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CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

International Philatelic Union

AND

AMATEUR COLLECTORS' EXCHANGE.

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FELLOW COLLECTORS: after a long delay, the International Philatelic Union is ready to fill the want which has long been felt among collectors. It now has a well organized Board of Officers in six countries, which will be increased, until we trust every civilized country will be included in the Union. We would respectfully ask your co-operation in making it a success in every respect. We are aware that many collectors' societies have been started, and in many cases failed, but we would remind you that nearly all of these efforts were mere local affairs, and in many cases were started by dealers for money making purposes; consequently they failed to receive the support of collectors; others have been started on the free-membership plan, and failed, because the *interested parties* who paid the bills found it did not pay as an advertising medium. The Executive Board of this Union is not composed of dealers, but of collectors; neither is the official organ published by a dealer, but by a well known collector. The purpose of this society is explained by our motto: "Alterum alterius auxilio eget," or, "One needs the help of the other;" and the numerous failures of its predecessors more fully determine us to make this a lasting success. Thinking it will prove of great benefit to its members as a guard against frauds, as well as an exchange medium, we would ask you to kindly examine the Constitution and Rules. We trust you may favor us with your name, and promise to do all in our power to promote the interests of Philately.

TO NON-COLLECTORS.

The first postage stamp was issued in England in 1840, but just when or where stamp collecting began we do not know. Mons Moens, of Belgium, claims to have began collecting in 1855, and therefore must have been one of the first engaged in it. At any rate it originated in Europe about that time, whence it extended to America and the rest of the world. It soon had many advocates, and some one thinking "stamp collecting" too common a term, introduced the word "Philately," which has puzzled so many. It is taken from the Greek *PHILO*, meaning "lover of," and *TELLOS* ("tax"), and as many taxes are represented by stamps, it gives us a very appropriate name for lovers of stamps. Stamp collecting has now become a pastime, in which the young and old of every clime are engaged. Among its advocates are the Royal Family of England, His Holiness the Pope, Baron Rothschild, and Gen. W. T. Sherman. The late King Victor Emmanuel and A. T. Stewart were active stamp collectors. We might name hundreds of journals published in English, German, French, etc., wholly devoted to Philately. Join our ranks, and although you may not obtain a collection equal to the King of collectors, who now has 18,000 varieties, we promise you more real enjoyment and useful information for the small outlay than you can procure in any other manner.

THE OBJECTS of this Union is to bring amateur collectors of stamps, coins, etc., in every part of the world, in direct communication, for the purpose of correspondence for mutual improvement and exchange, and for protection from dishonest dealers and frauds.

CONSTITUTION.

SECTION I. All legislative powers shall be vested in an International Congress, which shall consist of a Commissioner in each country or division, together with a Board of Deputies, who shall be appointed by the different Commissioners, in their own divisions, in proportion to the number of members residing therein.

§ II. The Commissioners shall be elected by ballot, in such manner as a majority of the members shall determine.

§ III. The Commissioners and Board of Deputies shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer from their number.

§ IV. The International Congress shall have power to fix all dues, which shall be uniform throughout the world, and to make all rules and amendments which may be necessary or proper.

§ V. All Officers shall, before entering upon their official duties, sign the printed oath of the Union.

§ VI. All Commissioners shall serve for one year, and shall be eligible to re-election.

§ VII. The Commissioners shall negotiate exchanges for members of the Union.

§ VIII. In case of resignation, removal, or inability of any officer to discharge the duties of his office, the President shall appoint a successor, who shall serve until the next annual election.

§ IX. Each Commissioner shall have a book in which he shall enrol the name, age and full address, with date of joining, of every member in his division, and shall, as often as the President may direct, forward to him a list of all new members who may have been enrolled by such Commissioner since his last report.

§ X. The Vice President shall superintend all elections.

§ XI. Each Commissioner shall send to the Treasurer on the fifth of each month, all monies belonging to the Union which may then be in his possession, after deducting all actual expenses, for which he will send the Treasurer a receipted bill.

§ XII. The President may appoint Commissioners in any country not represented.

§ XIII. Any person wishing to become a member, must write to the Commissioner of the division in which he resides, with fee for first year enclosed, giving name, age, employment and full address, and also promise to obey all rules of the Union, unless conflicting with his sense of right.

RULES.

1. When a member wants a correspondent, he should apply to the Commissioner of the Division in which he resides, enclosing in every instance return postage.

2. Members should state the number of correspondents wanted, and should always write to them, and if not satisfactory, report to the Commissioner, who will, if a good reason for rejection be given, furnish him a suitable correspondent.

3. No application will be noticed unless made to the proper Commissioners.

4. After a careful estimate of expenses by the Financial Committee, it has been thought necessary to fix the annual dues as follows:

Australia,	7½ d.	Greece,	1 drachma.
Bulgaria,	75 centimes.	Holland,	8 stivers.
Canada,	15 cents.	Japan,	18 sens.
China,	15 cents.	Portugal,	150 reis.
France,	17 sous.	Russia,	30 copeck.
Germany,	7 groschen.	Spain,	3 real vellon.
Great Britain,	7½ d.	Turkey,	2 piasters.
United States of America,	15 cents.		

And all other countries an equivalent amount, which must be sent in advance to the respective Commissioners, or if not represented, application should be made to the President.

5. Every member shall be entitled to the quarterly list of reported frauds who have not given a satisfactory explanation.

6. All complaints made against dealers, etc., shall be fully investigated by disinterested parties, so that no innocent person may be injured.

7. The official organ shall be the *Philatelic Star*, published by the Secretary, and all proceedings, etc., will appear therein. Subscription price, 9 pence per year, which may be sent to any Commissioner in the current money of his country.

8. Note paper and envelopes with the name of the Union printed thereon, shall be supplied to members who may wish for such, at a very low rate.

9. A majority of the International Congress may suspend or amend these rules at any time.

COMMISSIONERS.

Australia, A. Colville, Edna Cottage, Pasco Street, Williamstown, Victoria.

Canada, W. E. Ellis, Box 446, St. John, N. B.

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