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Ricordiamo che *Vaccari Magazine* (a partire dal n. 16/1996) ha pubblicato anche l'elenco con la catalogazione della celebre collezione Tapling custodita presso la British Library.

THE FLETCHER COLLECTION
Originally comprising some three hundred volumes, the collection has now been re-housed in archival boxes, and is available to researchers and philatelists interested in the history of the collection of Great Britain, was formed by Mr. Hugh Gurney Fletcher over the period of his collection and is outstanding in its concentration and scope. When he died in 1962 at the age of 86, the collection was bequeathed to the British Library, which was then in its infancy, and which was housed in the basement of the British Library in 1963.
The collection covers a period of over 700 years and includes the development and operation of the post and its associated services.
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Treasures of the British Library to feature on St. Helena issue

150 years ago The St. Helena Herald announced the issue of the first stamp for St. Helena. Printed in England by Perkins Bacon, the new 6d value was put on sale on the 1st January 1856.
To commemorate this event St. Helena is to issue a set of six stamps and a miniature sheet, the designs of which are derived from items held in the British Library Philatelic Collections.
The miniature sheet has a background which shows the St. Helena Post Office at Jamestown, and items and scenes from the British Library, including a Perkins Bacon printing press, and Sir Edward Parry's letter of Isaac Newton that is located in the Piazza of the Library.

RARITIES AT THE CLICK OF A MOUSE
Philatelic rarities are now available online for philatelists to explore at the "Collect Britain" page on the British Library's website.
All digital images are high resolution and the full attraction of the site is that it allows users to filter the results to view items in a particular order, either at large images or using a zoom facility.
Each item is accompanied by explanatory notes, providing the historical context and philatelic importance of the stamps on display. If you would like to log on to view the results go to www.collectbritain.co.uk/collections/philatelic/
The concept of "Collect Britain" is to greatly expand the online resource of digital items held in all of the different areas of the British Library.
Many of these different areas within the Library offer a huge resource for philatelic research.

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