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Ɔi akúmúléçun ov tréjurz haz olwez bin æ eff objekt ov pursút wia réçunal býñz. Ɔe lébur ov wun fóra ov æ húman réš, wia Ɔi advantejez ov modurn invençun, wud bý súfíçent tu provaid æ riméndur wia òl æ neseriz ov laif, but æ fansid wònts ov mankaind ár limited ónli bai ær pour ov imajinéçun, and in ær objektz ov dizair ær iz grét divursiti ov tést. Wun mé bý a filosofur, and spend hiz taim in ekeplóriñ æ hidn lóz ov néçur, or an astronomur and sure for unnón sfirz; ælz wil nacurali luk upon æ pozeçun ov propurti az ov sekunderi importans tu æ diskuvuri ov sum grét síkret hwic wil kari ær némz tu posteriti. Uçuriz in póetri, histori, fikçun, or uaur árts and saienzez luk for onur and aplóz, but æ majoriti ov pípl, in æ vérius canelz ov produktiv lébur, or arú æ mídiun ov tréd, sík tu obtén pozeçunz hwic wil giv æm influens and pour.

Ɔær ar a klas ov pursunz hú profes tu bý filanropists, and tu disrigárd ær ón inturests for æ benifit ov ær felómen, but ais býñ wun ov æ çúrest wéz tu onur, æ ár genuráli rigárded wia distrust bai ólz ov les pritençun.

Ɔe hórdiñ ov tréjurz mé bý iaur yúsful or detrimental tu sosaiiti. Ɔe maizur haz ólwez bin held up tu publik eksikreçun, but hí injurz ónli himself, æ wurd nfdz veri litl góld, hwaíl æ spekylétur in wichóldiñ from æ márkét provijunz, fídel, rément ór land oláo konsidurd az onurabl, ofn kózez grét distres.

Ɔóz hu emploi ær rísórsez in mékiñ kolekçunz ov kúriositiz or wurks ov árt, oláo ær yútiliti mé bý kweseund wia çat ov ól uaur temporal pozeçunz, ár jenuráli amuñ æ móst hármles ov mankaind, and hwér ær objekt iz tu

diseminét informéçun, or tu kultivét a rifaind tést in ær asóçiéts, æ wil diráiv a satsfakçun hwic bròd ékurz, stétli mançunz, or ívn a septur kud not giv.

In mékiñ a kolekçun hwic wil bý ov inturest and valyú, muc diskriminéçun iz ríkwaird. Ɔe rezident ov Fífa avinú, hú ordurd hiz buk kés from æ kabinet mékur furst, and æn óçuraizd æ bukselur tu fil it wia hanstumli bound buks tu fit æ çelvz, kud hárdli ekspekt it tu kontén muc litureri merit. Ónli ólz aiz hwic hav a historikal or saientífik inturest ár wurá prizurviñ; sum displé ær foli bai gaçuriñ yúsles rubiç, suc az antikwéted gárments, or tunz ov granit; æ létest novelti wí hav hurd ov in ais lain, woz æ sél at òkçun in Paris ov a valyúabl kolekçun ov wòrm-iñ panz.

For a péntiñ or skulpçur tu bý wurá ov merit, it is az neseriz çat Ɔi subjekt bý a grét wun, az for Ɔi eksikúçun tu bý çat ov a mástur hand. In purçasiñ rial estét, ólz hú lókét níř æ sentur ov sum lárj toun or uráiviñ vilej ár ólmóst súr tu bý foreçunet. Ɔe kolektur ov buks, bai sílektiñ korekt historiz, baiografiz ov eminent pursunz, rómansiz ov súpñriur merit, or praktikal saientífik wurks, wil hav hwot wil not ónli bý ov profit tu himself, but ov inkrísiñ valyú, hwaíl æ distorted télz whic flud our laibreriz wil síñk intu oblivión.

In mékiñ a kolekçun ov koinz, ólz hwic stand az mimentóz ov éngunt kíndumz, or komemorét important ívents; and ov modurn koinz, ólz hwic márk æ progres ov pourful empairz, çud hav æ prefurens; ov our ón kuntri, æ urli kolónialz ár ov grét inturest, and æ prais ov fain písez wil kontinyú tu advans, hwaíl medalz got up bai sum ilituret dai síñkur, stór kárds, and rijekted

patpurns, ólao raizd for a taim, wil sún bí unsòt. A straiķiņ prúf ov ais iz ae relativ praisez hwic medals ov fkwal rariti briņ at okçun ov Woçipton and Liņkun, compèrd wia óoz ov Búkanun and Jonsun. In ótografis ae dispariti iz stil mór aparent, and ae móst jûdicus, ár óoz hû obtén karakturistik leturs ov eminent pursunz.

In kolektiņ stamps ae sém rúlz ár aplikabl; furst in inturest ár óoz ov ae strongest néçunz; next ae les ártistik dizainz ov strugliņ provinsez, hwail ae cénjabl ímiçunz ov peti stéts; ae lókal stamps of praivet furmz, eséz ov sekunderi merit, or prúfs hwic hav nó historikal refurens, and wil bí multiplaid tu mít ae dimand, wil hav but trançunt popyúlariti.

#### NOTICES OF SALES AT AUCTION.

At the sale of the Fewsmith collection Oct. 4-5-6 and 7th. 1870, the following prices were realized:

American silver; Dollars, 1794 good \$25; 1851 proof, \$27 50; 1852 do. \$25; 1853 do. \$10; Half dol. 1796 fine \$38 50; 1797 good \$16; Quarter do. 1823 nearly proof \$38; Half dime 1796 do. \$10 50.

Cents; 1793 Liberty cap, very fine and a rare variety \$45; 1795 lettered edge uncirculated \$29; 1796 liberty cap do. \$25; do. fillet head do. \$12; 1799 very fine \$32 50; do. good \$17; 1800 uncirculated, \$28; 1804 very fine, \$21 50; do. fine \$15; 1806 uncirculated \$14; 1824 do. \$12.

Half cents; 1796 poor \$16; 1842 proof \$42 50; 1847 do. \$35; and proofs of 1831-6; 1840-1-3-4-5 6-8 and 1852 brought about \$14, each.

Pattern pieces; 1792 Disme, copper fine \$30; 1792 cent, disme size, good \$41; 1836 Flying eagle dollar, "Gobrecht" in field, proof \$32 50 do. "Gobrecht" on base of Liberty fine \$10 50; 1839 do. proof, \$28; do. Half dol. do. \$27; 1868 set of proofs in aluminum, \$120; 1869 set of proof patterns \$10 50; 1870 do. \$14 75.

Washington pieces; medal, 1799 Commission resigned, silver proof \$12; silver medalet, rev. Penn. \$11 50; cent 1792 poor \$17; Gen. Wash'n cent, rev. "E. Pluribus Unum," \$60.

Medals; Libertas Americana, silver proof, rev. Pallas \$35; do. rev. "Communi Consensu" do. \$26; Fame do. \$18; Grant, bronze, size 66 \$10; Field, aluminum do. \$35; Montreal, view of the city tin \$19.

Colonials &c; Carolina cent 1694 \$33; Granby do. 17 75; Chalmers shilling, fine \$10; 3d. uncirculated, \$28; Immune Columbia cent do. \$25; Immune do. \$10 50; Excelsior cent \$10 50; New Jersey "E Pluribus" very fine \$12; Kentucky ½ d. 1796 \$21; Feuchtswangers' 3 cent piece, 1837 eagle \$10 50; Black walnut cabinet \$15.

The Pattern pieces sold rather lower than at previous sales, and the store cards higher, the returns were about \$4200.

#### LIST OF COINS FOR NOVEMBER.

1796 Dime, good impression	\$2 00
1795 ½ " " "	25c. to 50
1797 ½ " fine	4 00
N. Y. cent figure to left	2 00
" " right, good	2 00
Auctori Plebis, good	4 00
Franklin press ½ d. good	2 00
Georgius Triumpho, fine	4 00
Kentucky cent, fine	4 00
Geo. III. rev. Inde et lib. good	3 00
Immunis Columbia, good	6 00
Connecticut cent, Et lib. Inde.	50
Success to the U. S. brass	2 50
Wash'n. medal, rev. Com. Res. orig. bronze	3 00
" " " tin, proof	50
Liberty & Security, fine	2 00
Oath of allegiance medal, silver ½ oz.	1 00
Carolina silver medal 1736, fine	5 00
1836 flying eagle dollar, fine	3 00
1836 Pattern cent, bronze	1 00
1854 " " no stars	1 50
1859 " ¼ dols. silver, 4 varieties, each	1 25
1863 " " " God our trust	1 50
1862 " " copper	75
1862 " \$10 piece " proof	1 00
Jas. K. Polk bronze medal, Hands clasped	1 00
Jno. Q. Adams " "	1 00
Thos. Mc. Kee " "	50
Thos. Wildey " odd fellows	1 00
Wm. Wash'n, Cowpens	75
San Francisco fair medal, silver 2oz.	3 00
1799 cent, very good	20 00

List of Foreign coins in next number.

There was an auction sale of coins &c. held at Bangs, Merwin & Co. 694 and 696 Broadway, on the 19th. of October which consisted principally of duplicates of a Philadelphia dealer. The lots which sold for \$5 and upwards were: Wash'n Cent 1791 large eagle good \$5; 1856 dollar proof \$10; 1858 proof set \$10 50; Eccleston medal \$8; Meade medal, size 50 \$5 50; do. tin rare \$10; Johnson size 48 rare \$5; Grant size 64 \$6; \$20 gold piece of Maximilian \$23 50. Few other lots brought \$1; the total proceeds were a little over \$300.

#### THE PROVIDENCE LOCALS.

These stamps were issued in 1846 while Mr. W. B. Sayles was postmaster, and originals are now very rare. The genuine ones are printed in sheets of 12; 11 five cent ones, and one ten cent in upper right hand corner, while the imitations are in sheets of fives and tens. As there are several distinct varieties of five cent ones, it is better to preserve the sheets entire.

We purchased last week one of the finest collections of unused stamps in the city for \$265. They were obtained several years ago, before reprints were in vogue, and having been kept in envelopes, have the original gum, also the old varieties of watermark and shades of color; we give a catalogue of them in place of our usual list of cheap stamps. Of many of the sets, such as Austria, Bergeford, Bremen, Hanover, Lubeck, Modena, Portugal &c. we can sell reprints much less. There were in the collection a lot of rare U. S. locals, of which we will give engravings in our next number.

PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

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All stamps sold by us are warranted genuine. Where more than one stamp is described on the same line, the price is so much for each. All letters of enquiry, or orders under 25c., must contain stamps for reply. Money sent by P. O. Order or Registered letter only, is at our risk. Our list for this month is not our regular price list, but a catalogue of a new collection, and should not be ordered from after this month.

Austria 1861	set of 5	\$1 50	Norway 1856	1865 50 c.	2 00
" 1868	" 6	1 50	New Zealand	1856	set of 4 75
" newspaper stamps	" 8	75	New South Wales inc. Reg. & 5 sh.		" 4 1 25
Austrian Italy 1858-61-63	" 7	2 00	Nicaragua		" 11 5 00
Argentine Republic 1862	" 3	1 50	Naples 1857		" 2 20
" " 1864	" 3	1 50	Nevis		" 7 4 00
" (Corrientes), green	"	5 00	O.denburg 1852-56-61		" 3 1 00
Antigua	" 2	60	" 1862		" 12 5 00
Bavaria 1849	" 6	1 00	Portugal 1853		" 5 1 00
" 1862	" 6	1 00	" 1855-62		" 4 5 00
Baden 1860-62	" 11	2 00	" 1862-66		" 6 2 00
Brunswick 1-2-3 on col'd paper	"	70	Peru 1 dinero double lines		" 15 3 00
Brazil 1850	" 10	3 50	" 1 " & 1 peseta single lines		4 00
Belgium 1849	" 2	5 00	Poland 1860 10 kop.		2 00
" 1850	" 4	60	Parma 1858	set of 3	1 00
Barbados 1862	" 6	1 50	Prince Edward I.		" 7 1 00
Buenos Ayres. head 1 peso blue	"	1 00	Queensland		" 5 1 00
Bahamas 1859	" 4	1 25	Russia 1857		" 7 1 50
Bremen unperf.	" 8	1 50	Roman States 1852		" 11 1 25
Bergedorf	" 5	1 00	Spain 1854 4c.		1 00
Ceylon	" 12	6 00	" 1857		" 4 2 50
Cape of Good Hope 1857	" 4	2 00	" 1860		" 6 2 50
Chili 1861	" 4	1 25	" 1862		" 6 2 00
Confed. States "TEN CENTS"	"	5 00	" 1864		" 6 2 00
" " large size, 2-5-5-10-10	"	8 00	" 1855 Official		" 4 1 00
France Rep. & Pres. set of 9 (inc. 20 blue)	10 00		Spanish West Indies 1862 ¼ rl.		1 00
" Empire unperf.	set of 5	1 00	Switzerland 1854		" 7 2 00
Finland 1860	" 2	50	" 1862		" 9 6 00
French Colonies 1860	" 4	50	Saxony 1850		" 4 6 00
Germany (North) 1852-60 inc. 5 & 10	" 18	1 50	" 1854		" 7 1 50
" (South) 1859	" 6	1 25	Sweden 1858		" 6 1 00
Greece (1-40-80 Paris imp. no fig.)	" 7	2 50	Schleswig Holstein 1850		" 2 2 00
Grenada	" 2	50	Sandwich Isles. 9 varieties		3 00
Hanover 1851	" 6	1 50	South Australia		" 6 2 50
" 1856	" 5	1 50	Sicily		" 7 1 50
" 1861	" 4	1 50	Sierra Leone on blue paper		1 00
" Env. 1857	" 4	1 50	St. Lucia 1859		" 4 2 00
Hamburg 1859 unperf.	" 8	1 50	St. Vincent		" 2 60
" 1864 perf.	" 7	1 00	Straits Settlements, old		" 9 4 00
Holland 1852	" 3	50	Turkey 1862		" 4 2 00
" 1864	" 3	50	Trinidad 1859		" 4 1 50
Hong Kong	" 10	5 00	Tasmania		" 5 1 50
Italy 1856	" 8	75	United States 1851		" 8 1 25
" 1864	" 12	1 50	" 1861		" 10 3 00
India 1858	" 6	1 25	" 1868		" 10 2 50
Ionian Isles	" 3	75	" Envelopes 1853 to 1851		" 33 15 00
Jamaica	" 6	1 25	Venczucla 1859		" 3 1 00
Lubeck 1859	" 5	1 00	" 1861		" 3 60
" 1863	" 9	1 00	Victoria 1858-9-60		" 11 4 00
" Env.	" 5	1 00	Wurtemberg 1857		" 5 1 50
Luxemburg 1852	" 3	4 00	West Australia 1855-60		" 10 2 50
" 1859 unperf.	" 9	1 50	Brazil 1866 unused proofs		" 7 2 50
Liberia	" 3	1 50	Canada 1856		" 6 6 00
Livonia	" 2	1 00	" 1860		" 5 1 50
Mexico 1856	" 5	8 00	Chili 1867		" 4 1 50
Mauritius 1859	" 6	3 00	Mexico		" 4 1 50
Modena 1859	" 5	3 00	New Brunswick 1860		" 6 1 40
Moldavia	" 5	3 00	Nicaragua 1864		" 2 70
Nova Scotia 1857	" 4	10 00	Nova Scotia 1860		" 6 1 50
" " 1860	" 5	1 25	Newfoundland 1865		" 7 2 00
New Brunswick 1857	" 3	12 00	Salvador 1867		" 4 1 50
" 1860	" 5	1 50	United States 1848		" 2 2 00
New Granada 1861 10c.	"	4 00			



LIST OF POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUED IN 1870.

Unless otherwise described, the stamps are rectangular and perforated.

ALSACE & LORRAINE. "Postes" above, figure in centre, 1 centime green, 2 brown, 4 grey, 10 bistre, 20 blue.

AÇORES. Same as Portugal, surcharged 240 reis mauve.

BELGIUM. Figure in centre, 1 centime green, 2 blue, 5 amber, 8 lilac, head to left, 10 green, 20 blue, 30 amber, 40 rose, 1 franc violet.

CANADA. Head of Victoria, small size, 1 cent orange, 3 rose.

CEYLON. Head of Victoria, 1 shilling deep mauve.

DECCAN. Oblong, perf. Indian characters.  $\frac{1}{4}$  anna olive green.

DENMARK. Violet centre, brown frame, 48 skilling.

DUTCH INDIES. "Ned. Indie" at top, head to right, 5 cents green, 10 bistre, 20 blue, 50 carmine.

EGYPT. (Pyramids) 10 paras bright mauve.

FRANCE. (Laureated head), 1 centime green, 30 brown disc of lines.

GREAT BRITAIN. Head of Victoria  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny lake (small oblong), 3 half penny lake, post card  $\frac{1}{2}$  violet on salmon paper, newspaper wrapper  $\frac{1}{2}$  green.

ITALY. (Official Stamps), Oblong, perf. red figure in yellow frame, 1 centime, 2-5-30-40-60; brown figure in blue frame, 1 lira, 2 lire.

MAURITIUS. Head of Victoria 1 shilling blue.

MADEIRA. Same as Portugal, 240 reis mauve.

NATAL. All values same as 1860 issue, but surcharged with "Postage" in black letters of various types.

NEW GRANADA. Rect. unperf. eagle and shield in oval, 25 centavos black on blue paper, 50 green on white, 1 peso rose, large size on glazed paper, 10 pesos square.

NORTH GERMAN CONFEDERATION. Official oblong, perf. black figure in stone border,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  1-2 silber groschen, black figure in slate border, 1-2-3-7 kreuzer.

PARAGUAY. Rect. unperf. lion and liberty cap in oval, 1 real rose.

PERU. Square, unperf. embossed, train of cars above, arms on shield below, "Chorillos Lima and Callao," 5 centavos red.

PORTUGAL. Head to left, 100 reis pale violet, 240 mauve.

PRINCE EDWARD I. Full face of Victoria, 3d. stg. or 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. currency, brown.

ROUMANIA. Rect. unperf. Head of Charles I. 3 bani mauve.

RUSSIA. Envelope, circular, 5 kopeks rose.

ST. CHRISTOPHER. Head of Victoria in circle, 1 penny rose, 6d. green.

ST. DOMINGO. Rect. arms, UN real black on bluish paper.

ST VINCENT. Head of Victoria, 4 pence orange.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Rect. unperf. 3 pence mauve. Perforated à la roulette, 1 penny, red, 6 mauve, 1 shilling green.

SPAIN. Head of Liberty, "Comunicaciones" above, 1 mila. de Esco. black on brown, 2 brown on brown, 4 bistre, 10 red, 25 mauve, 50 blue, 100 red, 200 brown, 400 green, 1 escudo or 600 mils. lilac, 2 escudos blue, 12 cuartos rose, 19 green.

SPANISH WEST INDIES. Head of Liberty, 5 centesimos blue, 10 green, 20 brown, 40 rose.

TURKEY. Envelopes, embossed, Turkish characters, 1 piastre yellow, 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  brown, 3 orange, 6 violet.

UNITED STATES. 1c, Head of Franklin blue, 2 Jackson brown, 3 Wash'n green, 6 Lincoln carmine, 10 Jefferson brown, 15 Clay purple, 30 Webster orange, 24 Scott purple, 30 Hamilton dark slate, 90 Perry carmine.

Envelopes same heads and colors as adhesives, oval newspaper wrapper, 2 cents brown paper, Envelopes, small size 2c. orange, pale lemon; 3 flesh, lemon, white; 6 lemon, white; 10 lemon, white; official size, 3 flesh, white; 6 flesh, white; 24 white; 30 white.

VICTORIA. Head of Victoria in oval, small size, 2 pence violet; newspaper band, 1 penny green, envelope oval, 2 pence blue.

The auction sale of Postage stamps on the 3d. of October, was a complete success, and shows that the stamp fever is on the increase. The principal bids were: specimen sheet of 20 U. S. Essays \$7; 9 specimens of Canada envelopes \$6; set of 9 unused Newfoundland including 8d scarlet, \$5 25; set first issue Nova Scotia, \$6 62; set first issue Cuba unused, \$8; set P. S. N. Co. \$9; 76 proofs of Canada revenues \$11 50; 17 pieces, or \$4 43 in Fractional currency, \$10; set of 1850 Spain unused \$20; Petersburg local \$8.

The most remarkable lot of all was a set of proofs of the U. S. revenue stamps, face value \$325, from 1c. to \$50, which brought \$125. The total proceeds of the sale were \$650, which will doubtless encourage many similar sales.

Le Timbres Poste, is the title of a monthly journal of eight pages on stamp collecting published at 3 francs per annum, foreign postage, extra, by J. B. Moens, 7 Galerie Bortier, Brussels Belgium. The No. for January 1871 will commence 9th. volume, it contains several plates, and has all the latest news on European stamps. There were two leading magazines published in Paris, one by Mons. Mahé, the other by Mons. Maury, but since the commencement of the war, this is the only French periodical of note.

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