THE

Merchants' Collecting Agency

Philatelic



January, 1898. Lowell, Mass.

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BLUE BOOK.

CONTAINING A LIST OF

Stamp Collectors, Dealers, Etc., against whom we hold bills for collections, together with names of collectors well known to our clients; and

Containing Information regarding their Financial Standing.

JANUARY, 1898.

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Key to Blue Book.

Accounts in this list are numbered and lettered, the explanation of which is furnished our clients and friends.

We shall be pleased to receive any desirable information regarding parties published in this list.

Merchant's Collecting Agency

The Merchants' Collecting Agency, organized in 1896, for the protection of Merchants and Professional Men, first solicited accounts from Stamp Collectors and dealers in April, 1897. From that time till the present, we have handled many hundred stamp accounts and given general satisfaction to our clients.

A great many of the stamp accounts sent us are against minors and other irresponsible parties, who, in many cases, never intend to settle with the dealer who sent him stamps.

Our list will be found a great help to the dealer from this class of swindlers, and we will be found ever ready with advice and assistance when treating with this class.

The publication of our lists will be of greot assistance to every trading collector in the United States and Canada, and with a more generous co-operation and a greater clientage among stamp men, losses of sheets etc will be reduced to a minnimum.

This Agency accepts accounts for collection from responsible parties, making no charge for their services if unsuccessful; for amounts collected or settlement effected, we charge a commission of from 10 to 25 per cent.; with a minnimum charge of 50 cents.

Correspondence Solicited.

Alabama.

Threadgill W., Oxford.

California

Halcomb, Delaney, 598 Pasedena Ave., Pasedena.-x

X. Fergurson, Walter, Fresno.

Colorado

Stewart, Harold, 225 Willimette Ave., Colorado Springs.-c McMurrell, G. M., Villa Park. Engel, E. S.,Lawrence St., Denver.

Connecticut

Arnold, W. Percy, Stonington. Webster, C. E. H., Box 103, Meridan Florida

Regor, W. S., Box 148, Tampa,

Illinois

Lavory, M. J., 44 Camphell Pk., Chicago. A. Otto, F. W., 366 Austin Ave., Chicago. Harden, Geo., 11825 Lowe Ave., Station T. Chicago.

Lacour, J. P., Morgan Park, Chicago. Silvey, Geo. I., 420 E. 34th St., Chicago. Woodmanne, Ralph, Raseville, Warren Co. Wills, R. A., 409 E. Forest St.,

Bloomington.

Indiana

Weaver, Rollie, Hartford City. Cronin, S. L., Hartford City.-c Dutton, Earl, Hartford City.-c Young, Frank M., Seymour, Howitt, W. B., Seymour, McDuff, R. B., Seymour, Smith, H. G., 603 S. Water, Crafordsville. Cone, Willard Jr., 1004 Cone St., Elkhart.

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Van Hook, W. C., 913 Center Street, Des Moines. Whittemore, Fred., 923 Center Street, Des Moines.-e Martin, Don, Loveland.-c Walton, W., Laport City, Box 120.

Lousiana

Burnside, Hugh L., Natchitoches.-i

Massachusetts

Foye, W. G., Athol.-i Wadsworth, L. G., 8 Seymour Ave.,

Winthrop.

West, L. C. G., Medfield. Lindquist, Geo., Quinsagamond.

Minnesota

Century Stamp Co., Minneapolis.-i Hart, C. C., Pidestone. Deglinam, J. N., Mankato.-i

Missouri

Goerke, Richard, 3631 Robert Ave., St. Louis..k

Stokes, Geo. O. ,Cameron(?)k Wall, R. L., Fayette.

Michigan.

Morse, W. S., Saginaw.-m Colcleugh, W. J., (formerly Saginaw, see Ohio.)-c. m.

Morehouse, Wm., Cummings.-i

New York.

LeGray, 113 Monroe St., New York City-k Crowley, Geo. C., 309 Broadway, N. Y. r-i A. Lewis, Harold S., Unadella.-k Matthews, W., Box 82, Unionville. Smith, Fred J. 93 W. Main St., Amsterdam Farrow, Wm., New York City.-d Hannas, E. L., 303 Seymour St., Syracuse LaMont, G. I., 212 Park Place, Brooklyn Rogers, Chas., 109 W. 16th St., N. Y. City Osburne, M. P., Camden,

New Jersey

Perine, R. V., Summit. Smith, Chas., Cramer Hill.-d Sterling, E. B., Trenton.-b. k. Feind, Val. G., 115 Broom St., Newark-g.a Davis, Clifford W., 517 Monmouth Street, Trenton.

Nebraska

Long, J. C., Box 199, Falls City. Higginson, F. H., Omaha. New Mexico A. Freeman, Lincoln Eddy.-c. g. k. New Hampshire OThompson, A. A. 17 Arch St Laconia-c.m American Stamp & Pub. Co., (A. A.

. Thompson)-c. m.

Ohio

Hathaway, R., 736 Clank Ave., Cleveland Weber, Finley, 440 Superior St., Cleveland McGeary, M. N., Beebetown. Evans, Eugene, Uhrichsville. Greyer, Wm. Jr., Cor. Vine and ——St., Cincinnati.-k

Pennsylvania

Mc Cann, Paul I., Tryone. A. McGeary, F. M., Parker's Landing.-k Wesse, O. B., Hite Po., Alleghany Co. Keyser, James, 608 Fisher St., Phil. Williams, H., 4019 Lane Ave., Phil. Crozier & Co., 38 N. 9th St., Phil.-r Miller, John J., Butler, Butler Co.-k Wallove, Geo. G. Beaver Falls. Freisinger, Paul, 3829 Baring St., Phil.-k Bowman, L. O., 1539 So. 5th St., Phil.-l

Rhode Island

Pease, Ernest, Allenton.

South Dakota.

Dixon, Geo., Watertown.-m

Texas

Martin, Thos. A., Iowa Park

Tennessee

Pollock, Sam, 16 Exchange St., Memphis

Wisconsin

Ubrich, Otto, Wanwatosa. Holliston, R. E., Delevan. Vaughn, T. R., Box 594, Ashkosh. Swauke, Arthur, Peshtigo. Rogers, W. A., 6 Pearl St., Jamesville.

Washington

Costello, G. T., 1217 King St., Seattle. Sheahan, Jas., 412 So. 11th St., Seattle.

CANADA.

Manitoba

Dennis, A. J., Beulak. A. McKee, Geo. E., Brondon.-c Thomson, Garfield, Brandon.

Ontario

Butler, F., Strathroy. McIntyre, Frank, 330 Manning Ave. Berlin Gugisberg, Berlin. Ellis, Chas., Berlin. Hynester, Chas., Box 54, Berlin. Thomson, Garfield, Strathroy. Knox, A. M., Mt. Forest. Harrison, M., Box 307, Bradford. Scott, A. A., 175 Niagara St., Toronto. Adams, Wm. R., Toronto. Dominion Stamp Co., (Wm. J. Chapman,) 23 Hess St. Hamilton. Wark, G. C., Coburg. Lear, Walter E., Brighton. Needham, C. A., E. Hamilton. U.

New Brunswick

Ward, Emmons, 100 Wright St., St. Johns.

Quebec

l'Orsonnens, J. Ed., Montreal. Blowen, M., 93 La Tourville St., Montreal.

Miscellaneous

The present addresses of the following are not known to us. Information regarding same desired.

Miss Kate P. Hamilton, Washington, D. C. J. P. Hobson, Windson, Vt. (or Ct.)

Thos. Warton, 519 So. 42nd St., Phil., Pa. O. Michants, Hendricks, W. Va.

G. F. Nelson, Chatterton, Fla.

Jas. Lancing, Saratoga, N. Y.

A. B. Lane, 507 N. Franklin St.,

Baltimore, Md.

Miss Maude Ballington, 44 No. Market St., Canton, Ohio.

Clyde Armstrong, Bolton, Ga.

F. E. Roberts, Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Frank Wyman, Hamline, Minn.

It Is A Fact

We handle hundreds of accounts and give the best of satisfaction, both in results and promptness.

We have a list of several hundred names of collectors against whom we have held bills that is open to our clients only. When you desire to look up any person on this list, send us three one cent stamps to cover postage, etc.

If You Want Cash

Send us your accounts for collection and see what we can do for you.

We render a monthly statement of accounts collected by us. We devote our whole time and energies to collecting and continually work for the best interests of our clients.

MERCHANTS COLLECTING AGENCY, Glidden Building, Lowell, Mass.

We make no charge

For our services, if unsuccessful. On collections or settlements effected, we charge a commission of 25 per cent, with a minninum fee of 50 cents on each account. Large accounts, less commission. Oradell, N. J., Dec., 1897. Merchants' Collecting Agency. Gentlemen :—

During my career as a dealer I have accumulated a few claims (thought by me to be worthless) against the genus, "Approval sheet frauds" and as a final resort placed them in your hands for collection. The results have been highly satisfactory. I trust that during the coming year I shall not have much occasion to ask your good offices, but if I am unfortunately "caught", I shall ONLY use the MERCHANTS.

Very truly,

R. M. MITCHELL,

Pueblo, Colorado, December 31, '97 The Merchants' Collecting Agency,

Lowell, Mass.

Gentlemen :---

I take pleasure in recommending your agency to dealers and others having accounts to collect. I have found it a great convenience in my business.

Yours Truly,

D. W. OSGOOD.

Howe, Neb., Dec. 30 1897. Merchants' Collecting Agency.

Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sirs:-

Replying to yours of the 28th inst.; will say that two of the accounts you managed to collect amounting to \$48.00 had long ago been given up as worthless. Your settlements are very prompt and methods satisfactory.

Very truly,

SAMUEL P. HUGHES.



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All kinds of accouts from all kinds of people.... PROMPT SETTLEMENTS GUARANTEED, Correspondence Solicited **MERCHANTS COLLECTING AGENCY** Lowell. - Mass.