



# The France and Colonies Group

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Dear Jan:

I could not locate the Prince Imperial essays, and finally ran on a record showing that I sold them some four years or so ago.

But I did locate a number of fantasies, which I enclose. This material was my father's; and those which are mounted on card with two little dots of gum show how he mounted stamps around 1890 to 1900. He then similarly affixed the card to the gray album pages he used-- these show the page-remnant on the backs of the cards. With care one can loosen the gum dots by wetting front of stamp, keeping it wet at just those points for a time--about 20 minutes it takes me. Then they come off with almost no loss of their own gum.

There is no reason why I should keep them longer; so I am, I hope, giving you a full equivalent for the % francs Empire on the Crossroads Stamp Store sheet.

Whether you get this Saturday seems to depend on whether the Postmaster General goes through with trying to be a little tin imitator of Nasser or Mussolini. Damn him for his "insolence of office." Fitting punishment would be to be arrested at midnight for interfering with the mails, put into the dirtiest jail cell in Washington with two vomiting drunks, and forgotten till 10 a.m.-- no attention to his plea to get his lawyer.

As ever

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Dear Steve — a thousand thanks for the items from your father's collection. They are wonderful. You have just about doubled my phantom coll. in one fell swoop — + with such good items!

I can't find any reference to the Franz Joseph land labels by F. Friedl. Was he an ancestor of the Friedl of the committee? How did they come about.

(I believe this)

What fake issue was it someone mentioned the other night that has been counterfeited. in turn by someone else?

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