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The Out-of-Doors Adventure Magazine for Boys

Life of... for the... stamps...

Here's a chance for you to fill that gap in your stamp album.

The one approval stamp which stamps of particular importance to stamps of rare value...

SCOTT STAMP AND CO. NEW YORK

Stamp advertisement for Bosnia with a table of values and denominations.

STAMPS! In all different... stamps...

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BONANZA BARGAIN OFFER... stamps...

150... stamps...

Stamps Free... stamps...

70% DISCOUNT... stamps...

8c... stamps...

STAMPS... stamps...

FREE-MANLY BACKET... stamps...

55... 15c... stamps...

FREE... stamps...

Factory to Rider... stamps...

22... stamps...

Advertisement for Mead Cycle Company featuring a bicycle illustration.

MORE Boy Scout stamps. Gr-r-r-r. The Wild Tiger kind! Heap big khaki-clad lad in Siam, he have special stamp printed in honor!

For in Siam the Boy Scouts are known as "Wild Tigers"—and in furtherance of the Boy Scout movement in that far-off kingdom a special series of postal adhesives has been issued.

At least eleven varieties of these Scout specimens have appeared. On the 2 satangs orange brown, 3s. emerald green and 15s. blue of the 1912 set; on the 1 tical of the 1906 issue; and on the 5s. on 6s. carmine rose and 10s. on 12s. gray and brown of the 1919 series, the overprinted "Wild Tiger" device is restricted, in the first scout series, to the tiger's head and a Siamese inscription meaning "Scout's Fund."

The overprinted tiger's head is crudely done. The letters of the inscription are in circular form, nearly surrounding the head. The part of the surcharge appearing in English was done apparently by hand, in gray-black ink.

THESE scout adhesives sold in advance of their face value, and the extra moneys obtained in this way were devoted to the scout movement. The 2s. denomination, for example, sold for five satangs, the stamp paying postage to the amount of the face value, two satangs, while the extra three satangs went into the "Wild Tiger" fund.

What are these stamps worth from the collector's viewpoint? It is yet too early to determine this, for it is not known in this country how many copies of each stamp were thus overprinted. The 1 t. varieties are said to be rare.

It was at first reported that the "Wild Tiger" labels were good for postage only within Siam, but it transpires that copies have prepaid postage on letters to foreign lands.

A British philatelist who was traveling in Siam declares that at one of Siam's inland towns still another series of scout stamps appeared. He describes the overprinted device on these as consisting of a tiger's head with an inscription, in Siamese, meaning "Wild Tigers" in one straight line below the head. This set, if it was really issued, has not yet been chronicled officially.

"These stamps I have not seen used, but their authenticity is vouched for by a Prince of the Royal Household. I was able to obtain a block of four of the lower values—ask not the exorbitant price! I had a merry time bargaining with the betel-chewing wife of the dealer, sitting in the light of a smoky coconut-oil lamp, amid evil-smelling durians and decayed vegetables, and protected by an



army of jovial Siamese mosquitoes. And, outside, in the pouring tropical rain, grinned a half-circle of yellow men, women and children, listening to the white foreigner jabber in Malay, Cantonese, and a bit of Siamese, trying to get those 'rare' stamps. Into such devious ways and dark places does stamp collecting carry one when off the beaten tracks."

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