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INTRODUCTION BY THE EDITOR.

Stamp collecting is a pastime, both educating and profitable. It is a hobby. Some make it a science by joining it with the study of stamps and what pertains thereto. Its followers, numbering probably several millions, are found all over the world, wherever stamps are used. Books and periodicals have been published in its behalf, societies have been formed for its promotion and large business concerns have been established to supply its wants. Wisconsin has not figured prominently in any of these respects, but that it has its share of collectors this little book is to show. Some of them are pretty well advanced and have valuable collections to boast of, some are yet beginners, but not all could be enumerated for the simple reason that their addresses could not be obtained. Some collect postage stamps only, others include fiscals or revenue stamps; some specialize, collecting all minute varieties of one certain class of stamps; others collect all stamps where and whenever issued, but pay no attention to hairsplitting distinctions. Now whatever ones inclinations may be, one thing is certain, he is interested in the collections of others, he likes to see stamps, talk of stamps and trade his duplicates for other stamps that are not in his possession. By co-operation fine results may be obtained, and, if the collectors of our state work together, we may in time make a much better show than we now can. It is not necessary that we should all join a large state society, there are enough societies already, but we may aid one another individually, wherever we come into contact. This may be sought by means of an address list, and for this reason the present list has been compiled. Could it have been made more complete, its possibilities for usefulness would be greater. Publicity is shunned by some, especially by modest

persons, but for a stamp collector publicity to a certain degree is very valuable. When one is known to be a collector, he is pretty certain to derive some advantage from the fact, if it be the receiving of price lists and sample copies only. There are, however, other advantages, and no collector should, for his own interest, object to having his name published. I hope therefore that, incase this book shall ever see a second edition, the list of names shall be swelled to double its size. Without a complete directory collectors may live in the same city and street and not know each other, while they might be of great help to one another. I would for that reason beg each and everyone, who receives this list and knows another collector in this state whose name has been omitted, to communicate with me and to give such information which may lead to perfecting this list. Another desirable thing would be to have the age and occupation of every collector in the state, the size and character of his collection and any other data that might enable individuals to select those nearest to their own tastes and propensities. Thanking all those who have aided me in making this book as complete as it is, I wish to have it distinctly understood that I can not assume to guarantee all those whose names appear on these pages, nor do I wish to have any one denounced. My object was simply to get as complete a list of all in our state who collect stamps, as possible. Could it have been more complete, I should have been much more pleased, as its usefulness would be increased. For the advertisers of this pamphlet I would say, encourage home trade, and for the publisher, give him an order, if you can. As for myself, I do not desire anything, but to enlarge my collection and philatelic library, and shall therefor be glad to exchange with any one who may be so disposed.

Respectfully, L. G. DORPAT, Editor.

Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Aug. 30th 1896.

NOTE BY THE PUBLISHER.

To whoever may receive a copy of this book:

I have labored hard to have this book be as good an address book as has ever been issued. How well I have succeeded I will not try to say but will leave that matter with you. I wish particularly to thank Mr. L. G. Dorpat for what assistance he has given me in every way, also Mr. W. F. Schad of Milwaukee, and assure both above gentlemen and any others who have assisted me in any way, that their help has been appreciated. Like all other works of this kind errors will creep in, so please excuse any you will find and if in the future any more of these books are issued will try and have them more perfect. One feature of this I wish to especially call attention to. It is this: That every person whose name appears in this book will receive a copy. No one so far to my knowledge has ever issued such a work on this basis. It means an outlay of quite a little money extra so please take that grounds upon which to excuse other faults. With best wishes, I am,

Yours Respectfully, H. D. RUEHLMAN.

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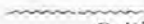
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born 1883, is the beginner in philately, though the young gentleman is not a novice what collecting is concerned. He has a fine collection of birds eggs. His stamp collection is a general one of near a thousand varieties, but shows already that its owner needs but time to make it a very good one. He is a member of the Philatelic Sons of America.



MR. S. P. BALLARD,

"the oldest collector in Sharon" has 1250 varieties only in his collection, but these are U. S. and would find welcome places (we mean empty spaces) in a great many other collections. Thus his collection though not very large is one of the very best in the state. His Revenues, Departments and general issues are nearly complete. He was a charter member of the American Philatelic Association and is now a member of the P. S. of A. only. Belonging to the firm of Rogers & Co., Newsdealers of Sharon, he is an active business man and, being the chairman of the board of supervisors of Sharon Township after holding several other public offices, we may surmise that he is a patriot and perhaps a little of a politician. A friend of his says: "He is a prominent republican and an all around fine man."

MR. H. D. RUEHLMAN,

the central figure of our group and publisher of this little book is a stampist of unusual activity. He is Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of A., Vice President for Wisconsin of P. S. of A., S. of P. and S. P. A., and member of nearly all philatelic societies in the U. S., Editor of the "Minnesota Stamp" and owner of a fine collection of 6,000 varieties. He also deals in stamps and is engaged in regular business as member of the firm of Ruehlman & Co., of Sharon, dealers in general merchandise. How it is possible to attend to so many things properly is hard to understand unless one be a hustler like himself.



MR. A. J. STUFFELL,

the left hand figure in the group, is 15 years old, is a member of the P. S. of A., and several other societies and owns a pretty collection of about 850 varieties.



MR. F. S. RYDER,

the gentleman "with the hat on" is a member of J. S. Ryder & Co., "Tonsorial Artists" of Sharon. He has a collection of about 1,000 U. S. stamps and is a member of the P. S. of A. and L. of A. P.



MR. WM. F. SCHAD,

of Milwaukee, Wis., was born in Racine, Wis., Nov. 21st 1870, moved to Milwaukee 1887, started to collect in 1880, formed the "Western Stamp Co.," 1885 and has now a collection of near 3,000 varieties. He is a very active young gentlemen and belongs to the following fraternal or stamp societies; Sons of Philatelia, Philatelic Sons of America, Allamo Philatelic Society, Metropolitan Philatelic Society, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Forresters, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Young Mens Republican Club of Milwaukee.

STAMP PAPERS.

Wisconsin has not been prolific in the production of stamp "literature," but the seed is sown and before long two or three (perhaps) papers may make their appearance.

DEALERS.

No very prominent dealers can be found in the state. Nevertheless there is a dealer or two met with in most of the larger cities. Milwaukee has more than two. For particulars look at the advertisements and patronize home trade.

SOCIETIES.

Several of the larger societies, as American Philatelic Association, the Philatelic Sons of America, the Sons of Philatelia etc. are fairly well represented. No state or local organization could be learned of, but Mr. Gowey, of De Pere, is urging the forming of a state society, for which there seems to be room enough.

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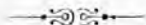
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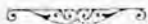
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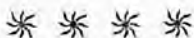
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