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INTRODUCTORY.

THIS Souvenir is dedicated, with profound respect to the members of the Postal Card Society of America and the postal card collecting world in general.

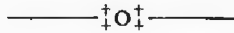
It may not be amiss to state that nothing fine or elaborate has been attempted, our object in launching this pamphlet on the seas of philatelic literature was to fill the really pressing need of our Constitution, Rules of the Exchange and Purchasing Departments and the Society's Membership List, printed in form convenient for handy reference; and to give prospective members some idea of what our Society was doing and the many advantages offered in return for the membership fee; and entice them perchance to enter through the open gates into and become to know with us the social sweets and fraternalism that we feel in the brotherhood of the Postal Card Society of America, was the prime influence back of the work.

If there are any imperfections in this work, let our inexperience in matters, journalistic, plead for us and thus blunt the sword of criticism and at the same time enable us to feel that our efforts to please have not been in vain.

Yours, in the cause of the P. C. S. of A.,

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POSTAL CARD COLLECTING

AND

**The Many Privileges and Benefits Which The Postal Card Society
of America Offers to Those Engaged in This
Most Fascinating Branch
of Philately.**

Postal Card Collecting is acknowledged the most fascinating branch of Philately and a well arranged collection of unused cards, from a point of beauty, will compare favorably with, if it is not the superior of the average collection of stamps.

The advantages and pleasures of Postal Card Collecting are numerous and for one reason this interesting branch of Philately is gaining so much popularity and has assumed such surprisingly large dimensions of late is because Philatelists are becoming thoroughly disgusted with stamps on account of the thousands of speculative issues, minor varieties and plate numbers, and then not even the slightest approach to completeness can be obtained without the expenditure of a fortune, postal cards do not present these objections, for a fairly complete collection can be got together at moderate cost, the rarities really difficult to secure being comparatively few and in no case has the market value of a card gotten within a measurable distance of the cost of the rarer adhesives, another point in their favor is that while counterfeits of stamps can be found at every turn, it is seldom that you find an issue of Postal Cards that has been counterfeited, forgeries are practically unknown in cards and can almost be counted on your fingers. Are not these points worthy of your careful consideration?

The foregoing facts should commend the collecting of cards to young philatelists especially, as the spread of this branch of our science will of necessity enhance values; so take good advice and collect Postal Cards and you will not regret it, but to collect intellectually and successfully you should join the

POSTAL CARD SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

This Society is an international body of Postal Card Collectors, organized in 1891, purely with an aim toward mutual helpfulness and profit; its membership scattered over the four corners of the civilized world, the largest list of members residing in the United States, but having scattering membership over Europe, Asia, Africa and South America, shows to what length and breadth, spurning and defying all distance, the fraternity and comradeship extends.

The Society is governed by democratic methods, each member having as much voice in the constitutional changes, election of officers and other matters which may be brought up as any other member. be he officer, founder or projecter, thus we give "Equal Rights to all and special privileges to none."

The Annual Dues (\$1.00) are insignificant compared with the benefits to be derived from membership and no card collector can excuse himself for not becoming a member, below are a few of the benefits.

All members receive each week a copy of *The Weekly Philatelic Era*, in which magazine the Reports of the Society are published. It also keeps members posted on new emissions and other matters of interest to card collectors. The regular subscription of the *Weekly Philatelic Era* is fifty-cents per year; which alone equals half the annual dues.

Our Purchasing Department is a most valuable adjunct and is excellently managed. It supplies members with all new issues of Postal Cards with only a fraction of cost above face value; this small percentage is to compensate the manager for his time, postage and stationery.

Our Exchange Department gives us the pick of a large selection of cards at our own homes, where we may compare with our collections, keep what we want and send the balance along to the next on the circuit. This is the only satisfactory way to make a good collection of cards. Each member also has the privilege of supplying this Department with his duplicates, as the name implies, thus making it mutually beneficial.

Either of the above benefits alone, outweigh many times the cost of membership.

To all philatelists in general and especially those interested in cards we give an urgent invitation to join us. We promise you nothing which we cannot perform but do assure you value received for your money. You should be with us and we hope to welcome you. "The more the merrier."

Any one interested in Postal Cards is eligible to membership, our qualifications are simply "Any Postal Card Collector or Philatelist interested in Postal Cards, may become a member by applying to the Secretary; such application must be signed by two references and upon approval by the Executive Committee the applicant shall be considered elected."

Financially our Society is in excellent shape, having a surplus of something over \$100.00 in the Treasury, our Officers are enthusiastic, our Departments in fine working order and we have plenty of room for new members. Will you not be one? We want your companionship, send for Application Blanks, a postal card will start them and your application will be awaited with pleasure, as it is our earnest desire to enroll you as a member.

Fraternally,

Church Hill, Md., Apr. 1st, 1901.

T. H. GAFFORD, Secretary.

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CONSTITUTION.

CONSTITUTION OF THE POSTAL CARD SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

AS AMENDED BY BALLOT MARCH, 1898.

ART. I.—Objects

The objects for which this Society is formed are :

1. The encouragement of the collection of postal cards and letter cards of all nations.
2. The procuring and spreading of knowledge in relation thereto.
3. The exchange of duplicates among members.
4. The cultivation of friendship among members.

ART. II.—Name.

This Society shall be known as "THE POSTAL CARD SOCIETY OF AMERICA."

ART. III.—Membership.

SEC. 1. Any postal card collector, or philatelist interested in postal cards, may become a member of this Society, by applying to the Secretary; such application must be signed by two references, and upon approval by the Executive Committee the applicant be considered elected.

SEC. 2. All active members of the Society shall be entitled to vote, either in person or by proxy, in any convention, at any election, or upon any question which is submitted to a general vote of the Society.

SEC. 3. Corresponding members, (those residing abroad) are expected to take an interest in the Society, and to aid it by contributions, notification of new issues, or any other information which will benefit card collectors, but who will not be required to pay dues.

SEC. 4. Charges against a member must be made in writing, addressed to the Executive Committee, who will act as court, and this court may, in its judgment, suspend or expel such member, and their action shall be final and binding upon all parties.

ART. IV.—Government.

SEC. 1. This Society shall be governed by the following named officers: 1. President. 2. Vice-President. 3. Secretary. 4. Treasurer. 5. Executive Committee of three Members.

SEC. 2. The term of each officer shall be for one year from the date of his election or until a successor be appointed.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, shall receive all applications for membership, and grant the same when authorized by the Executive Committee. He shall receive all dues from the members, issue membership certificates on receipt of same, and, at the end of each month, remit to the Treasurer all moneys received, taking his receipt therefor.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Secretary monthly, sending his receipt therefor, and disburse all moneys; provided that no moneys shall be expended by him until authorized by at least two members of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 5. The President and Vice-President are *ex-officio* members of the Executive Committee.

ART. V.—*Appointments.*

SEC. 1. The Official Board, consisting of the elective officers mentioned in Art. IV., Sec. 1, shall, at their discretion, appoint a Librarian, Purchasing Agent, an Exchange Superintendent and International Secretary.

SEC. 2. The Librarian shall keep, in trust for the Society, all literature, albums, &c., which may be presented to, or purchased by, the Society. He is authorized to collect five cents from each member who borrows a publication from the Library, to cover expenses, postage, &c.

SEC. 3. The Purchasing Agent shall make arrangements to obtain for the members at as little expense as possible, all the newly issued cards, provided sufficient funds have been deposited with him to cover the cost of the purchases.

SEC. 4. The Exchange Superintendent shall conduct the exchange of duplicates among members, in a manner to be decided upon later.

SEC. 5. The International Secretary shall conduct all correspondence in foreign countries and assist the Official Board whenever requested to do so.

ART. VI.—*Elections.*

SEC. 1. The annual election for officers shall take place during the month of March. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any elective office, the same shall be filled by a majority vote of the Official Board.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Society shall be elected by ballot under the direction of the Secretary; a plurality of votes shall elect.

ART. VII.—*Amendments.*

This Constitution can be altered or amended by the assent of a majority of the members. This vote shall be by ballot.

ART. VIII.—*Dues.*

The annual dues shall be fixed by the Official Board but shall not exceed two dollars per year nor be less than fifty cents. Members three months in arrears shall be notified of that fact by the Secretary and if settlement is not made within thirty days from date of the notice their names shall be dropped from the membership list.

All dues shall be payable to the Secretary, who shall issue membership cards only to those members who are fully paid up.

ART. IX.—*Branch Societies.*

1. To encourage sociability and friendship among members, and to facilitate the exchange of duplicates, Local Branches may be formed in cities or localities having five or more members.

2. Members desiring to form a Branch, shall make application to the Executive Board through the Secretary, giving the names of the members praying for recognition as a Branch.

3. No collector shall be admitted to any such Branch unless he is, or first becomes a member of The Postal Card Society of America.

4. Local Branches shall meet at least once a month to transact routine business, and send a brief extract of their minutes to the official journal for publication.

5. They shall be governed locally by a President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Exchange Manager, frame their own By-Laws, which, however, must in no way conflict with the Constitution of the General Society.

6. All cards intended for circulation must be put in the Exchange envelopes and turned over to the Exchange Manager, who will transmit them to the Exchange Superintendent as the property of the Branch.

7. The Exchange Superintendent is authorized to transact business with any duly elected Exchange Manager of a recognized Branch.

RULES GOVERNING
—THE—
EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT
—OF THE—
POSTAL CARD SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

1. The cards must be placed in covers which will be furnished by the Superintendent at three cents each or forty for \$1, and no other covers but these will be accepted.

2. The covers are ruled and printed to hold twenty pieces, and no more must be put in.

3. A description of each piece, together with the owner's price for same, must be written in ink in the space provided for each of the twenty pieces on the face of the cover.

4. The Superintendent would suggest that a corresponding number, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., be written in lead pencil in the upper left corner of each piece.

5. The owner's name must be written or stamped on each cover in the space provided therefor.

6. These filled covers will be made up into circuits and circulated alternately among the members participating in this Exchange.

7. An account sheet accompanies each circuit, giving its serial number, number of covers contained therein, and total value of same, as well as the names of members to whom the circuit will be sent.

8. Each participant must enter opposite his name the date when received, when forwarded to the next on the circuit, total number of pieces removed from the circuit, and value of same attested by his signature.

9. Each participant has two days in which to make his selection, and must forward the package promptly, free of expense, to the next on the circuit.

10. If a circuit is held over two days by any one member, a fine of five cents per day will be imposed by the Superintendent unless a plausible excuse can be given. *This rule will be rigidly enforced.*

11. A member removing a piece from a cover must write his name in the space provided for it and carry out into the proper column the price of the same, entering the total amount of removals from the entire circuit on the account sheet, as provided in Rule 8.

12. Should a piece for which the corresponding space on the cover be found missing, it is the duty of the member making the discovery to notify the next preceding member, and note the fact on the respective cover, thus: "No. 5 missing" and affix his signature, otherwise any missing and unaccounted for pieces will be charged to the last on the circuit.

13. In order to facilitate the prompt accounting of each circuit, members are required to notify the Superintendent of the number of pieces and total value of same removed from a circuit, enclosing check or money order payable at Saginaw, Michigan, for the amount.

14. The Superintendent will retain ten per cent. of all sales of cards to defray the expenses of the Department and to compensate him for his time.

15. The Exchange covers will be furnished to the Department by the Society, the profit from the sale of same to be turned over to the Treasurer on or before March 1st of each year together with an annual statement.

16. A member wishing to participate in the Exchange Department must sign these *Rules* and forward them to the Superintendent, who will keep them on file.

17. Members desiring to withdraw from the Department must notify the Superintendent of their intention as well as of any change in address.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

— OF —

The Postal Card Society of America,

922 N. GILMOR STREET,

BALTIMORE, MD.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. The Purchasing Department is open to active members only.
2. Members desiring to participate in the benefits of this Department are required to contribute \$5.00 to the Purchasing Fund, which amount will stand as a credit against cards furnished.
3. Whenever the amount to the credit of a member has been reduced to \$2.00, a sufficient amount must be remitted, upon notification, to restore it to \$5.00.
4. The Department supplies new issues only and not more than one specimen of any one variety.
5. A charge of ten per cent. over and above actual cost of cards will be made by the Purchasing Agent, as a compensation for his time, use of stationery, etc.
6. Cards will be forwarded to participants, with memorandum, whenever the accumulation warrants it, and a statement of account will be rendered when a renewal is called for.
7. All possible precaution will be exercised in remitting funds to foreign countries, but should any loss or losses occur, either from failure of remittances to reach their destination, or of the cards to reach the Purchasing Agent, such losses must be borne *pro rata* by all participants.
8. Participants desiring to withdraw from the Department must give three months' notice of their intention, after the expiration of which time the amount then to the member's credit, if any, will be paid over.
9. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to amend the above rules, if such should at any time be suggested by circumstances developing.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

Purchasing Agent.

