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## STAMP TALK.

CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.

Remainders sell for less than face value and this often leads young collectors to believe that they are reprints. There is a vast difference between reprints and remainders and in my opinion remainders are just as collectable as any other stamps.

Now perhaps some of my readers may not have a clear idea as to what remainders are, so I will explain. Remainders are old issues or at least obsolete stamps which are sold to dealers or collectors, unused at what they will bring, by the government that emitted the stamps. The reason many of the old issues of Cuba are sold unused so cheaply is, because the stamps are remainders that were sold a few years ago to dealers at a very low price.

Many collectors on seeing unused stamps of some countries selling for below face put them down at once as "Seebecks" or reprints when in truth

they are remainders.

Old issues are not lacking in beauty of coloring or design but there is a lack of variety in shapes. Take the triangular stamps of Newfoundland and Cape of Hope and a few others and you will have nearly all of the odd shapes.

Issues of recent years however come in all kinds of shapes, sizes and designs. Oblong stamps are much more in evidence of late than they were a decade ago. Square stamps however are not seen as often now as they were in the sixties and seventies. Look over your collection or catalogue and you will find proof of my assertion.

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## U S POSTAGE

BY CHAS. F. ROBINSON.

Two hundred years ago there were but seventy-five post offices in the U. S. while to-day they average into the hundreds of thousands.

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The postage from 1789 until 1816 on a single letter under forty miles was eight cents; over forty and under ninety miles eighteen cents; over five hundred miles, twenty-five cents.

One of the largest philatelic centres in the U. S., San Francisco, may be said to have grown up with philately. In the same year as the first U. S. stamps appeared its name was changed from Yerba Buena to its present one. At that time it contained but 459 inhabitants but it was not until the following year when gold was discovered that it received its first start.

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## ILLINOIS PICK UPS.

BY S. E. MOISANT.

Now that the conventions are over the collectors are going back to their albums, the dealers are going to their stores and publishers back to their offices. The stamp business again starts in earnest. Although it was not an easy matter for us to get down to business after speeding a week with old friends we have at last taken the inevitable and take our choice of "Working or not Eating" and settled

down to business for another year when all eyes will be turned toward the city of the Pan-American exposition where we all expect to meet again in 1901.



P. M. Wolsieffer has received the Century album published by Stanley Gibbons of London. The album contains spaces for all U. S. stamps and makes a very good showing.



Visitors in Chicago are getting to be quite numerous of late and among them we noticed Warren E. Burton, Lake Geneva, Wis., N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill., H. O. Crowell, Cleveland, O. and G. D. McKeel, St. Louis, Mo.



The Prairie State Philatelist has changed from a monthly to a bi-monthly commencing with October number.



The Chicago Philatelic Society will hereafter hold an auction sale every three weeks. The next sale will be held Nov. 10. The sale in December will be composed of wholesale lots only.



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## HOW TO GET OLD STAMPS.

My philatelic friends often express surprise at the amount of old U. S. stamps I sometimes bring from a trip through our little Nutmeg State.

The secret of getting old United States stamps is to visit some small town and get acquainted with the post master. When you and he are well known to each other, lead the conversation around to stamp collecting. Tell him that good stamps are often to be found in small post offices. Set him interested and have him look over his stock of stamps.

Now is the time to keep your nerve. Even if he should stan you by laying out the 90c of the '68 issue do not show it, but glance at it and lay it down very much as though it was nothing out of the common.

When he has laid out all he has, glance them over and decide how many of those treasures your purse can pay for at face value.

Remark to the post master that there is nothing very rare in these stamps and then say you guess you will take these 90c stamps for a friend who collects sheets or blocks. If you have not got "dough" to take them all at once get as many as you can, and don't excite the post master or make him believe that they are of any special value. Thus you may become the possessor of many rare and valuable stamps.

My latest find was a block of four

of the 10c of 1872. The above was worth about \$40. H. B. Steele.

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