

Annotated Philatelic Bibliography: Postage Stamps of the Spanish-Philippines

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Acronym for Don Jose Maria Verges de Cardona (see [Verges, J](#)).

D'Etiolles, Erard le Roy.

Erard le Roy D'Etoiles authored some of the chronicles of new issues published in Revue Philatelique between 1890 and 1891. These articles are listed under entries for [Revue Philatelique](#) and not repeated here.

Dalena, Marcelo A.

[Dalena, M. \(1949\)](#). **The early postal service in the Philippines**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 1 no 4, pp. 27 & 29. (March-April 1949).

Description of the delivery methods for early postal system, mention of unknown stamps before 1854 but no details provided.

Dasmarinas, Jesus O.

[Dasmarinus, J. \(1960\)](#). **Philately's Word Famous Personages**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 10 no 2, pp. 3-4. (May-June 1960).

Brief biographies of some famous collectors including Count Ferrari, Colonel Edward Green, Arthur Hind and Maurice Burrus. [The Philippines formed part of the collections held by these personalities although the article does not mention this].

Dato, Reynaldo I.

[Dato, R. \(1964\)](#). **The Philippine postal service**. The Philippines Journal of Philately, vol 14 no 4, pp. 11-13, 17. (March-April 1964).

An outline of the development of the postal service in the Philippines noting dates of railroad operations.

Davie.

[Bellars, H. and Davie. \(1864\)](#). **The standard guide to postage stamp collecting. Giving the values and degrees of rarity**. 2nd edition, pp. 130 (p87). publ. John Camden Hotton, Piccadilly, London.

The second edition is described as revised and corrected and listing around 300 more stamps not included in the first edition. This early guide to stamp collecting includes a catalogue of stamps unusual in that the rarity of stamps is provided. For the Philippine issues, the rarity given is generally 'very rare', where the rarity although the 1854 5c issue is described only as 'rare'. Of the 1854 issues the 10c issue is not listed. The catalogue describes the earliest issue as being without a value.

[Bellars, H. and Davie. \(1865\)](#). **The standard guide to postage stamp collecting. Giving the values and degrees of rarity**. 3rd edition, pp. 130 (p87). publ. John Camden Hotton, Piccadilly, London.

This appears to be the third edition, except it is titled "Sixth thousand". The catalogue of the Philippine issues is the same as that provided in the second edition ([Bellars & Davie, 1864](#)).

Davila, Ovidio.

[Davila, O. \(1988\)](#). **The 1 cent tete-beche and the 'Filipinas' varieties of the 1898-99 issue**. Possessions, vol 11 no 2, pp. 6-9. (WN40).

Need a copy.

dela Cruz, Josefina.

Josefina dela Cruz was the Postmaster General of Philpost.

[dela Cruz, J. \(2015\)](#). **Exploring Philippine culture through philately**. Selyo, vol 1 no 1, p2. (January-March 2015).

In the introduction to the new Philpost bulletin, 'Selyo' the author states that a full set of the 1854 postage stamps are now estimated to be worth US\$ 1 million. [This claim appears to be grossly over-estimated, in 2015 the Scott catalogue listed the four issues at only US\$ 7,525 mint, even converting to PHP does not explain the high value quoted].

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Delgado, Jose.

[Delgado, J. \(1933\)](#). **Catalogo Especial de los sellos de correos y telégrafos de España, Colonias y ex-Colonia, 1933**. [Special Catalogue of the Postage and Telegraph Stamps of Spain, Colonies, and ex-Colonies, 1933]. publ. Madrid, Spain. (in Spanish).

Need a copy. Possibly this is a reprint of Galvez (1933)

Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung.

Journal

[Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung. \(1871a\)](#). **Chronik**. [Chronicle]. Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, no 10, p80. (15 July 1871). (in German).

Report of 1871 issue.

[Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung. \(1871b\)](#). **Chronik**. [Chronicle]. Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, no 14, p110. (21 November 1871). (in German).

Report of receipt of stamps from 1871 issue.

[Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung. \(1872\)](#). **Chronik**. [Chronicle]. Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, no 23, p189. (15 August 1872). (in German).

Report of 1872 issue.

[Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung. \(1885\)](#). **Novas**. [New]. Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, no 8, p57. (1 August 1885). (in German).

Report of surcharged stamps.

Detjen, Gustav, Jr.

[Detjen, G. \(1962\)](#). **Jean de Sperati, master forger and philatelic rogue**. Stamp World, vol 2 no 1, pp. 11-18. (January 1962).

A biography of Jean de Sperati. Although a reproduction of a Philippine stamp is illustrated, the main article is about Sperati.

Diario de Cadiz.

[Diario de Cadiz. \(1897\)](#). **11 October 1897**. Diario de Cadiz. (in Spanish).

Need a copy. Referenced by [Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal \(1897f\)](#) noting that there will be twenty varieties [values] and eight post cards for the Philippines.

Diario de Manila.

[Diario de Manila. \(1890a\)](#). **30 January 1890 – Cange de Sellos**. Diario de Manila. Yr 47. (in Spanish).

Referencing a report in [El Comercio \(28 January 1890\)](#) regarding the exchange of old for new stamps and the apparent absence of knowledge about the decree at the Tercena. Includes a further discussion on availability of stamped paper.

[Diario de Manila. \(1890b\)](#). **12 July 1890**. Diario de Manila. Yr 47. (in Spanish).

Noted that stamps had been detected which appeared to be counterfeit, leading to arrests.

[Diario de Manila. \(1890c\)](#). **13 July 1890**. Diario de Manila. Yr 47. (in Spanish).

A satirical opinion piece "Manila al Vuelo – Falsificaciones" by Pero Nuno on the extent of forgery in Manila, including a note regarding counterfeit telegraph stamps.

[Diario de Manila. \(1897\)](#). **14 December 1897 – Notas del dia**. [Notes of the day]. Diario de Manila. Yr 50. (in Spanish).

Complaint regarding the difficulty in purchasing stamps due to non-attendance of the kiosk beside the post office. Suggest the counter closing time is 10pm on ordinary days and midnight on the eve of mail departures to Spain.

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Direccion General.

[Direccion General. \(1920\). Catálogo de los sellos de correos y telégrafos de España y sus Colonias. \[Catalogue of the Postage and Telegraph Stamps of Spain and its Colonies\].](#) 160pp. (pp. 140-159). publ. Madrid. (in Spanish).

The only official catalogue published by the Spanish government of the stamps of Spain and its colonies.

“Doctor Thebussem”.

Doctor Thebussem was the pseudonym of Mariano Pardo de Figueroa (b. 1828, d. 1918).

[Doctor Thebussem & Mariategui, E. \(1871\). \(Segunda edicion de\) Kpankla \(y primera de\) Klentron, Cartas philatelicas de Doctor Thebussem y Don Eduardo de Mariategui.](#) [Second edition of Kpankla and first edition of Klentron, Philatelic letters of Doctor Thebussem and Don Eduardo de Mariategui]. 64pp. (pp.15-20 & 38-40) publ Madrid. (in Spanish).

The first edition of Kpankla was issued as [Pardo de Figuero \(1870a\)](#). In Kpankla Section 4 (p16) mentions the scarcity and high cost of 1r and 2r issues from 1854 to 1863 and notes that the “CORROS” error cannot be found at any price. Section 8 of Kpankla (p40) provides a table describing the comparative spread of correspondence between 1867 and 1869 in various countries, including the Philippines.

[Doctor Thebussem. \(1876\). Literatura philatelic en Espana, appuntes para la redaccion de un catálogo.](#) [Philatelic literature in Spain notes for the writing of a catalogue.] 32pp. publ. Seville. (in Spanish).

Early philatelic bibliography for Spain, includes references relating to the Philippines.

[Doctor Thebussem. \(1901\). Los periodicos filatelicos de Espana.](#) [The philatelic newspapers of Spain]. Madrid Filatelico, vol 5 no 58, pp. 145-150. (October 1901).

Philatelic bibliography of Spain but may include references to the colonies for research.

Doherty, Bernard.

[Doherty, B. \(1996\). Collecting options.](#) Stamp News, pp. 40-43.

General article outlining different printing techniques.

“Don Isabello del Timbres”.

Don Isabello del Timbres was the pseudonym of Michael Palmer as editor of Filipinas Correos.

Dorn, J.

[Dorn, J. \(1920?\). The forged stamps of all countries.](#) One Volume Stamp Library, 240pp. (pp. 205-207) publ. J Dorn London, UK.

Basic descriptions and figurative illustrations of genuine stamps are provided, and it is implied that the forgeries mentioned differ from these descriptions. However, as no illustrations are provided the handbook has limited use apart from identifying that forgeries exist.

The book does not contain a date; 1920? is suggested, although 1935 is also mentioned in citations. A reprint from the 1950s is known.

Doscher.

[Doscher. \(1899\). Letter dated 7 June 1899.](#)

Letter from Mr Doscher of Negros to [Philatelic Facts and Fallacies \(1899a\)](#), correcting information in [Weekly Philatelic Era \(1899b\)](#). The account records that the stock of stamps held in Iloilo was surcharged with the Resellado surcharge and they have been seen on covers cancelled at various towns. Record that the post office and all government building in Iloilo were burned down. (Also reported in [Weekly Philatelic Era, 1899f](#)).

Durbin, Leonadas W. (catalogue)

Further editions were produced by Durbin and Hayes, and the Bogert and Durbin Co.

[Durbin, L. \(1874\). Descriptive price catalogue of the postage stamps of all nations for sale by L.W. Durbin.](#) (1st edition), 46pp. (p18). publ. Philadelphia.

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Noted to be a useful guide for arranging stamps in Scott's celebrated postage stamp albums, 28th edition, thoroughly revised and corrected. The catalogue was the same as a [J. W. Scott & Co's catalogue, 28th edition](#) except for the substitution of the name and address of L. W. Durbin on the front wrapper and the omission of title pages and selected adverts.

[Durbin, L. \(1875\)](#). **L.W. Durbin's descriptive price catalogue of the postage stamps of all nations**. 2nd edition, 48pp. (p22). publ. Philadelphia.

This catalogue was also used by [Pemberton](#) with his name and address substituted on the front wrapper.

[Durbin, L. \(1876\)](#). **Descriptive price catalogue of the postage stamps of all nations compiled by L.W. Durbin**. 3rd edition, 52pp. (pp. 21-22). publ. Philadelphia.

This catalogue was also used by [S.W. Hines, G.D. Kingsman and Co and W, Leckie and Co.](#) with their covers substituted.

[Durbin, L. \(1877\)](#). **Descriptive price catalogue of the postage stamps of all nations compiled by L.W. Durbin**. 4th edition, 60pp. (pp. 22-23). publ. Philadelphia.

This catalogue was also used by [William P Brown, Fuller and Co and Richey, Bell and Co.](#) with their covers substituted.

[Durbin, L. \(1878a\)](#). **Descriptive price catalogue of the postage stamps of all nations compiled by L.W. Durbin**. 5th edition illustrated, 102pp. (pp. 54-55). publ. Philadelphia.

This edition was described to be revised, enlarged and copiously illustrated. It was published in two sizes ordinary (9¼ inches) and a large format (9¾ inches) ([Durbin, 1878b](#)). The catalogue was also used by [H.C. Boynton \(1878\)](#), [K. J. Dunstan](#), [J.W. Haseltine](#), [J.A. Mason and Co](#) and [F.H. Pinkham \(1878\)](#).

[Durbin, L. \(1878b\)](#). **Descriptive price catalogue of the postage stamps of all nations compiled by L.W. Durbin**. 5th edition illustrated, 102pp. (pp. 54-55). publ. Philadelphia.

This is the large format (9 ¾ inches) edition, it was also published in ordinary size (9¼ inches) ([Durbin, 1878a](#)).

[Durbin, L. \(1879\)](#). **L.W. Durbin's descriptive price catalogue of the postage stamps of all nations**. 6th edition illustrated, 120pp. (pp. 63-65). publ. Philadelphia.

[Durbin, L. \(1880\)](#). **L.W. Durbin's descriptive price catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations**. 7th edition illustrated, 116pp. (pp. 69-71). publ. Philadelphia.

[Durbin, L. \(1881\)](#). **Illustrated descriptive price catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations compiled by L.W. Durbin**. 8th edition, 124pp. (pp. 74, 79). publ. Philadelphia.

[Durbin, L. \(1882a\)](#). **Illustrated descriptive price catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations compiled by L.W. Durbin**. 9th edition, 88pp plus Appendix of illustrations. (pp. 53-54, Appendix p31). publ. Philadelphia.

This catalogue was also used by [E.F. Gambs, W. Leckie and Co. and Mephram](#).

[Durbin, L. \(1882b\)](#). **Catalogue of postal cards**. 5th edition (revised and enlarged), 19pp. (p18). publ. Philadelphia.

Philippine post cards are not included in earlier editions.

[Durbin, L. \(1883\)](#). **Illustrated descriptive catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations compiled by L.W. Durbin**. 11th edition, 96pp plus Appendix of illustrations. (pp. 57-58, Appendix pp. 37-38). publ. Philadelphia.

This catalogue was also used by [E.F. Gambs, W. Leckie and Co., A Pierce, F. Trifet and Undine Stamp Co.](#)

[Durbin, L. \(1884a\)](#). **L.W. Durbin's illustrated descriptive catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations**. 12th edition, 108pp (pp. 64-66). publ. Philadelphia.

Also described as "Durbin's Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps".

[Durbin, L. \(1884b\)](#). **Descriptive catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations**. 13th edition, 124pp (pp. 84-86). publ. Philadelphia.

Also described as "Durbin's Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps". This catalogue was also used by [F. Trifet](#) (16th edition).

[Durbin, L. \(1885\)](#). **Descriptive catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations**. 14th edition, 130pp (pp. 89-90). publ. Philadelphia.

Also described as "Durbin's Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps".

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[Durbin, L. \(1886a\)](#). **Descriptive catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations**. 15th edition, 132pp (pp. 91-92). publ. Philadelphia.

Also described as "Durbin's Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps".

[Durbin, L. \(1886b\)](#). **Standard catalogue of postal cards**. 6th edition, 34pp. (p25). publ. Philadelphia.

[Durbin, L. \(1887a\)](#). **Descriptive catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations**. 16th edition, 140pp (pp. 97-98). publ. Philadelphia.

Also described as "Durbin's Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps". Further editions were produced by [Durbin and Hayes](#), and the [Bogert and Durbin Co](#).

[Durbin, L. \(1887b\)](#). **Standard catalogue of postal cards**. 7th edition, 34pp. (p25). publ. Philadelphia.

Durbin & [Hanes](#), (catalogue)

Add Durbin and Haynes headers

Previous editions (1874 to 1887) were produced by L W Durbin.

[Durbin and Hanes. \(1889\)](#). **Descriptive catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations**. 17th edition, 168pp (pp. 122-124). publ. Durbin & Hanes, Philadelphia.

Also described as "Durbin & Hanes Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps". Further editions were produced by [Durbin and Hayes](#), and the [Bogert and Durbin Co](#).

[Durbin and Hanes. \(1891\)](#). **Descriptive catalogue of the postage stamps and stamp envelopes of all nations**. 18th edition, 180pp (pp. 128-130). publ. Durbin & Hanes, Philadelphia.

Also described as "Durbin & Hanes Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps". An Addendum to the 18th edition was published by [Bogert and Dubin Co](#).

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Earee, Robert Brisco (Rev.)

[Earee, R. \(1882\)](#). **Album weeds; or, how to detect forged stamps**. 1st edition, 560pp. (pp. 381-383). publ. Stanley Gibbons and Co., London, England.

For the Philippines, illustrations and descriptions of genuine stamps and descriptions of the forged stamps for 1854 10c carmine, 1863 5c vermillion and 2r blue and 1865 issues.

[Earee, R. \(1892\)](#). **Album weeds; or, how to detect forged stamps**. 2nd edition, 726pp. (pp. 493-502). publ. Stanley Gibbons, London, England.

Revision and enlargement of 1st edition noting new techniques employed to produce the forgeries.

[Earee, R. \(1906\)](#). **Album weeds, how to detect forged stamps**. 3rd edition, vol 2. 709pp. (pp. 206-215) publ. Stanley Gibbons, London, England.

Revision and enlargement of 2nd edition and now published in 2 volumes, volume 2 contains countries M to Z. The forgeries described are from the period 1854 to 1864. Various reprints exist (e.g. published serially in [Weekly Philatelic Gossip](#), the Philippines sometime between Mar 1935 and Nov 1935), 1937, 1950).

[Earee, R. \(1934\)](#). **Album weeds, how to detect forged stamps**. 3rd edition reprinted, (pp. 211-222) publ. The Gossip Printery.

Reprint of [Earee \(1906\)](#).

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[Atlee, W., Earee, R., & Pemberton, E. \(1952\)](#). **The spud papers: an illustrated descriptive catalog of early philatelic forgeries.** with introductory essay and comprehensive index by Lowell Ragatz, 168pp. (pp. 29, 47, 57-58) publ. Emile Bertrand, Lucerne

The catalogue is based on a series of articles published in various publications between 1871 and 1881 and published as a book in 1952. The articles describe the forgeries made by the Spiro brothers in Hamburg, Germany. An introductory essay and comprehensive index is included by Lowell Ragatz

Since the Spud Papers were published in the late 19th century, collectors have found many more Spiro forgeries. Today, more than 400 different forgeries have been recorded.

Description of forgeries of the 1863 stamps of the Philippines in Section VII p29 and the 1864 issue in Section XX pp. 57-58.

Echenagusia y Garcia, Carlos.

[Echenagusia, C. \(2025\)](#). **Simplified table to locate and plate the first issues of the Spanish Antilles.** The Cuban Philatelist Monograph Series, vol 3 no 3, 36pp. (pp. 6, 8-9, 25-32. (January 2025). (in English and Spanish).

A summary of the plating characteristics of the 1r and 2r values the first platings were also used in the Philippines. An update to [Guerra \(1976a\)](#).

Eckhardt, William J.

[Eckhardt, W. \(1949\)](#). **A forgery of the 5 cuarto vermilion issue of 1863 of the Philippines.** The American Philatelist, vol 62 no 4, p289. (January 1949).

Section from a larger article titled "The underworld of stamps". Illustrates and describes a genuine example and a deceptive forgery of the 1863 5c issue. A useful comparison.

Edifil (catalogue).

In 1964 Edifil first published a yearly simplified catalogue of Spain and postal dependencies. In 1975 stamp illustrations appeared in colour for the first time and have continued that way. In 1984 the Spanish Dependencies were split into a Volume II. The Edifil catalogue is popular amongst Spanish collectors.

The specialised edition was first issued in 1965 and was published yearly until the 1980-1981 edition when it became biennial for a few editions. In the 1991 edition the Spanish dependencies were split into a Volume II, and in the 1996 these were placed in Volume III and later in Volume IV.

[Edifil. \(1966\)](#). **Catalogo unificado y especializado de Espana y Dependencias Postales 1966.** [Unified and specialized catalogue of Spain and Postal Dependencies 1966]. 274pp. (pp. 187-195). publ. Edifil S.A., Madrid. (in Spanish).

[Edifil. \(1982\)](#). **Catalogo unificado Edifil de sellos de Espana y Dependencias Postales 1982.** [Edifil unified catalogue of stamps of Spain and Postal Dependencies 1982]. 302pp. (pp. 218-225). publ. Edifil S.A., Madrid. (in Spanish).

[Edifil. \(1987\)](#). **Catalogo unificado especializado Edifil de sellos de Espana y Dependencias Postales 1987.** [Unified specialized catalogue of stamps of Spain and Postal Dependencies 1987]. publ. Edifil S.A., Madrid. (in Spanish).

[Edifil. \(2002\)](#). **Catalogo unificado especializado Sellos De Espana, Tomo IV Dependencias Postales 2002.** [Unified specialized catalogue of stamps of Spain, Volume IV Postal Dependencies 2002.]. (pp. 153-179). publ. Edifil S.A., Madrid. (in Spanish).

[Edifil. \(2009\)](#). **Catalogo unificado Edifil de sellos de Espana y Dependencias Postales 2009.** [Edifil unified catalogue of stamps from Spain and Postal Dependencies 2009]. 502pp. (pp. 403-408). publ. Edifil S.A., Madrid. (in Spanish).

[Edifil. \(2012\)](#). **Catalogo unificado Edifil de sellos de Espana y Dependencias Postales 2012.** [Edifil unified catalogue of stamps from Spain and Postal Dependencies 2012]. 432pp. (pp. 309-313). publ. Edifil S.A., Madrid. (in Spanish).

Encarnacion, Emmanuel.

[Encarnacion, E. \(1982\)](#). **Establishment of Philippine post office in 1783.** IPPS News, vol 2 no 4, pp. 3-4. (November-December 1982).

Account of historical documents and chronology of events relating to the establishment of the first post office and postal service and also suggests the first named postman was Diego Silang.

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[Encarnacion, E. \(1985\)](#). **Establishment of the postal system in the Philippines**. Philippine Philatelic News, vol 7 no 1, pp. 1-32.

Account of rare documents discovered at the Philippine National Archives. Describes the establishment of the postal system in 1764 and postage rates supported by illustrations of covers and decrees. Primarily covers the pre-stamp era, but extensive and useful background to the post-1854 stamp era. [Encarnacion \(1987\)](#) provides updated information.

[Encarnacion, E. \(1986\)](#). **National philatelic treasures**. Philippine Philatelic News, vol 8 (Special Edition) pp. 23-46.

Discussion on items that would be good to be included in the National Postal Museum in Manila. Includes illustrations of covers and documents from the Spanish-Philippine periods.

[Encarnacion, E. \(1987\)](#). **The Philippine postal service until 1877**. Philippine Philatelic News, vol 9 (Special Edition) pp. 9-27.

Contains much interesting material. Updates [Encarnacion \(1985\)](#) in the light of new information found and extends the account to provide an account of the evolution of the postal service to this date and a picture of the postal service in 1877. Provides a useful chronology of the main developments of the postal service, details of the position of Postmaster General and the location of post offices in Manila and the Provinces. Also illustrates postmarks used during the pre-stamp era.

A catalogue of issued stamps, numbers issued and the printer is provided for the period 1854-1877. A comparison of postal rates between 1783 and 1877 is provided and a list of UPU countries in 1877. A schedule of mail delivery to different interior post offices in the Philippine Islands in 1877 is also provided.

[Encarnacion, E. \(2011a\)](#). **Philippine telegraphs, Spanish colonial period 1864-1896**. Philippine Philatelic Journal, vol 33 no 1, pp. 28-30.

Provides a brief description of the telegraph service in the Philippines and illustrates some early receipts. Discusses that postal and telegraph services were integrated into one office and that telegraph and postal stamps and cancels were indiscriminately used. Illustrates covers bearing telegraph markings on postage stamps. Reports and illustrates a notice regarding postal rates effective 13 March 1891. [This notice is discussed further by [Peterson \(2011a\)](#)].

[Encarnacion, E. \(2011b\)](#). **Philippine telegraphs, Spanish colonial period 1864-1896. Part 2**. Philippine Philatelic Journal, vol 33 no 2, pp. 11-12.

Illustrations of telegraphs and a rare telegraph receipt. Includes a domestic telegraph with telegraph stamps and the "REVISADO" handstamp cancel (suggest this is the largest multiple of 5p tied with the handstamp and possibly highest paid local rate).

Echenagusia y Garcia, Carlos

[Echenagusia, C. \(2015\)](#). **Fake philatelic stamps: undesirable and dangerous**. [[Los sellos falsos filatélicos: presencia indeseada y peligrosa](#)]. The Cuban Philatelist, vol 25 no 74, pp. 19-22. (May-August 2015). (in English and Spanish).

Features forgeries of Cuba but included in this bibliography due to similar Philippine forgeries. The article provides overall guidance in distinguishing between philatelic forgeries and genuine stamps based on a detailed comparison between the two.

The article is confusing. For example, the images at the bottom of pages 19 and all of page 20 are all philatelic forgeries, but they are not labelled or discussed as such until almost the end of the article. Finally, the article ends with the subtitle "The Cuban philatelic forgeries of Alphonse XII issues of 1877, 1878, and 1879" but then uses the image of a genuine 1876 stamp of the first King Alfonso XII issue for the "Ultramar" ("Overseas") possessions, to repeat the characteristics of the genuine 1877-1879 Cuban stamps, stating at the end that the same dies that were used to print the 1876 stamps, were also used to print the 1877-1879 stamps. This is followed by the final sentence of the article: "Of these stamps no postal forgeries are known", leaving the reader wondering whether the statement refers to the 1876 stamps or the 1877-79 stamps, or both, and bringing the issue of postal forgeries at the very end of an article about philatelic forgeries. An overall confusing presentation.

Englander, Harland

[Englander, H. \(2000\)](#). **Reader's questions - Souvenir of the Peace Jubilee / Washington D.C. May 23, 24, 25, 1899 cancellation on 2-4/8c Baby Head issue**. IPPS Newsletter, vol 20 no 1, p9.

Information that the citizens of Washington DC aided by the Washington Post newspaper organised a 3-dat jubilee event to celebrate the end of the Spanish-American War of 1898. Each day highlighted an event in the war: Battle of Manila, Battle of Santiago, Fight on San Juan Hill. It is not known who applied the cancellation.

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Escalada y Goicoechea, Eduardo.

[Escalada, E. \(1984\)](#). **Hallazgo de un falso Sperati de Filipinas**. [Discovery of a fake Sperati from the Philippines]. Revista de Filatelia, vol 28 no 185 p217. (May 1984). (in Spanish).

Description and detailed illustration of the Sperati forgery of the 1876 2c blue issue. The article notes that an example was discovered with the British Philatelic Association's mark indicating "Sperati Reproduction".

[Escalada, E. \(2000\)](#). **Falsificaciones filatelicas**. [Philatelic forgeries]. unknown, p9. (in Spanish).

From a magazine promoting Espana 2000. Provides advice on what it requires to identify a forgery. Briefly mentions the forger Sperati and illustrates a Philippine forgery of King Alfonso XII 2c issue. The illustrations appear to have false colours. The example appears to be the same as described in [Escalada \(1984\)](#) which is described as the 2c blue.

Escalambre, Jose.

[Escalambre, J. \(1950\)](#). **El sello de dos pesos y la "Batalla Naval de Manila" 1 de Mayo de 1898**. [The two peso stamp and the "Naval battle of Manila" 1 May 1898]. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 2 no 5 pp. 42-43. (May-June 1950). (in Spanish).

A brief history of the Battle of Manila in 1898.

[Escalambre, J. \(1954\)](#). **El centenario del sello 1854-1894**. [The centenary of the stamp 1854-1894]. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 6 no 5 pp. 33-36. (May-June 1954). (in Spanish).

The first part of the essay describes the stamps of the 1854 issue. Perhaps most interesting in that the article is a potential reflection of the understanding of this issue in the Philippines at that time.

Esperidion, Pablo M.

[Esperidion, P. \(1944\)](#). **News vs. flash**. PPC Flashes, no 6. (22 July 1944).

Report that a stamp collector had mortgaged his house for 5,000 pesos to buy a set of four 1854 stamp issues.

[Esperidion, P. \(1951\)](#). **A brief history of the Philippines as portrayed in its postage stamps**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 4 no 1 pp. 18-20 & 36. (September-October 1951).

Address delivered to the Voice of America Stamp Club, New York over the "Voice of America" weekly stamp broadcast. Suggests that the first day of issue of postage stamps in the Philippines was 16 January 1854.

[Esperidion, P. \(1954a\)](#). **Postscraparium**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 6 no 3 p26. (January-February 1954).

Anecdote that Queen Isabela II as illustrated on 12 different early issues of the Philippines displays 12 different hair styles.

[Esperidion, P. \(1954b\)](#). **Philippine philatelic literature**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 6 no 6. pp.13-17. (July-August 1954).

A preliminary bibliography of Philippine philatelic publications including a brief and generally incomplete information about the journals. Reprinted in [Esperidion \(1954b 1987a, 1987b\)](#).

[Esperidion, P. \(1954c\)](#). **Philippine philatelic literature**. In (pp. 70-74). PHICIPEX Souvenir Book 1854-1954., Philippine Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition, Philippines.

Reprint of [Esperidion \(1954a\)](#). A preliminary bibliography of Philippine philatelic publications including a brief and generally incomplete information about the journals. Referenced as a source in [Aracil \(2011\)](#).

[Esperidion, P. \(1954d\)](#). **Postscraparium**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 7 no 1 p33. (September-October 1954).

Account of discovery of the year of issue of the 1859 Scott #10 on a cover dated 18 May 1857 and suggestion that the date of issue should be amended. [It is most likely that the cancel on this cover has been misinterpreted and the date is actually 1859].

[Esperidion, P. \(1987a\)](#). **Philippine philatelic literature**. Philippine Philatelic News, vol 9 no 3, pp. 17-21.

Reprint of [Esperidion \(1954a\)](#) in two parts. A preliminary bibliography of Philippine philatelic publications including brief and generally incomplete information about the journals.

[Esperidion, P. \(1987b\)](#). **Philippine philatelic literature (cntd)**. Philippine Philatelic News, vol 9 no 4, pp. 16-20.

Part 2 of [Esperidion \(1987a\)](#) and reprint of [Esperidion \(1954a\)](#).

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Etxebarria, N.

[Castro, K., Abalos, B., Martinez-Arkarazo, I., Etxebarria, N., & Madariaga, J. \(2008\). Scientific examination of classic Spanish stamps with colour error, a non-invasive micro-Raman and micro-XRF approach: The King Alfonso XIII \(1889-1901 "Pelon"\) 15 cent definitive issue.](#) Journal of Cultural Heritage, vol 9, pp189-195.

Study of the Spanish babyhead 15c issue and the shade variety/colour error of this issue. Philatelic details of the issue are described, which mention the presence of nine engraved secret marks in order to avoid postal counterfeit. Analysis of inks and paper. Paper was identified to be cellulose, probably using mixtures of pine fibre and eucalyptus. Interesting background information to the Spanish-Philippine stamps of this period.

Evans, Edward Benjamin.

(b.1846 d.1922) Major Edward Evans was the editor of the Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal from its third issue in 1890 to 1914; he also edited the last five volumes of the Gibbons Stamp Weekly. (Prior to 1890 he had edited the occasional issue of the Philatelic Record).

[Evans, E. \(1881a\). The postage stamps of Spain – A review.](#) The Philatelic Record, vol 3 no 31, pp. 130-134.

A Review of "The Postage Stamps of Spain" ([Fernandez, 1881](#)). The review was published over seven parts by E.B Evans and predominantly relates to the stamps of Spain although this is also relevant to issues of the Philippines. Part 7 ([Evans, 1882b](#)) specifically relates to the Philippines. Also listed as [Philatelic Record \(1881h\)](#).

[Evans, E. \(1881b\). The postage stamps of Spain – A review Part II.](#) The Philatelic Record, vol 3 no 32, pp. 153-156.

Continued from [Evans \(1881a\)](#). Part 2 covers the stamps between 1854 and 1862. The notes suggest that from 1 January 1857 prepayment of postage by means of stamps was made compulsory. A note also records the proposal that stamps of the Colonies be made available wholesale from the principal stamp offices in Spain. Also listed as [Philatelic Record \(1881i\)](#).

[Evans, E. \(1881c\). The postage stamps of Spain – A review Part III.](#) The Philatelic Record, vol 3 no 33, pp. 172-175.

Part 3 covers the stamps of Spain between 1862 and 1869 and mainly relate to the stamps of Spain and forgeries. Also listed as [Philatelic Record \(1881j\)](#).

[Evans, E. \(1881d\). The postage stamps of Spain – A review Part IV.](#) The Philatelic Record, vol 3 no 35, pp. 209-214.

Part 4 covers the stamps of Spain surcharged "Habilitado por la Nacion". Notes the purpose and intended use of the surcharge. Also listed as [Philatelic Record \(1881m\)](#).

[Evans, E. \(1882a\). The postage stamps of Spain – A review Part V.](#) The Philatelic Record, vol 4 no 39, pp. 58-61.

Part 5 covers the stamps of Spain between 1870 and 1879. Also listed as [Philatelic Record \(1882e\)](#).

[Evans, E. \(1882b\). The postage stamps of Spain – A review. \(cntd.\)](#) The Philatelic Record, vol 4 no 41, pp. 99-101.

Not labelled as such but Part 6, continued from [Evans \(1882a\)](#). Part 6 covers the stamps of Spain for newspaper stamps. Also listed as [Philatelic Record \(1882g\)](#).

[Evans, E. \(1882c\). The postage stamps of Spain – A review Part VII.](#) The Philatelic Record, vol 4 no 43, pp. 132-136.

Part 7 covers the stamps of Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Fernando Poo. A useful synopsis in English of the account provided by [Fernandez \(1881\)](#) with additional notes of varieties recorded by the Philatelic Society, London. Also listed as [Philatelic Record \(1882h\)](#).

[Evans, E. \(1886\). A description of an official collection of postage stamps.](#) The Philatelic Record, vol 8 no 87, p55.

Account by E.B. Evans of a collection of stamps in the Post office at Hamilton, Bermuda received by the Colonial Postmaster from official sources. Only two stamps from the Philippines but one is the 1879 8c surcharge, lettered erroneously COREROS instead of CORREOS. Also listed as [Philatelic Record \(1886c\)](#).

[Evans, E. \(1893a\). Stamps and stamp collecting.](#) (by 'the Editor'). Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, vol 3 no 32, pp. 161-162. (28 February 1893).

Description of stamps which show varieties of type on the same sheet and how they have arisen. A list of examples is provided which include the Philippines, 1854, 1855 and 1859 issues. (Also listed as [Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, 1893b](#)).

Content reprinted in [Evans \(1894\)](#) and [Evans \(1898\)](#).

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[Evans, E. \(1893b\)](#). **Stamps and stamp collecting**. (by 'the Editor'). Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, vol 3 no 35, pp. 215-217. (31 May 1893).

Description of stamps where the country name does not appear. Noting that "CORREOS" being Spanish for postage occurs upon a very large number of stamps. It is noted (and illustrated) that the stamps of Cuba and the Philippines include "R^L" (or (R^S). Philippine stamps can also be identified where the currency is denoted as "CENT P^O. F^E." and "C^S. DE E^O."

Philippines stamps with other inscriptions include those of "FRANCO" "1854 Y 55" and "INTERIOR". Also listed as [Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, 1893d](#).

Content reprinted in [Evans \(1894\)](#) and [Evans \(1898\)](#).

[Evans, E. \(1893c\)](#). **Stamps and stamp collecting**. (by 'the Editor'). Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, vol 4 no 42, pp. 127-130. (30 December 1893).

Description that the word "TELEGRAFOS" can be found on stamps of Spain and the Spanish colonies, noting that some of those of the Philippines have been used for postage, both unsurcharged and with various overprints. (Also listed as [Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, 1893g](#)).

Content reprinted in [Evans \(1894\)](#) and [Evans \(1898\)](#).

[Evans, E. \(1894\)](#). **Stamps and stamp collecting**. 1st edition. 66pp. (pp. 13-14, 19-24, 61). publ. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, London.

A reprint of a series of articles that appeared in the Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal which provide a glossary of philatelic terms.

[Evans, E. \(1898\)](#). **Stamps and stamp collecting**. 2nd edition. 66pp. (pp. 13-14, 15, 19-24, 25, 63) Publ. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, London.

Essentially a reprint of a series of articles that appeared in the Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal which provide a glossary of philatelic terms. The second edition included minor alterations with the addition of a few items to bring it up to date.

Eyer, Cortland

[Eyer, C. \(1998\)](#). **The Serrane Guide. Stamp Forgeries of the World to 1926**. 371pp. (pp. 274-277). publ. American Philatelic Society

Translation of [Serrane \(1929\)](#) (plus Volume 1) from French into English by Cortland Eyer with an introduction and bibliography by Varro Tyler. (Volume 1 is also included). Also listed as [Serrane \(1998\)](#).

F

Felix, E. J.

[Felix, E. \(1966\)](#). **Worldwide watermarks and perforations: from 1840 to date**. 256pp. (p124). publ. Whitman Publishing Company. Racine, WI, USA.

A general guide illustrating watermarks of the world.

Fernandes-Xesta, Armando.

[Fernandes-Xesta, A. \(1985\)](#). **Militaria 85**. In (Vol. 2).

Need a copy. Militaria 85 comprised two volumes. The second covers the Second Carlist War, that of Melilla of the XIX Century, and those of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

Fernandez y Duro, Antonio.

[Fernandez, A. \(1881\)](#). **Resena historico-descriptivo del los sellos de correos de Espana**. [[Historical-descriptive review of the postage stamps of Spain](#)]. (1st edition). 253 pp. (pp. 30, 234-246). publ. Victor Saiz, Madrid. (in Spanish)

Compendium of postal regulations and legislation for the period 1850-1878, including a description of the stamps in support of them. It is important to note that many of the Spanish postal regulations and legislation also applied to the Philippines, and therefore it is beneficial to review the entire book for aspects that may also apply to the Philippines. Fernandez was the second-class business chief of the Central Post Administration.

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Later catalogues were published by [Lopez \(1888\)](#) under the title "Catalogo Descriptivo del los Sellos de Correos de Espana y sus Colonias". However, the catalogue by Fernando contains more historical information than the later catalogues of Lopez and Galvez.

Reviews are provided in the [Philatelic Record \(1881e, 1881h, 1881i, 1881j, 1881m, 1882e, 1882j, and 1882h\)](#).

Fernando, Felipe D.

[Fernando, F. \(1954\)](#). **A century of Philippines stamps**. In 'PHICIPEX Souvenir Book 1854-1954, Philippine Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition' (pp. 85-88), publ. Philippines.

A general description of details around the use of postage stamps during the Spanish period, including account that postage stamp vendors would receive a 10% commission on sales.

Ferrer y Lull, Franciso

[Ferrer, F. \(1950\)](#). **Gleanings on the ... Early postal history of the Philippines ... from the collection of Don Francisco Ferrer Lull**. A.F.F. Silver Jubilee Issue (yearbook) pp. 32-34, (May 1950) (in English with Spanish excerpts).

Extracts from correspondence dated December 1948 to Arnold Warren providing descriptions of the baeza cancels and their usage on various covers. The letter continues by providing examples of the 1847 proofs and suggests that the [\[1854\]](#) 10 cuartos black was a proof rather an essay.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies was a monthly magazine first issued in October 1892 and was published by the stamp dealer W. Sellschopp & Co. based in San Francisco, USA. It was described as the only publication of its kind issued on the Pacific coast. In 1900 it was reported to go to 20,000 different addresses. The magazine ceased publication in September 1901 when Mr Sellschopp moved to Hamburg to set up a new business and was likely to be too busy to publish a philatelic magazine.

Although the early issues contained adverts for cheap sets of Philippine stamps, greater interest in the articles published can be seen after 1898.

In addition to the articles attributed to **Filatelic Facts and Fallacies** the following were also published in the journal: [Phillips, H \(1898\)](#).

[Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. \(1898a\)](#). **Recent historical events and their probable connections with philately**. Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, vol 6 no 11, pp. 133-134. (WN 71, August 1898).

Reflection on the changing world especially following the memorable was of the USA with Spain noting that the stamps of the Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippine Islands had been unpopular have at once gained a popularity which is likely to hold. The article notes that large remainders which for years had been treated as dead stock are now finding an outlet although the rarities are likely to be sought after and command a very high price.

[Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. \(1898b\)](#). **Spanish Colonies**. Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, vol 7 no 2, p20. (WN 74, November 1898).

Account from [Madrid Filatelic \(1898b\)](#) of the table of the number of stamps of the 1898 issue for Cuba. Porto Rico and Philippines with the note that it is likely that the 4m and 4c, along with some of the higher values will soon become exceedingly scarce.

[Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. \(1899a\)](#). **The Philippine stamp surcharged "Resellado"**. Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, vol 7 no 11, p99. (WN 83, August 1899).

Letter from Mr Doscher of 7 June 1899 in Negros which refers to an article in the [Weekly Philatelic Era \(1899b\)](#) regarding stamps surcharged 'Resellado' and that the stock of stamps held in Iloilo was surcharged with the Resellado surcharge and they have been seen on covers cancelled at various towns. Record that the post office and all government building in Iloilo were burned down. The surcharged stamps were used in Iloilo, Cebu and Bacolod and several other cities and that there were said to be 200 sets. (Also recorded as [Doscher, 1899](#)).

[Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. \(1899b\)](#). **Advert: W. Sellschopp & Co. Philippine Islands**. Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, vol 8 no 1, p119. (WN 85, October 1899).

Price list of stamps from 1861 to 1898 issues offered for sale.

[Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. \(1900a\)](#). **Advert: W. Sellschopp & Co. Philippine Islands**. Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, vol 8 no 7, p162. (WN 91, April 1900).

Updated and expanded price list of stamps from 1864 to 1898 issues offered for sale.

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[Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. \(1900b\).](#) **Marginal inscriptions on Philippine stamps.** Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, vol 8 no 7, pp. 165-166. (WN 91, April 1900).

Report of a large quantity of Philippine remainders now in the possession of W Sellschopp. The article contains descriptions of many marginal inscriptions of sheets from the 1880 and 1890 series of stamps. The reported formats of the 1896 2c and 10c issues are of interest as this is an early account of the formats of these particular stamps. Partial sheets with marginal inscriptions are offered for sale.

[Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. \(1900c\).](#) **Advert: W. Sellschopp & Co. Philippine Islands.** Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, vol 8 no 8, p170. (WN 92, May 1900).

Updated and price list of stamps from 1864 to 1898 issues offered for sale including a scarce surcharges lately received.

[Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. \(1900d\).](#) **Advert: W. Sellschopp & Co. Philippine Islands.** Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, vol 8 no 9, p178. (WN 93, June 1900).

Updated and price list of stamps from 1864 to 1898 issues offered for sale with a note that some stamps have been removed as the recent demand has been unprecedented. A few new arrivals are indicated.

[Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. \(1900e\).](#) **W. Sellschopp & Co.** Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, vol 8 no 12, pp. 204-206. (WN 96, September 1900).

Biography of Wilhelm Sellschopp and the history of W. Sellschopp & Co. The description notes that the largest lot of stamps ever acquired at one time were two-thirds of a million of unused Philippine Island stamps purchased in the spring of 1900.

[Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. \(1901\).](#) **Valedictory.** Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, vol 9 no 12, p91. (WN 108, September 1901).

Closing remarks on the last issue of the magazine. Notes that last year American dealers were quietly buying up all the more desirable stamps of Hawaii, Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico, which could generally be purchased cheaply remarking that available supplies in Europe are largely exhausted.

“Filigrane”

Unidentified pseudonym of an author writing in the Gibbons Stamp Monthly.

[Filigrane. \(1942\).](#) **Our brains trust.** Gibbons Stamp Monthly, vol 18 no 7, pp. 54-56. (1 March 1942).

Describes a question-and-answer session at a small philatelic society. One of the questions posed; “What do you consider the ugliest stamp ever issued?” which included a response that despite their rarity, some of the first issue Philippines are hard to beat in this connection.

Filipinas Correos

The Filipinas Correos was first published in September 2025 and provides updates on Philippine philatelic studies. It is published at various times during the year. The editor of the periodical is Don Isabello del Timbre.

In addition to the articles attributed to the **Filipinas Correos** the following were also published in the journal:

[Palmer \(2025e\)](#), [Palmer \(2025f\)](#).

[Filipinas Correos. \(2025a\).](#) **Two interesting Spanish covers uncovered.** Filipinas Correos. no 2, p3. (October 2025).

Description and illustration of two recently identified covers highlighted on the Spanish-Philippines Philatelic Site website. The first is of the 1862 5cuartos issue and the second is to Ingancio Garreta who is associated with several covers related to the French-Spanish campaign in Indochina.

[Filipinas Correos. \(2025b\).](#) **1897 surcharges.** Filipinas Correos. no 4, p7. (December 2025).

Describes and illustrates a corner block of nine with the 25c brown surcharged 20c in dark violet ink, advertised as genuine but is a known forgery.

Finlay, Ian F.

[Finlay, I. \(1984\).](#) **A philatelists guide to Spanish.** Gibbons Stamp Monthly, vol 15 no 2, pp.72-73. (July 1984).

A general review of Spanish phrases seen on stamps, in general from the modern era and of limited use to the study of word or phrases found on the stamps of the Spanish-Philippines.

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Forbin, Alfred.

(b. 1872 d. 1956) A stamp dealer based in Paris. In 1902 Theodore Champion, his employee purchased the business from Forbin who afterwards concentrated on fiscal stamps.

[Forbin, A. \(1915\)](#). **Catalogue prix-courant de timbres fiscaux**. [Catalogue of current prices for revenue stamps]. 3rd edition, 797pp. (pp. 347-351) publ. Yvert & Tellier, Amiens, France. (in French).

Illustrated catalogue of revenue stamps, with excellent listings of Spanish and Spanish Possessions revenues. Forbin's Catalogue de Timbres-Fiscaux was the most comprehensive all-world catalogue of revenue stamps produced up to that time and is still regularly referred to by revenue philatelists as no other all-world catalogue has been prepared since Forbin's third edition in 1915.

(The first edition of 638pp. was published in 1905, and the author is given as L'Hoste Forbin; the second edition of 734pp. was published in 1909.)

Reprinted by Duabe Zinkelm Madison, Wisconsin 1975. Reprinted in 1991.

Foreman, John.

[Foreman, J. \(1906\)](#). **The Philippine Islands. A political, geographical, ethnographical, social and commercial history of the Philippine Archipelago. Embracing the whole period of Spanish Rule with an account of the succeeding American insular government**. 3rd edition, 668pp. (pp. 262-263, 267-268) publ. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

The book provides an interesting account of many aspects of the Spanish Philippines, with the referenced sections describing information on the mail service to destinations overseas and the telegraph service.

Foster, F Aphorp.

[Bartels, J., Foster, F., & Palmer, F. \(1904\)](#). **The postage stamps of the Philippines**. publ. J.M. Bartels Company, Boston, USA, 107pp.

Following the publication of "Spain and Colonies" by the [London Philatelic Society \(1878\)](#), the catalogue by Bartels et al. appears to be the first English language specialised handbook relating to the stamps of the Philippines. At the time of publication, the Philatelic Society noted that few countries afforded greater difficulties of than those the Philippines, in particular the numerous surcharged varieties (from the period 1881 to 1888). The illustrated handbook represented the first attempt to provide an absolute chronological arrangement of the postage stamps issued in the English language and also provided details of the number of stamps issued, although these were based on information in [Mencarini \(1896\)](#). Usefully the handbook contained a description of the 1897 surcharged issues and in particular a number of forgeries that existed at that time.

The edition printed in Boston, USA comprised 350 copies all of which were numbered and signed by one of the authors. The first fifty copies were an "Edition de Luxe" printed on heavier paper and accompanied by plates showing the forty varieties in the sheets of the first issue and was sold for \$4.50, whereas the "Regular Editon" could be purchased for \$2.50. Appendices include Postage Stamps of Doubtful Origin, Counterfeits and Telegraph and Revenue stamps issued under Spanish Dominion.

This handbook remains an invaluable reference for the Spanish-Philippine collector of today.

Reviews of this book are provided in: [American Philatelist \(1904\)](#), [London Philatelist \(1904b\)](#), [Philatelic Record \(1904\)](#), the [Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal \(1904d\)](#) and the [Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, \(1904\)](#).

Fournier, Francois.

(b. 1846 d. 1917). Francois Fournier was a stamp forger producing facsimile stamps in Switzerland.

[Fournier, F. \(1914\)](#). **Fournier's 1914 price-list of philatelic forgeries** (Facsimiles of Obsolete Postage Stamps).

Need a copy. Reproduced in [Fournier \(1970\)](#) with the reprint of [Fournier \(1928\)](#).

[Fournier, F. \(1928\)](#). **Album de fac-similes**. [Album of facsimiles]. 167 unnumbered pages (pp. 112). publ. Union Philatélique de Geneve, printed by F. De Siebenthat & Co., Geneva, Switzerland.

Published posthumously by Union Philatélique de Geneve. Reprinted in 1970 (see [Fournier, 1970](#))

A copy of the original album (No 269), with the original facsimiles attached can be viewed at: <https://web.archive.org/web/20091028150827/http://geocities.com/claghorn1p/FournierAlbum/index000.htm>

L'Union Philatélique de Geneve prepared 480 of these albums containing real facsimiles from the surviving stock of the deceased François Fournier as a means of alerting the philatelic trade and collectors to the facsimiles produced by Fournier. Unfortunately, very few of the 480 albums that were produced survive to this date and the detail of the illustrations in the reprinted albums is poor and of no use in identifying the actual Fournier facsimiles. Their only use is in making the philatelic community of the existence of the facsimiles.

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The Philippines are illustrated on page 112 and feature the 1898 King Alfonso XIII issues, some have the addition marking "FAUX". Examples of cancels and surcharges are provided on blank paper, although not examples of the surcharges applied to stamps.

It is worth noting that the albums sometimes differ in the varieties illustrated both in terms of whether perforate or imperforated versions are attached but also of different forgery types of a particular stamp. See Peterson 2014f and Palmer (2024d) for a description of the different Fournier types known.

Copy No. 462 with all of the original stamp facsimiles still attached was offered for direct sale by the Madrid auction house for 6,000 Euros in March 2021.

Fournier, F. (1970). **The Fournier album of philatelic forgeries** editor L. Ragatz. publ. J. Van den Berg, Washington, OH, USA.

A reprint of Fournier (1914) and Fournier (1928) with introduction providing background information about the albums and the work of Fournier provided by Ragatz. For best images of the album pages see Fournier 1928.

Frajola, Richard (web sites).

Frajola, R. (2002). **Frajola philatelist's site.** Web site. <https://www.rfrajola.com>

Web site and discussion board reflecting the interests of Richard Frajola. With respect to the Spanish-Philippines these interests include the Spanish Mariana Islands and Sperati Forgeries.

Selected web pages are included in this bibliography where the information provided represents information not readily available elsewhere.

- Frajola, R. (2022). **About Richard Frajola.** updated March 2022 (retrieved 7 October 2024) from Frajola Philatelist's Site <https://www.rfrajola.com/contact.htm>

Philatelic autobiography.

Frajola, R. (2020a). **Frajola's Sperati forgery site.** Web site. <https://www.sperati.org/>

Web site (which forms a sub section of the Frajola Philatelist's Site) dedicated to the study of Sperati's reproductions. The site has relied heavily on the both the 1955 British Philatelic Association publication, "The Work of Jean De Sperati" and the 2001 Royal Philatelic Society of London publication, "The Work of Jean de Sperati II, Including Previously Unlisted Forgeries" by Robson Lowe and Carl Walske.

Selected web pages are included in this bibliography where the information provided represents information not readily available elsewhere.

- Frajola, R. (2020b). **The making of Sperati reproductions.** Updated July 2020 (retrieved 7 October 2024) from Frajola's Sperati Forgery Site. 16pp.

Exhibit illustrating the techniques used by Jean de Sperati in manufacturing his stamp reproduction. Separate web pages are also available. <https://www.sperati.org/Technique.htm>

- Frajola, R. (2020c). **Sperati forgeries – Philippine Islands.** updated 20 May 2020 (retrieved 7 October 2024) from Frajola's Sperati Forgery Site. <https://www.sperati.org/PI/PI.htm>

Web page providing illustrations and details of the Sperati forgeries of Philippine stamps.

- Frajola, R. (2020d). **Sperati reproductions – Philippine Islands.** Exhibit downloaded 7 October 2024 from Frajola's Sperati Forgery Site. <https://www.sperati.org/Technique.htm>

Exhibit illustrating Sperati reproduction techniques.

"Franciscus".

An unknown pseudonym of a probably German correspondent writing in the Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal

Franciscus. (1894). **Berlin letter.** Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, vol 5 no 50, p22. (31 August 1894).

Report that Mr Friederich has published a monograph (considered the finest ever published in Germany) on the postage stamps of Spain and here colonies (Friederich, 1894). The report observes that there are no full plates of the first Philippine stamps illustrated.

Freeman, W. K.

Freeman, W. (1868a). **The chronological system.** The American Journal of Philately, vol 1, p35. (1 July 1868).

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Freeman compiled a chronological account of genuine postal stamps of the world which included the Philippines, which at that time was referred to as 'Luzon'. The account is a basic listing with no illustrations provided. The first instalment includes an introduction to the account. (Also listed as [American Journal of Philately, 1868a](#)).

[Freeman, W. \(1868b\)](#). **The chronological system. (cntd)**. The American Journal of Philately, vol 1, p52. (1 September 1868).

Continued from [Freeman \(1868a\)](#). Describes the issues of 1854.

[Freeman, W. \(1868c\)](#). **The chronological system. (cntd)**. The American Journal of Philately, vol 1, p59. (1 October 1868).

Continued from [Freeman \(1868b\)](#). Describes the issues of 1856.

[Freeman, W. \(1868d\)](#). **The chronological system. (cntd)**. The American Journal of Philately, vol 1, p76. (1 November 1868).

Continued from [Freeman \(1868c\)](#). Describes the issues of 1860.

[Freeman, W. \(1869\)](#). **The chronological system. (cntd)**. The American Journal of Philately, vol 2, p101. (20 August 1869).

Continued from [Freeman \(1868d\)](#). Describes the issues of 1863.

Fremy, E.

[Fremy, E. \(1890\)](#). **Annuaire de la timbrologie**. [Stamp directory]. 1st edition, editor Ed. Fremy, 140pp. plus adverts (p138). publ. Yvert et Tellier. (in French).

Contains names and addresses of stamp dealers and collectors. From the Philippines it includes Zurcher, Bandmann and Tuason.

Friedemann, Albert.

[Friedemann, A. \(1921\)](#). **Die postwertzeichen und entwertungen der Deutschen postanstalten in den schutzgebieten und im auslande**. [The postal stamps and cancels of the German post offices in the protected areas and abroad]. 2nd edition. 447pp. (pp. 340-373) publ. Albert Friedemann, Leipzig. Germany. (in German).

The catalogue contains cancels for the Marianus Islands and therefore potentially a useful reference for the Spanish-Philippines used in the Marianus Islands.

Friederich, Rudolf.

[Friederich, R. \(1894\)](#). **Die postwertzeichen Spaniens und seiner Kolonien**. [The postage stamps of Spain and its Colonies]. Part 2, 176 pp. plus plates (pp. 107-163). publ. Dr H Brendicke, Berlin. (in German)

In 1894, Rudolf Friederich published a new work in Berlin, divided into two parts: the first to the stamps of Spain and the second part to the Colonies with illustrations throughout. Friederich's work is notable as he was perhaps the first non-Spaniard to concern himself with the Spanish Colonies despite the difficulties in communication at that time.

Reviews are provided in [London Philatelist \(1894f\)](#), [Philatelic Record \(1894g\)](#), [Franciscus \(1894\)](#) and [Philatelic Journal of Great Britain \(1895b\)](#).

Fulcher, Lionel William.

[Fulcher, L. \(1902\)](#). **Catalogue of the revenue stamps of Spain and Colonies**. 98 pp. (pp. 60-61 and 88-94). publ. Walter Morley, London, England.

Covers in detail the revenue stamps and surcharges for: Derecho Judicial, Derechos de Frima, Deuda, Giro, Pasportes, Recargo de Cedula Personales, Recargo de Consumas, Recibos Y Cuentas, Sello and Timbre Movil.

Reviews are provided in [Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal \(1902a\)](#) and [Philatelic Journal of Great Britain \(1902b\)](#).