and violet	£1 violet and black on red

Guatemala.—Mr. Albert Perrin has shown the *A. J. of P.* several stamps of the 1886 issue, surcharged in three lines "1903-25-centavos." Black surcharge.

Adhesives.

25c on 1c dark green	25c on 75c rose
25c on 2c carmine	25c on 150c dark blue
25c on 6c light green	25c on 200c yellow
25c on 10c bristre brown	

India.—A 4a olive-green King's head type has appeared.

Malta.—The 1p has appeared in black and carmine with the regulation King's head.

Niue.—According to the English correspondent of the *A. J. of P.* a rather ludicrous error has appeared; the 1 shilling value being surcharged "Tahae," meaning *thief* instead of "Taha e," meaning *one*. As far as possible all have been recalled. London dealers are offering £1 apiece for copies.

Orange River Colony.—European journals report the following issue:

Adhesive stamps.

½p green	3p violet
2p light brown	6p violet and red
2½p ultramarine	1sh orange and red

Paraguay.—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles the following:

Official stamps.

Perforated.	10c orange brown
Black surcharge.	20c carmine
1c gray	30c blue
2c dark green	60c purple
5c blue	

Puttilla.—*S. G. M. J.* reports the following values have been surcharged "PATIALA STATE."

Adhesives.

3p grey	2a purple
½a pea-green	3a orange-brown
1a carmine	

Southern Nigeria.—The new King's head series is appearing.

Western Australia.—The *A. J. of P.* has received three new stamps from this country—an 8 and 9 pence in the types of the 1 and 4 pence of the 1890-03 issue and a 10 pence in the type of the 2½ pence of 1901.

Adhesives.

8p pale yellow brown	10p red
9p orange	2p yellow

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