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SALUTATORY.

In presenting our first issue of the N. F. P., to the many readers interested in Philately, we trust we shall be able to do more than we promise, in pleasing the many THOUSAND READERS.

It shall even be our aim not only to improve it in appearance, but to make each subsequent number more INTERESTING, USEFUL AND ENTERTAINING in its reading matter. The future numbers of the Journal will be issued about the 10th of each month, and be devoted almost entirely to Philately. All who will kindly favor us with any articles bearing on the subject, suited for publication in this paper, we offer the highest price. Each issue will consist of SIXTEEN PAGES, and cost only TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PER ANNUM.

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NOTES.

In writing us be particular in adding the "South" to Niagara Falls.

We would call particular attention to the valuable offer made by the Niagara Falls Stamp Co., a beautiful colored picture of the Niagara Falls. See their advertisement in this number. We have seen the picture, and can say it will be a valuable ornament to any parlor.

As we have rather hastily published this number, we promise our readers that the next issue will give due satisfaction.

We will send all publishers, two copies of the N. F. P., and trust they will remit to us the same number of theirs.

We promised a good many to have our first issue out in July, but having been greatly delayed, we present our first number this month.

A Row About a Postage Stamp.

The widow Richard is an old lady addicted to making "bulls," and is of a piece with the good woman who poured out the coffee to feast upon the grounds. It was a blunder something of this character she had just committed, for which she has come to answer at a Paris police office.

The cause of the hubhub had occurred in one of the Post-offices of Paris, where the clerk, whose duty it was to attend to prepaid letters, was suddenly accosted by a woman who rushed in in great trepidation. This woman was the Widow Richard.

"Sir," she exclaimed, in a voice trembling with anger, "how does it happen, I should like to know, that when one has prepaid the postage on a letter, the person to whom it is sent is made to pay for it again ?"

"How it happens, madam ?" cried the clerk : "why it don't happen at all."

"Well, I say it does happen : and what's more, that it happened to-day—there!"

"And I tell you again that it is impossible that it should be so."

"But it is a person of my acquaintance to whom I wrote yesterday, and whose letter I prepaid, who says she had to pay for it too. She was furious about it, and I don't wonder she was ; for I wrote her concerning my own affairs, and she had to pay the postage. It's downright robbery, I say !"

And thereupon the widow kicked up such a rumpus, that it was found to be necessary to call in a policeman, and take her before a magistrate. Instead of pacifying Madame Richard, this proceeding nearly threw her into the last degree of exasperation. Although the officer requested her to assume a proper line of conduct, the widow persisted in her fury, and stamped and screamed most uproariously.

"To be told, too, that I don't know what I have done with it !" she cried.

"Done with what ?" inquired the Magistrate.

"The receipt," answered the widow : "the receipt which proves that I prepaid the letter."

So saying she fumbled in all her pockets.

"There !" she exclaimed, suddenly. "I've got it. Here it is !"

And she exhibited triumphantly to the magistrate—what can you imagine it was ?—a postage stamp ! The poor lady had taken it as a receipt for the money she had paid to the clerk, and had treasured it sacredly, instead of sticking it upon the letter.

The blunder was duly explained to her amid the laughter of the spectators. She promptly acknowledged her fault, and, regretting she had given way to her anger, begged the court to deal leniently with her. She pleaded her ignorance as the cause of the storming and abuse of which she stood convicted. The court took the culprit's general good conduct into consideration, as well as her contrition, and fined her five francs only.

Interviewing.

The Correspondents of some philatelic papers have interviews with distinguished philatelists, which are too gauzy to hold together. This is the usual style : A Niagara Falls Philatelist correspondent was detailed to interview John Smith, a dis-

tinguished philatelist. He proceeded at once to his residence, and running up the steps rang the bell. A lady appeared at the summons of the servant, whom the reporter supposed to be Mrs. Smith, the wife of the distinguished gentleman. Bowing and removing his hat, the reporter said :—

"Is Mr. Smith at home ?"

"No, was the response.

"He is not in the house, then ?"

"No, sir."

"Ah ! in that case he must be out !"

"He is."

"Yes ! Being out, he is therefore not in ?"

"No, Sir."

"Hum ! when will he be in ?"

"I don't know."

"Ah-h ! No objection to publishing this interviewin the Niagara Falls PHILATELIST, I suppose ?"

"Not at all."

"Thank, you," and the reporter bowed and left. He returned again, however, about eleven o'clock at night, in hopes of finding the gentleman at home. At any rate a man raised the upper window when the bell rang, and asked who was there. The reporter explained his business and asked if it was the distinguished Mr. Smith, who spoke. The man said it was, and if the reporter didn't leave he'd throw a pitcher of water out. The reporter hoisted his umbrella, and asked what Mr. Smith had to say as to Sir Patrick Chalmers being the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. Smith threw the water, but the umbrella would have protected the reporter, had not Smith thoughtlessly dropped the pitcher. That ended the umbrella and interview, and nearly smashed the reporter, but he feels sweet revenge in the fact that Mr. Smith's water pitcher is no more. It struck his cheek.

The Corpse and the Stamp Collection.

The other day the wife of an enterprising stamp collector, shipped her husband's remains, and a valuable collection of stamps over the Central. At Albany, she appeared at the door of the baggage-car to see how they were getting along.

"How does it seem to be doing ?" she asked with a sniff.

"What, the corpse ?" inquired the baggageman kindly.

"No, the collection."

"Oh, its all right, replied the baggage man."

"Any body been sitting down on it ?"

"What, the Collection ?"

"No, the corpse."

"Certainly not," answered the baggage-man."

"Does it seem cool enough in here for it."

"For what, the corpse ?"

"No, the collection."

"I think so," grinned the baggageman."

"Does the jolting appear to affect it any ?"

"Affect what, the collection ?"

"No, the corpse.

"I don't believe it does."

"You'll keep an eye on it, won't you ? " she asked, wiping a tear away.

"On what, the corpse ?"

"No, the collection."

And having secured the baggageman's promise, she went back to her coach, apparently contented.

Wanted to be a Philatelic Editor.

"Have you had much experience in Philatelic business ?" we asked of a verdant-looking youth, who applied for a position on the editorial staff. the other day.

"Havn't I though!" he replied, as he put his foot under the chair, to hide the unskillful patching of a backwoods cobbler, "I should say I'd had a heap of experience. Havn't I corresponded with the Pumpkinville Philatelist for six weeks. Hain't that experience enough ?" he asked.

"That will do very well," we replied, "but when we take young men on our editorial staff we generally put them through an examination."

"How much are twelve times one ?"

"Twelve, why, any little boy ought to answer——"

"Hold on, please—don't be too fast. Who discovered America ?"

"Klumbus. Pshaw ! Them questions is just as easy as——"

"Who was the first man ?"

"Adam. Why, mister, I know all——"

"Yes, but what was his other name ?"

"His other name ! Why, he didn't have none."

"Yes, he did. You see that's where we've got you. His other name, Ebenezer Adam, Esq., late of Paradise. Nobody knows this but editors, and you see to it that you don't tell anybody. He said he wouldn't.

"How many bones are there in the body ?"

"Well, I forget now, but I did know once."

"What ! Don't you know that ? Why, there are 8,624,087,950 bones in an ordinary man. A man that snores has one more bone than other people."

"What bone is that ?"

"The trombone. Its situated somewhere in the nose. You won't forget that will you ?"

He said he wouldn't.

"How long would it take a Mud-Turtle, with a 3c. postage stamp stuck on its back, to cross the desert of Sahara, with a small orphan boy to touch him up with a red hot poker ?"

"Well, look here, mister, if I had a slate and pencil, I could figure that out, but dog my skin, if I'm much on mental 'rithmetic."

"Slate and pencil ? Did you ever see such articles about an Editor's sanctum ? Nonsense ! Well, let that pass."

"Have you a good constitution?"

"Putty tolerable."

"Are your parents living?"

"Yes."

"How many two-cent postage stamps in circulation in the world to-day?"

"You've got me there, Mr. Editor, but I would say about—about—oh—hem—shaw——"

"Well, never mind that."

"How long do you suppose you could live by licking the gum off a lively collection of old postage stamps and faith?"

"Lor, I don't believe I could live a week."

"Well, that about as long as you'd want to live if you got an editorial position on any Philatelic paper. You appear to be pretty well posted; we shall ask you one more question, and if you prove equal to it, you can take off your coat and sail in."

"Let's have 'er, squire. I didn't correspond with the Pumpkinville Philatelist six weeks for nothn'. Let 'er come. I'm on deck. I am."

"Well, if two diametrical octahedrian circles with octagonal peripheries, having its opposite sides semi-parallel should collide with a centrifugal idiosyncrasy pent up with a thirty atmosphere pressure, or to put it plainer, we will say a disinfranchised nonenity, what effect would the catastrophy exert on a five cent gummed register stamp attached to the tail of a codfish suspended from the homogenious rafter of the empirum?"

As the full force of this huge problem was forced upon his bewildered brain, he slowly dragged his inartistically-cobbled shoe from under his chair, and started from the room.

We heard him rapidly descend the stairs, pass out and slam the door. We then calmly resumed our duties, feeling grieved that so promising a youth should have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

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EXCHANGES.

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[Under this head will be issued Notices of Exchange for Stamps, Coins, &c. Exchanges must not exceed Thirty words, and must be written on a separate sheet of paper. All notices must reach us by the **25th** of each month to insure insertion in next issue.]

T. M. Janroy, jr., Sarawak, Ont. An Excelsior Hand Press, with Three founts of Type, to exchange for U. S. Stamps.

J VanWorten, Niagara Falls, N. Y., Vol VII of "Golden Days," 50 Nos. of "Harper's Bazaar," and about 25 Nos. of the "Century" Magazine, for the complete sets of unused U. S. Executive, Treasury and Navy.

Robt. Wilde, Utica, N. Y. A Stylographic Pen, a Poliopticon, a Dark Lantern and a set of Drawing Instruments, for Stamps and Coins not in my collection.

Collector, Romney, Ont., will give 25 foreign Stamps for every Philatelic paper sent him.

Burt Knowles, 127 Oak St., Cincinnati, Ohio.—A base ball mask, books by Algier, and a Waterbury Watch, to exchange for Philatelic papers.

J. W. Boston, 142 Valdave St., N. Y. City.—A Waterbury Watch in good condition, for an International Stamp Album.

Charlie Lotte, Niagara Falls, N. Y.—A collection of 200 coins, to exchange for stamps.

Otto H. Lane, Brantford, Ont.—A Morse Telegraph Key and Sounder, to exchange for coins.

F. E. Book, Niagara Falls, South, Ont.—Vol. VI of Golden Days (a few numbers missing), for a set of U. S. Navy.

L. W. Bainsaw, Niagara-on-the-Lake.—Coins to exchange for coins, shells, minerals, or curiosities from the Falls.

L. C. O. Mills, 1910 North Market St., London N., Eng.—Would like to correspond with advanced collectors.

Z. A. Ranchenburg, 2877 120th St., StBazil St, London, Eng.—Wanted—old Philatelic papers. Would also like to change relations with advanced collectors.

Fred Morse, Halifax, N. S.—An International Album, containing about 500 stamps, to exchange for coins.

A. C. Coil, Niagara Falls, Ont.—A collection of 100 Bird's Eggs; 225 Arrow Heads; Indian curiosities from Lake Superior; 200 foreign coins and a collection of insects valued at $45; I have also books, magazines, drawing instruments, chemical apparatus and a type-writer. Will exchange all the above for coins and stamps.

Frank Barras, Niagara Falls, Ont.—Tin Tags to exchange.

F. E. French, Niagara Falls, South, Ont.—A Printing Press in Frame, with two fonts of type, valued at $12, to exchange for stamps and coins.

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Correspondence.

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Under this head we wish our readers to express their views on any questions pertaining to Philately and collecting of Coins. Anything desiring an explanation, by anyone whose mind is not as clear on the matter, as they would like, we will be glad to give what assistance we can, by inserting the problem in this department and entering the solutions given by our readers in the next number.

We kindly request any who can give any explanation on the subjects inquired about, to give their ideas by addressing this paper, giving the signature to the questions, and the communication will be given in the next issue.

We solicit contributions from all or any of our readers, and any scraps, clippings &c., relating to postal matters, notes, or items bearing on Philately, will be thankfully received.

I. L. T., Toronto, Ont.—1st, yes. 2nd, Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

John L., St. Louis.—No, your coin is a Spanish one. No special value.

Collector, Brantford, Ont.—We know of no such firm dealing in stamps.

F. A., Toronto, Ont.—Journalism is overcrowded; yet like every profession, it has plenty of room at the top.

"Crank," Toronto, Ont.—Go to Sutherland's, 362 Yonge St. 2nd, you may. 3rd, The word *Philatelist* is derived from the Greek "love of a tax."

M. O. P., Cincinnati, Ohio.—We know of no such paper. Your coin is a French piece. No premiums.

Inquisitive, N. Y. City.—We would advise you not to do so. We will in course of time. It is said that the Duchess de Galliere's son has the finest collection of stamps in the world. It is said to have cost him £70,000.

N. James, N. Y. City.—Yes, two, The Useful Instructor, and The Halifax Philatelist. 2nd, the latter. 3rd, we think not.

Great Head, Toronto, Ont.—1 No premium on the V nickle without "cents." 2 C. H. Mekeel, Room 71, Turner Building, St. Louis, Mo.

I. J. Turner, Chicago, Ill.—Write to the Niagara Falls Stamp Co., of this town, they will supply you with the stamps you want.

L. M. O. T.—Revenue Stamps are receipts given by the government for taxes on various kinds of merchandise.

Scalper.—The Philatelic Journal of America, published at St. Louis, Mo.

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TO PHILATELISTS.

The undersigned Committee of Organization have decided to issue a general invitation to all interested in Philately to join them in forming a Canadian Philatelic Association.

Officers will be elected as soon as possible after the details have been arranged. All Correspondence of those Stamp Collectors intending to join, should be addressed to Secretary pro-tem., at Ottawa, Canada. The officers to be elected are :—President ; a Vice-President for each Province ; Secretary ; Exchange Superintendent ; Treasurer ; Official Organ ; Official Editor ; Counterfeit Detector ; Executive Committee, etc. All names should be sent forthwith to the Secretary.

By Order.

H. F. Kitcheson, Belleville, Ontario.
Henry S. Harte, Petitcodiac, N. B.
J. A. Leighton, Orangeville, Ontario.
R. F. McRae, Montreal, Quebec.
G H. Todd, Brandon, Manitoba.
Fred. J. Greeny, Brantford, Ontario.
Jno. R. Hooper, Secretary Pro-Tem.,
68 Albert Street, Ottawa, Canada.

We have received the above Circular from Mr. Jno. R. Hooper, for publication. It affords us much pleasure to pe permitted to insert it in the first issue of the N. F. Philatelist.

We are confident that with Mr. Hooper as organizer, and others of push and energy as some already associated with him are, the Association will be a success. It should be the aim of every Philatelist publication to give it a hearty support, and every one interested in Philately, should embrace the present opportunity of becoming a member, and make the Association an institution of strength to all interested in Philately. Again would we urge all to avail themselves of the opportunity of becoming a member, by forwarding the membership fee of 25 cents, to the Sec.-pro-tem, at Ottawa.

Proceedings of the Luthur Philaletic Society.

June 17th, 1887.

The regular meeting of the L. P. S. was held on Friday, June 17th. President McCrimmon in the chair.

Committee on New Constitution and By-Laws, presented Revised Constitution and By-Laws, which were accepted and Committee discharged.

An Essay upon "Who was the Inventor of the adhesive Postage Stamp?" after which the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we, the members of the Luthur Philatelic Society, agree that James Chalmers, Esq., was the inventor of the adhesive Postage Stamp.

Moved, seconded and carried, That Patrick Chalmers be elected honorary member of the Luthur Philatelic Society.

July 1st, 1887.—No business of importance was transacted. The thanks of the Society were due to W. H. Plank, for copies of the Aggaissa Companion, and also to J. J. Casey, for a number of catalogues of his tenth sale, but they were received too late to be of any use. Address all communications to W. H. Verity, Sec'y, Box 119, Luthur, Michigan.

PHILATELIST NAMES.

The variety of the names of Stamp Collectors of this town and surrounding locality are very wide.

Our "Falls Ranger" has created a great deal of merriment by reading the following ingenious play upon the names of the same.

If you will glance a moment at the billet sheet and pardon my taking up valuable time for a moment, you will see the difficulties which have em-BARRASS-ed us. We have been in more than one PINCH, and have had to MARSHALL all our energies to the task. If you will READ, or have REDDIT, you will see that we have on our list not only gentlemen of all colors, WHITE, BLACK, BROWN and GREY, but all nationalities, GERMAN, INDIAN, FRENCH and SWITZER, as well as civilized and SAVAGE. Even those who have shuffled off this mortal COIL seem to have revived and appeared in person from the ADAMS, who belong to the original family in EDEN, to a MOSES and Elias, and a PAUL; from OLDHAM and SHEM, down to MATTHEW, MATTHE(w)SON, LUKE, JAMES and ST. JOHN. TOM, DICK—no, we must leave DICK out—and HARRY. I will HAZZARD the statement that great essayists like THOMPSON, ADDISON, JEFFREY and TROLLOPE, are found on this list, as well as DEAN, HOWSON, BISHOP, STRACHAN, and one MARTYR, and the patriot GEORGE, WASHINGTON, who never told a LIE. We have had to provide for a BAKER, a TURNER, a SLATER, several SMITHS and TAYLORS, two MASONS, a WEBBER, ever weaving his subtle WEBB, two COOKS and a SCORE of GOODMEN, even down to a CARMAN, with his FAIR, HEAD and even SCALES of ecclesiastical LAW. To furnish BACON and FISH, and more than one kind, PICKERING and PERCH, fresh and SALT, we have found it HANDY to have a FISHER to SPEAR them from our pleasant BURNS, or HALL them in from our LAKES. Even a FALCONER has not been IDLE, for in LANDS and DOWNS, over HILLS and FIELDS and Co(L)VERT and BROWNLEE, has been made to LEGGIT for his PRAY. One HUNTER has been made to hunt HARE and FOX, and what is AWDE a BULL with *Von* HORNE, has found its way into our FIELD, and one BARKER who can BARKWELL Even JEWELS, GLASS-ware, and FLINT, BIRCH, STONE, WOOD, LOCKES, BLACK(stock) and BARREL, have found their way in this MEDLEY of collectors. The CAMPBELLS have been coming in large numbers, and in BOOTH and FRENCH we have worked like soldiers or like the busy BEE to be ready to entertain our hearers, and we'll make our POTTS to BOYLE, and have our BOWLES and CULLEN-ary arrangements in the best of order. Many a difficulty REAL and LARGE has been LAIDLAW. We have met them in a MANLY way, otherwise a BLIGHT would have come upon our work, or we would have B(o)USTED; my STARRS, but I should not SAYIT It is WICKETT! SHAW, its no use, we can't go over the lot, neither KENT we do better than we have done, and it does not oc-KERR to my mind to say Mo(o)RE in this BOOK.

U. S. POSTAL HISTORY.

The American Post Office, one of our earliest institutions, was provided for by legislation in Massachusetts in 1639.

In 1672 a monthly post was established from New York to Boston.

Benjamin Franklin was first Postmaster-General of the U. S., the establishment of the General Post Office being one of the first acts of the Continental Congress.

For many years the high rates of postage prevented much letter writing, but since 1845 the introduction of cheap postage has completely changed this.

W. H. V.

The Stamps of British Guiana.

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The first issue of Stamps was in 1850, when a 2, 4, 8 and 12 cents, printed on thick wove colored paper, was used. Several specimens of the 4 cents, rose, are said to have been printed on tissue paper. I do not see a 4 cent, rose, recorded in any catalogue, and cannot vouch for the genuineness of this variety. The most of the genuine stamps have the initials of the Postmaster written across the face of the stamps. There seems to be some doubt as to these initials, some say that "C. R. D," is correct, and other say that "E. D. W." is the proper signification. These stamps are ranked among the unobtainable. In 1851, a second series was issued, a 1 cent, magenta, and 4 cents, blue. These stamps were of entirely different design from the last issue. They were steel engravings, printed on colored paper. There was an error in the spelling of the word "Patimus" for "Petimus," which was made by the engravers, Waterloo & Sons, of London.

In 1853 there was a 1 and a 4 cent used, with date in corners ; in 1860 a 1, 4, 8 and 24 were used unperforated ; also a 1, 2, 4, 12 & 24 perforated ; in 1862 a 1 cent, brown, and in 1863 a 1 cent. black, was issued ; in 1863 a 6, 24 and 48 cents ; in 1876 a 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24, 48, and 96 cents were used. Provisionals, 1 cent, red; 4 cents, red, blue, yellow and red-brown. In 1862 a series of primitive-looking stamps were used. They were type-set, and of the following value :—1, 2 and 4 cents with horizontal bar across the bottom, and vertical bar down the centre, used for a 1 cent stamp and 6 cents of 1876, obliterated in the same way. The 6 cents of 1876 with horizodtal bar at top and bottom, Official Stamp, with the word "Official," obliterated by a horizontal bar ; 1 cent of 1863, 1 cent of 1876 and 2 cents of the same date were used. There was also a series with the word "Official," struck out by a bar, and also a vertical bar down the centre of the stamp ; 1 cent on 4 cents of 1876 ; 1 cent on 6 cents of the same date : 2 cents on 8 cents of 1860, and also on the same value of 1876.

In 1881 the bar of literation was dispensed with, and a new series of surcharges, with new values surcharged, was issued, "1" on 48 cents of 1863 and "1" and "2" on 96 cents of 1876, Official stamps surcharged, "1" on 12 cents of 1860 ; "1" on 48 cents, "2" on 12 cents and 24 cents of 1876. In 1882, four new stamps were used ; a 1 cent, black on rose, and 2 cents, black on yellow, with representation of a two-masted vessel There was also the same design stamps with a three-masted vessel depicted on them.

We now arrive at the last series on the schedule, the Official series :—1 cent, black, 1863 ; 2, 8, 12 and 24 cents of 1860, and the 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24 and 48 cents of 1886, surcharged "Official"; there is also a 1 and 4 cents reported, with diagonal surcharge.

The above stamps are tedious to collect, but are interesting on account of the variations in the position of the obliteration bars and the surcharges. These are difficult to classify, and I am heartily glad to have done with them, and hope we may not have a repetition of the same.

F. R.

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CHEAP LIST OF UNUSED STAMPS.

	Variety.	Price.
7	Alsace and Loraine	$ 0 20
10	Angola, 5 to 300 reis ..	1 90
6	Bechuanaland ½ d to 1 s ..	1 85
5	Bhopal, square	70
3	Borneo, 1884, 2, 4 & 8 c. ..	35
2	" 1884, 50 c. & $1 ..	2 75
7	" 1887, ½ to 10 c. ..	50
4	" 1887, 25 c, 50 c and $2	5 50
7	Bosnia, 1 to 25 r	45
3	British Levant, 40 and 80 paras and 12 piasters	1 20
4	Buenos Ayers, 1857 4 to 10 reals	1 75
5	Bulgaria, 1879, 5 c to 50 c & 1fr	75
9	Cape Verd Islands, 5 to 300 reis	1 75
6	Cashmere, 1883, 1½, 3 pies, 1 to 8 annas..	1 30
4	Cashmere, service, ½, ½, 1 and 2 annas, black	50
7	Chambra, ½ to 4 service ½ to 4 annas	90
5	Corea, 5 to 10 mons	1 00
8	Costa Rica, 1883, official 1 to 40c	1 45
6	Cypress, 1881, ½ to 6 piasters .	07
7	Deccan, ½ to 12 annas	1 50
5	" envelopes white paper ½ to 5 annas	1 00
4	Deccan, envelopes tinted paper 6 or 7 rets ½ to 5 annas ..	1 00
6	Ecuador, 1 to 50 centavos ..	1 50
7	Egypt, 1886, (1st issue) 5 to 20 pares 1 to 10 piasters unperf'd	75
4	Falkland Islands, 1 d to 1 s ..	90
3	Fernando Po, 1882, 1, 2 & 5 c de peso	25
3	France, unpaid 1 2 & 5 francs..	2 50
3	French Levant, 1, 3 & 4 piasters	65
7	Gambia, 1880 ½ d to 1 s ..	90
5	German Levant 1884, 10, 20 par 1, 1¼, & 2½ pias	65

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7	Gibralter, prov'l ½ d to 1 s ..	$1 55
7	" 1887, ½d to 1 s ..	1 00
6	Greece unpaid 1 to 40 bpt ..	30
8	" " 60 to 20 bpt, 1 & 2 drachma	3 60
5	Guanacaste 1c to 40c	1 30
5	Guatemala 1882 1c to 20c ..	70
4	" envelopes ¼ to 2 reals	45
5	Guinea 1886, 5 to 50 reis ..	40
3	" surcharged, 100, 200 & 300 reis	1 90
9	Gwalior, ½ to 8 annas, & 1 rupee	2 15
6	Hayti 1881, 1 to 20 centavos ..	70
8	Heligoland, '67, used or unused	20
10	Holland "le betaleu" 1 c to 25 c and 1 gulden	1 35
4	Japan (1st issue) ½ to 5 tenpoe..	65
6	" post card entire 5 rin, 1 2, 3, 5 & 6 sen..	50
5	Jhind 1876 ½, 1, 2, 4 & 8 annas..	1 00
6	" 1882 ¼ to 8 annas ..	80
6	" 1884, perf. ¼ to 8 annas..	80
6	" 1886, ½ to 8 annas, 1 rup.	1 95
5	Labnan 2 to 40 c..	1 45
3	Liberia 1860, 6c, 12c & 24c ..	50
8	" 1886 1c to 32c	1 30
11	Luxenburg 1883, 1c to 50c & 1 fr	1 50
11	" 1883, surcharged S P	50
10	Macao, 5 to 300 reis	1 80
7	Madagascar 1d to 6d	85
5	" 8d to 2 s	2 40
6	Malta 1885, 1/2 d to 1s.. ..	80
5	Mauritius (Britannia)	60
4	Mexico 1864, 1,2,4 reales 1 peso	1 45
4	Maximillan 7, 13, 25 and 50 c .	1 00
3	" envelepes entire 4, 10 and 25	75
12	Mexico, Porte de Mar 1875, 2 to 10 centavos, black	1 90

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6	Mexico, Porte de Mar 1880, 2c. to 100c...	50
7	Modena 1852, 5, 10 rose, 10 lilac, 15, 25. 40c, and 1 lira..	65
5	Modena 1859, 5, 15. 20, 40 and 80c.	35
4	Moldo Wallachia 1862, 3, 6 rose, 6 red and 80 paras.. ..	65
8	Monaco 1c to 70c.	65
2	" 1 and 5 francs ..	2 00
7	Montenegro 2 to 15c. and 25 novtch	70
5	Montserrat 1-2d to 6d	50
9	Mozambique 5 to 300 reis ..	80
6	Nabha 1-2 to 8 annas & 1 rupee	1 80
7	Naples, head, 1-2 tornese, 1-2 to 10 and 20 grana	25
6	Nevis 1 2d to 6d and 1s.	90
8	Newfoundland, 1858. 3d. 4d, 5d lake; 5d brown; 6d, 6 1 2 d, 8d and 1s.	1 75
6	Nicaragua, 1882, 1c to 15 & 20c	1 15
4	Nowanuggur, 1-4 anna, 1, 2 and 3 doora	20
5	Parma 1857. 5c to 40c.	40
6	" 1859, 5c to 40c.	50
4	Persia, service 1, 2, 5 and 10 shahi	40
5	Peru, envelopes, 2c to 50c. ..	1 00
7	Portuguese India. 1882, 1½, 4½, 6 reis, 1, 2, 4 and 8 tongas ..	1 00
9	Prince Edward Island	50
5	Prussia, head, 4 and 6 pf.. 1, 2 and 3 sgr.	30
6	Putialla, 1885, ½ to 8 annas and 1 rupee	1 00
9	Romagna, ½ to 8 and 20 bajochi	50
4	Salvador 1867 ½ to 2 and 4 reals	50
8	Samoa 1d, 2s to 5s	45
5	San Marino 2c to 40c..	40
6	Sarawak 2c to 12c	70
3	Sardinia, 1855, 5, 20 and 40c...	60
5	Shanghai 20 to 100 cash	60
5	Siam ½ to 16 atts	75
7	Sicily ½ to 50 grana..	80
7	Spain, war tax. 1882. 5 to 50c, 1 and 5 piasters complete ..	1 30
6	St Christopher ½d to 1s	90
6	St Lucia ½d to 1s	90
9	St Thorne and Principe, 5 to 300 reis	1 75
4	Stellaland, 3d to 1 shilling ..	90
16	Throndhjern, all issues. complete set	50
7	Timor, 5 to 80 reis	1 25
3	" 100, 200 and 300 reis..	1 65
4	Tobags, 1879, 1d to 1 s.. ..	75
5	" 1881, ½ d to 1 s	70
4	Tonga, 1 d to 1 s	90
5	Transvaal, 1st issue, 1 d black, 1 d red. 3 d to 1 s	40
8	Turkey, 2nd issue (1865).. ..	25
5	" Morton's Post	40
6	Turks Island, 1882, ½ d to 1 s..	90
3	Venezuela, 1st issus ½ to 2 reals	15
6	Virgin Islands, ½ d to 1 shilling	1 00
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11	U. S. Navy. 1 to 90 c..	4 50
10	Wurtemburg..	15

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