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## LIST OF RUSSIAN DISTRICT STAMPS.

BY F. E. P. LYNDE.

ANANIEFF.

No. I. Circular. Circle consists of outer and inner line between which is an inscription. Centre of inner circle consists of five lines of closely printed Russian.

No. II. Same as I, except smaller and at bottom of central inscription is a small printers' ornament.

No. III. Circular. Circle consists of same as in Nos. I and II, but centre contains a shield divided in two, upper half contains double-headed eagle; lower half three birds, looking like geese.

No. IV. Circular. Outer band of circle consists of two lines, one heavy, other light; inner band two light lines, between them Russian inscription; in centre double eagle.

No. V. Square. Circle contains inscription; centre eagle.

No. VI. Rectangle. Four corners contain circles with figure five; in centre a shield surmounted by crown; containing cross flanked by small crowns at sides and bottom; shield surrounded by a wreath; below shield in semicircle Russian inscription.

No. I, 5 kopecs blue.	No. IV. No value, rose.
“ II, 5 “ rose.	“ V. “ “ rose.
“ “ 5 “ blue.	“ “ “ “ carmine.
“ “ 5 “ red.	“ “ “ “ blue.
“ III, No value, official, rose.	“ VI, 5 kopecs blue, brown and gold.

ARDATOFF.

*Type I.* Rectangular. Three lines imitating rouletting, in centre double oval containing in outer part Russian inscription, in the inner divided in half by horizontal line, upper half a reindeer, lower half two crossed hammers, at four corners of frame 3k.

*Type II.* Rectangular. Central design same except outer oval contains star at each end, in four corners of frame figure three in small ovals.

*Type III.* Rectangular. Whole design on vertical lined ground, outer frame of zigzag lines, inner frame at four corners 3k., centre same design as Types I and II.

*Type IV.* Rectangular. Perforate fancy back-ground, in four corners figure 3 in circle. Central design of oval on white ground, same as previous types; at bottom of rectangle Russian inscription on white scroll.

1878 Type I, 5 kopecs, red.	1878 Type III, 3 kopecs, deep blue.
“ “ “ 3 “ blue.	1883 “ IV, 3 “ green.
“ “ II, 3 “ blue.	“ “ “ 5 “ red.
“ “ “ 5 “ brick red	

## ARZAMASS.

*Type I.* Rectangular. Solid colored background, containing in four corners figure 3k. in white central oval, white background divided in half by horizontal line, upper half reindeer, lower half containing two pyramids, upper one inverted, nearly touching at apex.

*Type II.* Same as I, except outer line is wavy, and outer oval contains a star at bottom, figure 5 in corners.

*Type III.* Same as last but straight outer line and star is at top of outer oval, figure 5 in corners.

*Type IV.* Similar to last only two lines to frame, inner is wavy, figure 5 in corners is in a circle, star at top and bottom of oval.

*Type V.* Similar to last, but outer and inner frame separated by white background, wavy ornament of inner frame only part way round.

1882	Type	I,	3	kopecs	indigo.		1883	Type	IV,	5	kopecs	vermilion.
1874	"	II,	5	"	dark blue.		1881	"	V,	5	"	blue.
1876	"	III,	5	"	blue.		"	"	"	5	"	red unpaid.
"	"	"	5	"	red unpaid.		1882	"	"	5	"	vermilion.

## ATKARSK.

*Type I.* Square composed of two lines, inner line heavy, containing baronial shield divided in half, upper half shaded by horizontal lines containing three fishes forming a Y; lower half white ground, three birds flying, shield surmounted by Russian crown.

*Type II.* Rectangular, formed by two lines running parallel with inner line, on all sides is a Russian inscription, in centre same shield as Type I, but much longer; no crown.

*Type III.* Rectangular. Perforate same as last but all background shaded, except lower half of shield.

*Type IV.* Rectangular. Perforate similar to last but upper half of shield solid background of color; inscription on bottom is in white, other three sides in color.

1873	Type	I,	2	kopecs	black.		1881-83	Type	III,	3	kopecs	red and blue.
1881	"	II,	2	"	"		"	"	IV,	3	"	"
"	"	"	3	"	"		"	"	"	"	"	"

## BELOZERSK.

*Type I.* Rectangular. Wavy background, four lines of Russian inscription in centre, in four corners figure 2 in colored circle.

*Type II.* Rectangular. Centre rectangular divided in half, upper half vertical, lined background, containing crescent surmounted by a Maltese cross, lower half horizontal, lined background containing two crossed fishes; outer lines contain Russian letters, in four corners figure 3 in colored circles.

*Type III.* Rectangular. Larger than last, centre five lines of Russian enclosed in dotted line.

*Type IV.* Square. Four lines of Russian enclosed in plain heavy lines.

*Type V.* Rectangular. Five lines of Russian surrounded by dotted lines, enclosed in plain light lines.

*Type VI.* Four lines of Russian enclosed in plain light lines.

*Type VII.* Rectangular. Four lines of heavy lettered Russian surrounded by dotted lines enclosed by heavy lines.

*Type VIII.* Square. Colored ground, centre shield of drapery enclosed, designment same as in Type II, figure 2 at four corners.

*Type IX.* Rectangular. Perforate square broken by circles at four corners containing figure 2, centre fancy background containing double ovals on white background,

outer oval Russian inscription in oval, containing arms above mentioned without dividing line, below oval value in Russian.

1870	Type I,	2 kopecs	black and buff.	1878-83	Type V,	2 kopecs	brown.
"	"	II,	3 " black.	"	"	VI,	2 " blue.
"	"	"	3 " black on rose.	"	"	VII,	2 " yellow.
1878-83	"	III,	2 " rose.	"	"	"	2 " gray.
"	"	"	2 " black.	"	"	VIII,	2 " blue.
"	"	IV,	2 " black.	1884	"	IX,	2 " blue.
"	"	"	2 " yellow.	"	"	"	2 " grass green.
"	"	III,	2 " blue.	"	"	"	2 " blue green.
"	"	V,	2 " blue.				

(To be continued.)

### JOTTINGS.

THE dull season of philately is coming and is just the same in the journalistic line as in all other branches relating to our study—almost nothing to write about.

The time is slowly approaching when the third convention of the American Philatelic Association will take place. Many things will be discussed then, and one thing should be aired which comes very close to all the members who make use of the Exchange Department. No one admires the efficient management of this department more than I do, but there is one very great drawback which will work harm sooner or later, namely, the sending in of bills every three months for all taken during that time. The Philadelphia Branch has just received one of these bills, amounting to a large sum. In the meantime what has come in of the Philadelphia Branch's sheets that they sent? The writer sent his first exchange lot out in November, 1887, and has heard nothing from it as yet, but beginning to take exchange in February gets a bill for that month and the two following. A member might just as well buy for cash. As I understand it, we joined the American Philatelic Association for the benefit of exchange, not for cash buying.

Another thing that should be discussed is the enormous price of exchange sheets and wrappers, particularly the last. It is all very well to talk about postage and all that, but the fact still remains that five cents for sheets and ten cents for envelopes is preposterous. In the Dresden, we only pay one and one-fourth cents for sheets which are just as good if not better than ours at five. While we may not be able to pay so little as mentioned, still I think there is a happy medium, and that the increased sale of sheets would pay for the reduction.

We have received many printed letters, etc., from Mr. Patrick Chalmers in support of his claim. He certainly spends plenty of money on it; yea, verily, gold is mighty.

*The Stamp Collectors' Figaro* came to us in a new dress last month, full of its usual interesting matter. Brother Voute intends to make his paper a necessity to stamp collectors, and he is succeeding.

We chronicle with regret the loss of the *Western Philatelist*; it was always an interesting and valuable paper, and we sincerely hope it will at some time be resuscitated.

THE Exchange Superintendent reports the arrival of a new exchange book for the Dresden Branch. The value is estimated at 1000 marks. This is one of the cheapest and best ways to get foreign postage and fiscal stamps yet devised, and the members of the Philadelphia Section are more than satisfied with their lot, the returns received for money invested are so ample.

## DEGREE.

## NEW OTTOMAN POSTAGE STAMPS.

**A** COMMUNICATION from the administration of posts and telegraphs informs that the colors of the Ottoman postage stamp having to be changed every two years in virtue of an imperial order, the new stamps shall be issued between the first and thirteenth of March next.

The stamp of 25 piastres is deep yellow with toughra in red; stamp of 5 piastres is white with toughra hazel; stamp of 2 piastres bright blue, toughra purple, and the stamp 5 paras, bright yellow, toughra green.

As for the stamps of 40 (1 piastre), 20 and 10 paras, called types of the Postal Union, they shall retain their present colors.

New stamps of 2 piastres, 40 paras (1 piastre) and 20 paras intended for unpaid letter stamps shall also be issued. These stamps shall be white with black toughra.

## AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF FOREIGN MAILS,  
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**S**IR:—The Secretary of the Treasury has referred to this department your letter of the 24th ultimo, relative to packages of canceled foreign postage stamps in the mails exchanged between the United States and foreign countries; in which you state that you were compelled to pay the full letter rate of postage on such a package which you mailed, "because the stamps *were not printed matter*," and were compelled to pay a duty of 25 per cent on a similar package received from abroad, "because the stamps *were printed matter*."

In reply, I have to inform you that Article XVII of the regulations of the Universal Postal Union Convention—which govern the exchange of mails between the United States and all other civilized countries except the Australasian Colonies—defines what shall be admitted to the mails at the reduced rate of postage applicable to "printed matter," and in paragraph two thereof states, "the following are excluded from the reduced postage, viz.: stamps or forms of prepayment, whether obliterated or not, as well as all printed articles constituting the representative sign of a monetary value." Consequently, packages of canceled postage stamps are not transmissible by mail between countries of the Postal Union at the reduced postage rate applicable to printed matter, and if sent at all must be considered and treated as letters.

Article XI of the same Convention provides, "It is forbidden to the public to send by mail \* \* \* any packets whatever containing articles liable to customs duties." Hence, as foreign postage stamps are liable to United States customs duties, this department would be justified in refusing to receive or deliver packages sent by mail from abroad which contain said stamps; but in the interest of the public convenience, it waives this right, and permits the delivery of such packages, subject to all the regulations of the Treasury Department for the protection of the United States customs revenues.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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WE have noticed lately that as the first philatelic romance, the Bluffton Stamp Society, had such a success, that the same romances have simply blossomed into being like weeds, and, ye gods, what romances some of them are!

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

POOR old Western, and must we then lose sight of thy ever-pleasing countenance? Are the winds of thy home too much for thy tender form? And is the Windy City to be left with but one representative and that a "kicker"? Are these things to be?

THE attention of dealers is called to the letter, published in another column, received by Geo. Henderson, of this city, in reference to the recent discussion about tariff and postage on stamps coming to this country. Notice how nicely Uncle Sam manages to be on both sides of the fence at one and the same time.

THE time is drawing near when all good men and true must pick out their choice for the officers of the American Association, and once more **THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST** calls attention to the list of names that heads its columns. They are the men to vote for if you desire to be on the winning side. And they are all men of high character and great ability.

THE season is coming when the collector hies him away to the sea and the country. Those who seek the quiet would do well to get the permission of the "Farmer" to look over his old letters; more than one local has rewarded me for just such a question. The best farmer to ask is the woman of the house, and if there happens to be a young and pretty maiden at hand, she might help you; and believe me when I say that such a search is none the less interesting from having a pleasant companion at hand.

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THE last meeting of the Germantown Society was held May 23d. The attendance was good, and it was unanimously decided to hold no more meetings until the fall, with the exception of the 1st annual spread. If more societies would do this it would prevent much dissatisfaction among those who are expected to attend during the nights when it would be so much more enjoyable to interview the festive glass through the medium of a straw. Or if the meetings must be held, let them be held by the side of a cooling ice!

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THERE was once a man, and he had strange yearnings after the unknown, and he said unto himself, "Behold, I will have unto myself an organ," and he went forth and called him together the printers and he spake, saying, "Print unto me a paper, even a goodly sheet, and fill it full even unto the brim with wind, aye, and with natural explosive vapor," and they did it, when behold he did name it the "Man Had A Journal." But the fates were cruel and did mock him, until he was made to exclaim, "It is gone," and even so, it was gone.

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THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF AMERICA says that the Staten Island Philatelic Society "will take proper steps to *dispose of deceased members* to the best advantage of the heirs, if they so desire, to prevent sacrificing the property." We suppose they will erect a crematory, as that is the cheapest way to "dispose of property." Come now, Brother Mekeel, are you not rather hard on the Staten Islanders? Threaten to dock your proof-reader, it might have a good effect.

Possibly the shades of the deceased members might worry him.

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A CONTEMPORARY (how fond everybody is of that long word) has just given utterance to the opinion that the Piercy Express Label is worthy of a place in the collector's album. Wherefore, brother? Would you have us collect the labels that the large express companies paste on their bundles that say "New York to Boston," "Philadelphia to Chicago?" They are just as much worthy of attention as the Piercy label. You are mistaken, friend; let the express label be collected as such, and don't try to make the unhappy philatelist add to his woes by compelling him to swallow the express label.

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THE members of the Philadelphia Section of the Dresden are rejoicing over the receipt of a new exchange book from across the briny. The selection of stamps embraced in this lot is above the average and the prices are low. Why don't you join the Section and have a shot at the exchange privileges? It pays; one book is enough to repay all expenditure for the year. To be sure the prices, in Marks and Pfenniges, look rather steep, but when you come to reduce them to American currency the steepness fades away and is apt to leave a most pleasing hollow in its place. The prices are certainly low, lower than the average American Philatelic Association book.

For enterprise and push commend us to the West. The Chalmers Society of Chicago certainly deserves the palm for energy and determination. It claims to be the first society (philatelic) in the United States to be regularly incorporated according to law. As the President says, "The Chalmers has been incorporated and is, I guess, the first philatelic society to take that step. We came to stay, however. We have a business office at 70 State street. We have over forty on our membership roll now and have only been going six months." Figures talk and the above certainly shows the Chalmers in a most desirable light. Why cannot some of the older societies wake up and follow suit? Now if the members of the Chalmers only get to work and boom the American Philatelic Association among themselves what an increase in the number of members our national organization would have. Try it, Brother Wilson; introduce the subject at your next meeting. It is a practical plan, as the Germantown Philatelic Society has proven.

THE National Stamp Dealers' Protective Association has elected officers as follows: President, T. J. Mitchell; Vice-President, C. F. Rothfuchs; Secretary, C. G. Woodworth; Purchasing Secretary, W. v. d. Wettern; Treasurer, R. R. Bogert; Trustees, J. S. Bixby, S. B. Bradt, and one yet to be elected. This is a board that will be hard to beat. This is the original "Isaacs;" in other words, this is the first union of its kind lately organized, and the others that have been announced are merely the attempts of dealers who have been so unlucky as to find that they stood no chance for high office in the first or who saw that they would be unable to run it according to their own sweet will. The union or would-be union I have in mind is endeavoring to obtain members by announcing to Eastern dealers that they have been elected as so and so, Treasurer or what-not. I am sorry, but I am afraid that one society of this kind is enough. What the "original" can want with a Purchasing Secretary is, however, beyond my comprehension. Do they expect that the dealer who holds that office is going to divvy up with the rest if he sees a chance to get a bargain? Well, hardly; maybe he is only to buy new issues, though; or maybe the office is a sinecure and only meant to be an ornament. The union, however, is one that deserves all encouragement, and dealers the country over can do no better than to send in their names to C. G. Woodworth. W. W.

NEW SOUTH WALES POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUED DURING 1886.

THE *Philatelic Monthly* gives the following table showing the number of each value of New South Wales stamps issued in 1886. It is from the official figures of the Government Printing Office and gives a good idea of their degrees of scarcity. The face value of the stamps is over a million and a half of dollars.

1d. postage stamps, . . . . .	24,300,000	10s. postage stamps, . . . . .	155
2d. " " . . . . .	22,500,000	£1 " " . . . . .	141
3d. " " . . . . .	60,000	1d. envelope " . . . . .	322,250
4d. " " . . . . .	282,000	2d. " " . . . . .	63,579
5d. " " . . . . .	2,400	4d. registration envelopes . . . . .	18,000
6d. " " . . . . .	1,032,000	Newspaper wrappers . . . . .	9,000
8d. " " . . . . .	24,000	1d. post-cards . . . . .	334,200
9d. " " . . . . .	6,000	2d. " " . . . . .	3,360
10d. " " . . . . .	1,200		
1s. " " . . . . .	228,000		
5s. " " . . . . .	8,760		
		Total,	49,195,045

### WHY SHOULD WE PAUSE?

**F**ORMERLY while manifesting a moderate desire to complete his collection of United States stamps, the average philatelist took good care to see that other countries were well provided for at the same time. This was a laudable and good ground to stand on and we sincerely regret that these good old times are passing away.

Can we not persuade philatelists to come back to the broad ground and fill their books as well as they may with the issues of all countries? They need not fear, as a fair attention can be given to their own country while filling up with specimens from abroad.

Nothing like the same interest can be taken in the collection which contains merely one country, no matter how perfect that collection may be, and we greatly fear that the narrowing influences of the "specialty collector" will have a bad effect on philately as a science.

Dealers and associations have made collecting an easy matter, and I fear have also helped to bring on this cry for United States stamps and made possible the recent syndicate, moreover, in envelopes, as collections now contain a large part of the stock of United States stamps, and prices have risen until it now seems impossible for them to go higher, and should a fall take place many will leave the ranks never to return.

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