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## PHILOS.

BY YUM-YUM.

Yes! I do love these stamps of mine,  
Mounted so neatly on each page,  
With here and there a broken line,  
Late issues side by side with age;  
A motley company, I ween;  
Washington's ranking with kingly tramps,  
In truth—a thing the first time seen—  
A world Republic—at least of stamps.

A beautiful Congress are they,  
From all countries beneath the sun;  
Of all colors, from bright and gay  
To modest neutral gray and dun;  
Yet I do love them, each and all,  
These friends so meek and unassuming,  
Who always ready when I call  
To calm my mind and set me musing.

I call them friends, these quiet stamps,  
A title well their merits claim,  
Who never fail to cure the vamps,  
(Oh! that live friends would do the same?)  
Of all the pastimes I ever knew,  
There's none so cheerful and so pleasant;  
Of all my friends both old and new,  
There's none like these—the ever-present.

## GREAT BRITAIN AND HER COLONIES.

BY ALF. FITLER HENKELS.

(Continued.)

### CONSTANTINOPLE.

This city cannot be called an English Colony, so, consequently, can not be ranked alphabetically as such; so I think this a proper place to record those stamps of Great Britain which were surcharged for Constantinople. They were of the following values: 4 paras on 2½ pence, 80 paras on 5 pence, 12 piastres on 2 s. 6 d. They were, I understand, issued for the convenience of Europeans residing in that city, and were run separate from the general government, which was objected to by the Turkish government, and they were, consequently, withdrawn.

### ANTIGUA.

Having finished with the mother country, it is now in order to deal with the offspring, her Colonies. Taking them in alphabetical order, Antigua appears first on the list. This country was blessed with a very small number of stamps compared with her sister Colonies. I say blessed, for I think that so many issues and surcharges are ridiculous, and could be avoided in a great measure by the proper provision of stamps in the first place. But to go on with the subject in hand, I would say that Antigua has less philatelic points of interest to write about than any other British stamp-issuing Colony; so my account of her stamps will be necessarily short.

I will endeavor to give a description of the few as we find them.

The following is a list of the series according to dates:

1 penny and the 6 pence of 1862, 1 penny of 1868, 4 pence and 2½ pence of 1880, ½ penny of 1882, and the 1 penny of 1884. This is the full series of adhesives as far as I have ascertained, but there was a 1 d. blue fiscal which was used postally according to the records.

This country, for some reason, has not been favored with the higher values of stamps, such as the 1 shilling and 5 shillings. I do not see any plausible reason why when Malta has them, and most assuredly there is as much mail matter sent from Antigua as there.

### BAHAMAS.

Of these islands there is very little more to be said than of the preceding one. The stamps are 1 penny 1859, 4 pence and 6 pence 1861, 1 shilling

1863, 1 and 4 pence and 5 shillings and £1 of 1884. In 1883 the 6 pence of 1861 was surcharged 4 pence.

#### BARBADOES.

This country is of considerable more interest than the preceding islands, having issued stamps since 1852, in which series the value was not indicated on the stamp. The general design deserves more merit than any of the later ones, and seems to have met with general favor, for it was used in Barbadoes, Mauritius and Trinidad with very little deviation from the original design from 1852 until 1875. The stamps of 1852 were of the following values:  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1 and 4 pence, on blue paper; of 1859,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 penny, on white paper. These, up to this date, were unperforated. In 1861 stamps of the same value were used, printed on white paper, and were perforated. In 1859 a 6 pence and 1 shilling were issued, with the name at the top and value at lower edge. The issues were as follows: 3 pence and 5 shillings, 1873;  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny, light and dark green, and a 1 penny, blue, 1874; a 4 and 6 pence and 1 shilling, 1875. Also, a 3 pence of 1878 and a 4 pence of 1885. In 1882 the following list of stamps was used:  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , 3, 4 and 6 pence, and 1 and 5 shillings. The last type of stamp is a very poor specimen in comparison to the neat and well-executed designs of the former issues.

In 1878 one-half of the 5 shilling stamp of 1873 was surcharged "1 d.," in black. I have also read that the 1 penny, blue, has been surcharged 1 shilling, in black. There are comparatively few surcharges, but there is no telling how far the mania may go, as there is a large field for the officials to work in yet on the other issues.

#### BERMUDA.

This charming island of the tropics has not escaped the surcharge contagion as well as some of her sister Colonies. She launched forth on her philatelic career in 1865 with a 1, 2 and 6 pence and 1 shilling stamps, which were followed in 1873 by a 3 pence stamp; in 1880 by a  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 4 pence; 1884,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ; 1885,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pence. This stamp varies from

the  $\frac{1}{2}$  pence of 1880, which is brown, while that of 1885 is green. The design is also different.

There appears, also, to be a 3 pence, gray.

We now have the provisional surcharges in order. All the following were surcharged in black in 1874: One penny on 2 pence, 3 pence and 1 shilling. Then there was the three pence on 1 and 2 pence and 1 shilling printed in slanting type, with a line of shading around all the letters; then the three pence on 1 shilling, with surcharge printed in thin, straight type.

The stamps of this Colony have done service in that rock-bound stronghold, Gibraltar, as follows: The 1, 2 and 6 pence and 1 shilling of 1865, the 4 pence of 1880, the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pence of 1884, and the  $\frac{1}{2}$  pence of 1885, surcharged "Gibraltar," in black.

*(To be continued.)*

#### A FEW PHILADELPHIA COLLECTORS.

We do not think that if you were to travel the world over, wherever stamp collecting is known, that you would gather together such another heterogeneous conglomeration of philatelic enthusiasts as gather of an afternoon on North Tenth street, where Mr. E. R. Durborow entertains his numerous "brothers in science" with experiences and numerous stories which he is well suited to relate; whether the thermometer registers zero or ninety above, it does not seem to affect his temperament. Mr. Durborow is not changeable in collecting, but continues in the same course that he has started in from the first, viz., the collecting of United States and foreign postage stamps, and truly he has a splendid collection, which is a treat for the appreciative collector to examine.

Now for the peculiarities of his contemporaries: There is Mr. W. A. MacCalla, a tall, willowy young man, especially addicted to long overcoats, which make him look taller and more poplar-like than he really is. We never saw such a fellow; he always has some curious freak on surcharge with which to interest you, wherever he may meet you.

His coat pockets, or rather their contents, must resemble Dickens' description of the old curiosity shop.

Henry S. Jeanes is another curious study, with his laughable remarks and blunt way of expressing himself. His life has been made miserable by a party who sees fit to fight him over the authorship of an article which undoubtedly was written by Mr. Jeanes, but he is recovering now, and his friends hail with welcome the return of roses of health to his cheeks.

We now have Mr. F. E. P. Lynde, who is known to almost every collector around these parts. He is very much given of late to the study of French (novels) and seems to have foresworn the collection of stamps for that of photos, which is no doubt more interesting in a way, but, taking him all in all, he is a very jovial fellow, his only fault being that you seldom see him twice with his whiskers in the same style, which makes him hard to recognize.

Mr. George Henderson is an arduous worker in behalf of the QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST who is also known to almost every collector, and who is generally esteemed as a journalist and good fellow who can take a joke and return one with equally good humor.

We now refer to Theo. Siddall, the aspirant Spanish linguist, who no doubt some day will be far enough advanced to converse with a cigar pompey. Siddall's special hobby is U. S. postage stamps, of which he has a very fine collection, which is the outcome of his success in trading and caution in buying.

Our next person is Mr. Richard Burkinshaw, a rather tall young man, who has a fine growth of beard which he endeavors to keep in subjection, but which baffles all his attempts and are continually leaking out. He is rather changeable in his collections, being only excelled by A. F. Henkels, who has had seven different collections in less than four years. His last collection is U. S. revenues of the first series. I wonder how long he will have it. Henkels seems to delight in punishing his friends with bad puns, greatly to the amusement of Mr. Johnson (at whose store these

young men gather), who wants to open the window to allow them exit.

S. M. Gans is a peculiar young man who has lately taken up the collection of entire U. S. envelopes. He is generally known among his intimate friends as "Sol." It is great amusement to hear the pieces of elocution that he spouts forth at times.

The above-mentioned young men are only a typical few of those who gather at Mr. Johnson's of an afternoon, with Mr. Durborow as host; and an excellent host he is, making them feel at home, and doing all he can to entertain them.

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WHEN the stamped envelope of the U. S. first made its appearance, it bore on its back a curious advertisement of the maker. What the press of the day thought may be seen in the clipping which we reprint from the *Journal of Commerce*.

The Stamped Letter Envelopes which have just been sent out for distribution among the leading post-offices of the Union, are as yet but of a single size, of the three cent denomination. A bust of Washington, embossed and encircled by a brick-red background, occupied the appropriate corner. Above and below the figure are the words signifying the value of the stamp. These envelopes are sold at the post-office for three dollars and twenty cents per hundred, the twenty extra cents for the envelopes, which is less than plain envelopes of equal quality could be bought for. The post-office does not sell less than a hundred. Retailers outside of the post-office will probably expect to make a handsome profit. The back of the envelope is gummed, ready for sealing. There is also Mr. Nesbit's advertisement on the back, for which there is no charge. We doubt the propriety of deforming the nation's envelopes in this way, and are surprised that the Postmaster-General should permit it. Dr. Brandreth would furnish the envelopes gratis, barring the stamp, for the privilege of printing a small advertisement upon them.

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BOYCOTT the *Agassiz Journal* (Skinner's paper).

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Advertisements for No. 7 should be in by June 28th.

PROBABLY the most important matter now before philatelists is "The National Philatelic Society," which is to hold a meeting in the Fall. The numerous matters which it could dispose of if properly recognized and supported should make its accomplishment a personal matter with each philatelist. That it should be successful its leaders must be chosen with the utmost care, and should in each case be men who can command the respect not only of philatelists, but also of the outer world. If this could be accomplished, it would be needless to forecast the immense benefit it would be to all. And as it is more than possible to do this if every philatelist will step forward, we urge you to come to the front.

Philatelic journals generally should give this project full attention, that their readers may properly understand it, and remember that they have in their hands great power to forward the organization, and when formed to make it respected.

MR. MEKEEL is still engaged in pushing "the Horace Jones swindle" to the wall, and seems likely to have the success he deserves, as later developments would seem to connect a prominent stamp dealer of St. Paul, Minn., very closely with the swindle. We wish him the best success in this case, and hope he will push it to a term in the penitentiary, and thus make an example for other intending swindlers to profit by.

Jail life can hardly be pleasant when the numerous conveniences and comforts they contain are considered, to say nothing of the *absolute freedom* obtainable in a six by nine cell. Possibly W. C. Glenn can give some pointers on this subject. We are glad to see that the *Right* now has a champion whose ability and experience will make fraud a dangerous and difficult accomplishment.

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WE would like to hear from the corresponding members of the Q. C. P. S. during the Summer. Can't you write us letters as to what philatelists are doing in your parts, and, in fact, anything that will be of interest to philatelists in general?

THE auction sales of the Q. C. P. S. are proving as successful as could be desired, the only trouble so far being the want of sellers, a most remarkable and healthy sign. Those pessimists who saw nothing but the utter disruption of the Society in permitting the sale of stamps, would be surprised to see what interest was taken in our auction. The 10 per cent received by the Society on all sales has been of some value, it would seem, as the Treasurer is very careful to see that he gets it right off.

WHY don't you subscribe and get the paper regularly. The cost is little; the benefit great. Remember that twenty-five one-cent stamps will insure the receipt of twelve numbers—one on the first of each month for a whole year.

WE have not heard much of late about the National Convention of Philatelists to be held in New York. Have our friends of the Empire State given up the idea of holding it this Summer?

MR. WALTER SCOTT tells us that in his day the mail from Edinburgh to London often contained only a single letter, the postage being thirty-two cents; or, as they say, sixteen pence.

THE Q. C. P. S. has received many favors from Mr. Sterling, and thinks seriously of having its votes of thanks printed in quantity.

PHILATELISTS will be pleased to hear that the Quaker City Philatelic Society is continually adding to its active membership.

THE editors of this paper would like a few original articles on any branch of philately. Please address this department.

MR. DURBIN returned from his trip much benefited, and looks himself once more.

OWING to lack of space, we are obliged to leave out "Editor's Waste Basket."

DURBIN'S CATALOGUE is out. It is superb.

## Chronicle.

EDITED BY L. W. DURBIN.

*Bulgaria.*—The 20 stotinki stamps of 1881 and 1883 have been cut in half diagonally, and made to do duty as 15 stotinki stamps.

*Greece.*—Two values of a new type have made their appearance. Whether the entire set is to be changed or not we are not yet advised.

*Guatemala.*—We have been permitted to examine the proof of a new 1 centavo stamp, engraved by the American Bank Note Co. If prepared and issued like the proof before us, the series will make a beautiful addition to the album.

In the centre of the design there is a scroll bearing the inscription "Libestad 15 de Setembre 1821" and on the scroll is seated a parrot. Around this is a horse-shoe inscribed "Union Postal Universal." In the left upper corner is a train of cars and in the right upper a steamship. Below the horse-shoe is "Guatemala C. A." and at the bottom the value.

*Norway.*—A correspondent in Norway informs us that he has a 10 ore stamp printed in the color of the 50 ore.

*Persia.*—We have received the following named stamps surcharged "Official" and with new value:

6 on 5 shahis, green;  
12 on 50 " black;  
18 on 10 " orange and black;  
1 toman on 5 francs, black and red.

It will be noticed that the surcharged 50 shahis is a different color from those issued in 1882.

*Roumania.*—We have received specimens of the 10 bani, red, of the new type.

*Shanghai.*—The 40 cash has changed color to brown.

*Turkey.*—We have the 5 paras printed in black and are informed that the 5 pia. is now green and the 25 pia. bistre.

*Mexico.*—Late impressions of the 10 centavo stamp are of a light yellow color. New postal cards are expected July 1st.

*U. S. of Columbia.*—Mr. De Sola favors us with a new type of the 10 centavos, orange. A bust of some celebrity is in an oval frame with the name around, "Republica de Columbia;" value below.

**Q. C. P. S. Meetings.**

MEETING HELD MAY 8, 1886.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting, several bills were presented and ordered to be paid.

Mr. Jay Good made his appearance and also a satisfactory settlement.

The President requested Messrs. Lynde, McAllister and MacCalla to deliver essays.

A lively time was had during the auctioneering of stamps, and adjourned.

MEETING HELD MAY 27, 1886.

As there were only six members present and that number not being a quorum, no business was transacted, but a very pleasant evening was spent by those present in exchanging stamps, etc.

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