

4d. 1862. Plate 3. Lettered BA in lower corners. This stamp has a white stop after the A in the upper left hand corner. (Sent by Mr. R. Joynt).

6d. 1862. Plate 3. Lettered ED in lower corners. The E in the lower left hand corner is capped with a white line, 3 mm. in length.

6d. 1868. Plate 8. Lettered GD in lower corners. A white hair-line crosses the outer angle of the letter-square in the upper right-hand corner.

6d. 1862. Plate 3. Lettered AC in lower corners. There is a double letter in the N.E. corner of this stamp, apparently an A over C. (Mr. F. Leighfield).

1/- 1862. Plate 2. Lettered FA, FH in lower corners. These two stamps have hairlines crossing the outer angles of the lower left hand letter-squares. (Mr. G. Fox).

1/- 1865. Plate 4. Lettered PH in lower corners. There is a white dot 2 mm. to the right of the lower end of the letter P in the lower left-hand letter-square.

Many other minor varieties exist, and with a view to making our next illustrated article on them as complete as possible, we are reconstructing sheets of all the old  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 2/- stamps, which will be carefully examined when completed.

Our first article, published in *E.S. J.* No. 2, has been reproduced in Mekeel's *Weekly Stamp News* and other papers, and has received considerable attention almost everywhere. We notice that the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, in its issue of January 25th, promises its readers a series of articles on this subject.

*Oxford Union Society*.—1d. red, of 1864, plate Nos. 160 and 177, with O.U.S. on black, have been shown us by Messrs. Mosely & Tyver.

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## Forgeries.

*I.R. Official*.—Mr. Heron Allen has shown us a 1d. lilac with forged overprint "I.R. Official," and informs us he has both the 1d. "16 dots" and 1d. "14 dots." The height of the letters in the forgery is 3mm. or  $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. shorter than in the genuine overprint. The length of the word "Official" is also less than in the genuine, being 15mm. in place of 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm.

1d. black. In a parcel of stamps purchased recently, we found a forgery of the 1d. black, the only forgery of an English stamp we can remember having seen. It was thin at the back, and appeared to have a small crown watermark, but we cannot be certain.