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Some U. S. Revenues.

The new high value revenues were on sale September 13th, exactly one year after the low values were put on sale. How long will it be before cancelled specimens find their way into collectors' albums? It seems probable that it will be some time before \$500 or \$1,000 stamps will be found used, and they undoubtedly command high prices when they are offered. Another effect of the new trio will be to advance the price of \$50, as under any circumstances these will now be used only singly instead of in blocks and it is very doubtful if the wholesale destruction of incorporation papers and mortgages will ever again be permitted. Forty cent, 80c, \$5 and \$10 stamps are still very difficult to obtain in quantities.

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This paper and the PHILATELIC
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CIRCULATION 4500.



Geo. W. Starnaman, a member of the firm of Starnaman Bros., publishers of THE PHILATELIC ADVOCATE, was born at Berlin, Pa., and has been a stamp collector for about eight years. He is violinist in Prof. Zuelker's famous Philharmonic Society's orchestra and is also secretary-treasurer of the D. P. A.

Advantages of Stamp Collecting.

THE subject of stamp collecting is receiving more attention to-day than was afforded to it ten or twenty years ago. Views on the question of its utility in all phases of life have changed. It is a scientific pastime of national and universal interest.

The advantages securing from an intimate knowledge of philately are manifold. Numberless students of the subject, old and young, can testify to the personal pleasure and profit derived from a longer or shorter connection with the stamp album. But it is, perhaps to the younger collector that the advantages especially appeal as serving to develop latent energies, leading to increased usefulness when entering upon professional or business life.

If we accept the testimony of many experienced schoolmasters, those boys who have learned the pleasure and profit to be derived from the strange album excel in their studies, exhibiting greater in otherwise uninteresting subjects adapted to quick perception, habits of industry and especially painstaking methods of performing school or other duties, however trivial.

The difference between what one might call the old new methods of collecting is worth noting. Speaking of British collectors recent years it is remarked that "English collectors were philatelists—they study their stamps." And here

variation of the present system of stamp collecting from that practiced in earlier days, by the conscientious collector who accumulated specimens as they came across his path without any design or other peculiarity will not derive the same instruction from collecting as the collector who studies and classifies his stamps according to individual taste. It is the latter class from which may be said is derived the scientific utility of the pastime which gives it its educational properties.

(To Be Continued.)

Princess Maud of Wales now the wife of Prince Charles of Denmark, possesses a very fine collection of postage stamps, in which she takes great interest, and which she has arranged after a plan of her own. Each page of her album is mounted on fine cardboard and framed with a handsome vignette, painted by the princess herself. Not all of these vignettes are alike, and they are so arranged as to give the proper space for the postage stamps to be mounted upon the pages.

The present postage stamps of Finland are to be withdrawn from circulation after January 1st, 1880, and the Russian stamps alone will be used in that country. The postage stamps of Finland are of the same value as the Russian stamps, and will be used in the same manner as the Russian stamps.

Greeting.

In presenting this first number of the Philatelic Spectator we launch our frail craft on the sea of Philatelic journalism. We know that faults can be found with our first number but we intend to enlarge our paper next month and improve each month thereafter and solicit your suggestions and advertising.

We have secured the services of Mr East of York and other prominent writers to furnish with the latest news of interest to stamp collectors. Our ad. rates are only 13c an inch and should reach us by the 20th of the month.

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The JUBILEE PHILATELIST has appeared. The CHICAGO PHILATELIST after publishing one number which was a very creditable has been discontinued on account of a financial loss sustained by the publishers.

Look for premium list in November number.

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The Philatelic Spectator.

L. 1. BERLIN, NOVEMBER, 1899. NO. 2.

Holland's New Stamps.

BY EAST.

On August 1st a complete new set of stamps was issued in Holland, the newspaper stamps of 1, 2, 2½c having numeral of value in the center, the higher values ranging from 3c to 5 florins, bearing a new portrait of Queen Wilhelmina with value in lower corners.

Philately vs. Courting.

In the back parlor the youngster was entertaining a few friends and getting possession of their best duplicates in exchange for the latest cargo of Seebecks. Stamp matters in general were, of course, under discussion.

In the front parlor his sister was entertaining her best beau. The gas was turned down, but the young man was mentally execrating the fashion which had caused the door between the two rooms to be removed and an unsubstantial partition substituted.

To an observer it would have seemed as if the night was suddenly growing shorter — by hitches. When the low tones of the young man, intended for her ears alone, might have been heard. For months he had been on the ragged edge

of asking the all-important question, and having finally nerved himself for the ordeal, was bound to have it over with as soon as possible. Said he:

"My own dear, precious—"

"Godfish!" came in extra loud tones from the other room. The boys were discussing the stamps of Newfoundland, but the young man didn't know it. Not much disconcerted, he continued:

Darling. For a long time I have felt an aching void in my—"

"Interior." Johnnie had just received a box of unused specimens from a Washington dealer.

"Hearts which I feel that nothing can fill

except—"

"Pineapple." One of the boys had been examining the watermark on a Jamaican.

"Your own dear self," the young man hurriedly continued. I assure you that I care nothing for your—"

"Revenues." The word was just what the young man wanted, and he accept it.

"I feel whenever I gaze upon your beautiful countenance—"

"Face idiotic. Nose crooked. Ear prominent. The boys reading from a catalogue description of die differences in the U. S. envelopes.

"And your perfect form—"

"Back of bust rather broad. Chin sloping

considerably. Has no side whiskers." The boys were still on the envelopes. The young man was getting rather nervous, but he struggled bravely on.

"I know that I would not give you up—"

"A twenty-five cent bond " The boys had shifted to revenues.

"Anything in the world. To be with you I could give up—"

"Playing cards."

"Anything." He snapped it out emphatically. The young man was beginning to get agitated. Big sister was undecided whether to laugh or to cry. He had reached his climax.

"Now, dear will you consent to be—"

"Carefully perforated."

"Of course! I am able to support you and help you in—"

"Old paper."

"Er—the best. As to my personal habits, you know that they are good, and I never drink anything stronger than—"

"Deep claret." The rise in prices of dues was occupying the attention of the back parlor.

"Water, or perhaps—"

"Perry Davis' Pain Killer." Johnnie was talking medicine stamps. The young man was growing desperate.

"Coffee. And if you will only accept me I will live in a—"

"Post office," Some of the boys had got

back to departments again."

"New house which I have recently built over in Maplewood. I can promise you that our married life will be nothing if not harmonious, and that between us there shall be nothing but—

"War."

That settled it. The young man suddenly remembered that it was getting late, and Johnny is now wondering why his sister has taken such an aversion to his stamp collection. He is also wondering why she let such a good catch slip through her fingers.

Eastern Philatelic

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- No. 5. ½ inch ad in this paper.
- No. 6. 1000 Perfect hinges
- No. 7. Fac-simile of Imperial Xmas Stamp size 10 by 15 inches and history of Canadian postage stamps.
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Editorials.

The Berlin correspondent of the ERA said in his report that on one page of our first issue eight different kinds of type were used. This is false. Put on your spectacles Bro. Gillar and take another course at the Public School and you may learn to count after all.

Bro. Stone another writer of the ERA talked very hard things about the imperfectness of our DEBUT number. I wonder if he was always perfect at his first trial.

However we thank the above two wise characters for the cheap ads they gave us, and if the subscriptions keep rushing in as they have been, we hope they will continue inserting ads at such low rates.

Among the philatelic papers we have received—The Philatelic Chronicle, a new paper published by H. E. Williams from Charlotte, Mich. It is pretty good for No. 1 and we wish them success.

The Northwestern Philatelist is another new paper edited and published by Ray I. Ellis, and Jos. C. Richard. It contained eight pages and cover and is mailed at Elk Point, S. Dak.

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Chas. Bachman,

Berlin, Ct.

ADVANTAGES OF STAMP COLLECTING.

(CONTINUED.)

The state that philately teaches history, geography and other sciences is correct, if we are earnest in collecting and seek these advantages in our progress. Geography is somewhat a dry study, but with the stamp album a fresh interest is aroused in the subject, a system of inquiry is instituted, and the stamp collector soon finds himself entering almost unconsciously into geographical positions of countries little known to their inhabitants, noting history, products, and other details which by the beautiful designs of present-day issues are portrayed to the pages of the stamp album.

Thus far we have advocated some of the influences of stamp collecting. A closer acquaintance with the album will be found to convey insight in the modern arts. Engraving, including stereology, electrotypy, the differences between the process and all engraving and lithographing, colour printing, duplicating by still processes, and all the attendant branches of postage stamp reproductions are brought before the stamp collector. Paper making; the differences between laid, wove and other varieties, are also learned and in many ways, too numerous for further explanation here, the stamp collector in the exercise of his propensities, is on the royal road to knowledge.



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100 letter heads

100 envelopes with name and address.

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Hints to Collectors.

Be collected only genuine stamps in good condition; forgeries should not be placed in the album.

Before being stuck in the album, the stamps ought to be cleaned, by putting them on water, the printed side upwards, thus removing the adhesive paper; after having cleaned the stamp, dry it between sheets of blotting paper. Now the stamp is ready for the album. In order to be able to take the stamps easily out of it again, e. g. if to be placed in another book, or if put in wrong place, it must not be stuck on, as was formerly the fashion, with gum, but small pieces of gummed paper must be used, about 1 inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide, stick the one half on the

stamp, pinch the other half down, and stick the stamp in the album.

Several countries furnish their stamps with watermarks; these are worked into the paper by weaving the figure upon the wire-work which the paper-mass (pulp) flows over; thus less papermass is retained on the design, which naturally appears transparent.

These watermarks are discernible by holding the stamps up to the light after having them cleaned.

U. S. Notes

Uncle Sam is going to have some more revenue stamps, but they will be so highly priced that only a very rich collector can afford to put them in his album. The three denominations will be \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, and the latter will be the first one finished. It will show the portrait of Madison and be printed in two colours. The

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1888.

WHEN ANSWERING ADS MENTION P. S.

portraits for the other two have not as yet been
 elected, but they will also be bi-colored. A
 decided innovation is to be introduced by hav-
 ing each one of these stamps numbered so that a
 record can be kept of each specimen. What the
 idea of this is has not been announced, but it
 would seem to be the result of the recent theft
 of revenue stamps in New York and the counter-
 feiting of cigar stamps in Philadelphia.

Germany Notes

Quite recently a Berlin house advertised that it was sending a representative round the world who, for a trifling sum, would send cards from the towns he touched at to customers. Another Berlin firm takes a person's photo and while he waits prints the same on cards. Of late a further development has taken place. Germany's most prominent artists have been invited to produce designs for the backs of cards, and for which sums are paid. Cards with designs of Professor Menzel the well known painter of historical scenes from the life of Frederick the Great, and by Professor Paul Meyerheim, Germany's greatest animal painter, have come on the market, and though each costs nearly one shilling, they have a great sale.

Professor Meyerheim's represents a bear holding in one paw the tricolor and in the other a bouquet of flowers which he is presenting to the

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We are sorry that we could not write any editorials for this month owing to lack of time.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

We wish to inform our readers that, with the January number, this paper has been completely re-arranged and improved in style, size, and appearance.

The size of the journal will be about 6 1/2 inches and will contain no less than eight pages and cover. The ad rates will be as follows:—

space	value
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2 "	.30
$\frac{1}{2}$ page	.50
$\frac{1}{4}$ "	.00
1 "	2.00



I have a small "Excelsior" printing press for sale. It is a hand press with foot power attachment and will print a form 2 by 3 inches. I will sell it for \$3.50.

Geo. E. Mueller,

Berlin, Ont.

Russian doubleheaded eagle. The latter holds in each beak a sealed letter, and the Russian Government is evidently concerned as to what the contents of these letters may be. A telegram from St. Petersburg recently announced that the censor forbids the circulation of the card throughout Russian dominions.

Germany is soon to have postal agencies on Caroline Islands in the Pacific Ocean, having acquired title to these islands by purchase from Spain. The first agencies will probably be established at Yap at Ponape. A special issue of stamps bearing the surcharge of "Karolinen Inseln." In two lines diagonally across the face of the stamp is being prepared in Berlin.

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THE PHILATELIC SPECTATOR.

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Interesting Notes.

Argentine Republic has issued a new series of stamps. The steel engraving represents the republic sitting, the right arm resting on the national shield, with the River de la Plate and a rising sun, as a background; above is the inscription "Republica Argentina." And paper of these stamps has on the back a sun as water mark. The values of these stamps are $\frac{1}{4}$, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 30 and 50 centavos; they are printed in one colour each, and bear in the lower corners the value in figure and in the middle the word 'centavos' The stamps of 1, 5, 10 and 20 pesos are larger and printed in two colours. They have the value in the left upper corner in figures and in letters at the base.

The colours are: $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo, bistre; 1 centavo, green; 2 centavo, indigo; 5 centavo, carmine; 10 centavo, dark green; 12 centavo, sky blue; 16 centavo, orange; 20 centavo, dark carmine; 24 centavo, violet; 30 centavo, rose; 50 centavo, Prussian blue; 1 peso, green and black; 5 peso, orange and black; 10 peso, green and black; 20 peso, carmine and black.

It is reported that the South American Bank Note Company has a new set in preparation for Brazil; if so this may account for the numerous surcharges on old stock now being issued. The latest to hand is the 100 reis envelope, red surcharged, 200 reis in blue.

The 50 reis adhesive (Scott No. 115) now comes perf. $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 and the 200 r. of same type. 9 and $9 \times 11\frac{1}{4}$. An unpaid letter stamp of the 1895 type (Scott U 2) value 300 reis blue, perf., has been issued. Many errors of surcharge in the 1899 series, as was expected, are now cropping up.

The supply of the 15c Canada stamp, which in varying shades of lilac has done duty since 1868, is said to be at last exhausted. It is probable that no more will be issued, as since the adoption of the 2c domestic rate it is but little required.

The colour of the Canada 2c letter card has been changed from green to carmine and the 1c from black to green.

It is said that a serious error has been made in the die of the special-delivery stamp of Cuba. The inscription at the bottom contains the word "immediate." The correct form of the word in Spanish is "inmediata." An error of this nature will certainly be corrected, and the stamp in the current form is likely to be valuable, as special-delivery forms are of limited use.

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U S Notes.

It is very likely that there never will be any special stamps issued for Hawaii. It is said that the present supply of values above five cents is large enough to last until the first of February, at which time the United States Government contemplates some change in the postal regulations of the island. Thus the changes which have been made in colour in the one, two, and five cent stamps are likely to be all that we shall have until the set to the Republic of Hawaii is discontinued altogether. All surcharges and discontinued stamps of United States colonies are certain to advance rapidly in value in the next few years. Collectors should give some attention also to countries of the West Indian group which are not now included in American possessions. The Dominion Republic and Hayti are countries concerning which interest is likely to increase very rapidly.

It is not likely that United States stamps will be surcharged for use in the United States colonies for any great length of time. It is stated by Washinton correspondents that an order has already gone forth in relation to stamps of Porto Rico, which makes it probable that no further sets will be surcharged for use in that island. The rate of postage will be the same as to any part of the United States, and this being the case, there is no reason why a distinction should be made between the island and any other American territory.

New Jamaicans.

New issues for Jamaica and others of the British West Indies are certain to attract attention very soon to the stamps of these islands. It is noticeable that whenever a new issue is made that is in itself attractive, collectors immediately desire to complete their collections of the older issues of the country. Many of the earlier stamps of Jamaica, and of the West Indies generally, are low in price, and within the means of young collectors. Especial attention may be profitably directed to them.

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BERLIN, ONT.

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*Editorials.*

We have now appeared in a larger form and as this is the first number in the year 1900 we wish to start in the New Year with a determined effort.

Although our paper was somewhat slim the first few numbers, we have not forgotten the motto, "Where there's a will there's a way," and we wish to carry it out. But we cannot accomplish this task without any aid,

therefor we beg of all philatelists to give us their support both in advertising and subscriptions of which the rates are very low. But these rates will not remain so low as we intend to raise them within several months, so you better advertise your goods while the ad rates are low.

We have just purchased a new press with which we are capable of doing a fine line of letter heads, bill heads, note heads, envelopes, approval sheets and all kinds of printed stationary required by every up-to-date stamp dealer.

Erwin Bros. two popular stamp and coin dealers of St. Catharines Ont. left with the second contingent for South Africa.

The December issue of "Energy" is to be mailed with January number.

Some years ago the Department at Ottawa passed a law, prohibiting any body to print or manufacture in any way fac-similes of any stamps from any country in the world.

Many Canadian publishers of philatelic papers have not observed this law and had the matter been well attended to, many of the above mentioned might have been accused of defrauding and perhaps severely punished in some way.

We have received several reports that the Post Master General has notified several Canadians published publishing firms to discontinue using stamp cuts in their papers.

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## Philatelic Journals.

Since our last issue we have received the following: The phrases after the date are the headings to the articles printed therein.

Bay State Philatelist Vol. 3, No. 2, Feb.

What shall we do with Counterfeits or reprints? Notes. Phil. Toronto. Herald Exchange. Vol. 5, No. 5, Jan. Explanation of the Less Intelligible Postage Stamps. Chicag. Notes Pertinent Paragraphs, Miscellaneous. C. A. L. T. Recent Acquisitions to the Institute Collectors of stamps. Canadian Notes. German (Division)

Jubilee Philatelist. Vol. 1, No. 4, Jan. A Possibility. London Notes. Montreal Notes. Boston Notes. Toronto Notes.

Evergreen State Philatelist. Vol 13, No. 68, Jan.

Notes for U. S. Collectors. Old and new Issues. One view of the minor variety question.

Juniors' Collector. Vol. 1, No. 9, Dec. Mr. B. L. Doak, Study your Stamps. Notes etc. Pick Ups.

Energy. Vol. 2, No. 2, Dec. The Iron of Remorse. A Mournful Mistake. Ways of fighting death. A Sermon to Journalists. Society Keep-to-manics.

Nebraska Philatelist. Vol. 1, No. 8, Nov.-Dec.

The rise and fall of Postage Stamps. Washington Notes. Canadian Items. Omaha Notes. Random Notes. Seen in Boston. Chicago Notes. Philatelic Advocate Jan., (too late.)

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### PART I

#### INTRODUCKSHUN.

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dold you vot, it vos A large pig und full egsbeerients of meinselfs on dose shtemp lines und shenerals Prince-peoples, so it vos. Each spay silly, about dad un PurrFurrRatend boat A toe stempel. Hans vos know fool neater becaus I vos gone to skule on mein dime, dot is ven I vos not so young ass I vos now, becaus I vos porn dat vay und becaus I vos learn me dot Eenglich lengwitch booty gyk beekaws I was von chained Nasion allytie dot I lern me dot lenkwitch, becaus it vos most ueyshyssara to no all dose Lenkwitches, in a Merry caw to do peennis mit von wonanother und dot I vos abel to reed me dose beducef fool signs on dose perferaid shtemps on dit? Ya dat vos so.

But to come beck to mein skule dimes ven I vos ah buoy we vos to haf to lern Inghish Grammer in dose shtemp how, yes yes way oop down dare bil w in Hei dell berg in Counter of Waderloo Brovinces of ontario, eh? I will del yu how it vaas. It vos dis va ge-deitsher vos give us de lessant fun del Inklish Crammer so dad we vos apelt to lern me dat Crammer lessant ven we vos go home. Good buy.

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WHOLE NO. 5

## INTERESTING NOTES

Philatelists will learn with interest that Finnish postage stamps are to be superseded by Russian, writes a Finnish correspondent of the London Chronicle. The Russian Minister of Interior has informed the Finnish Senate that by virtue of the Postal Regulations Decree of 1890, Finnish postage stamps will not be available for foreign correspondence after January 1, 1900, nor for inland postage after June 1, of that year, Russia's stamps taking their place. The instructions do not state whether their money value will go to the Russian Exchequer or to that of the Grand Duchy. It may be that Russia intends in this way to appropriate a not inconsiderable portion of the Finnish revenue. I ought to mention here that Russian stamps have for the last eight or nine years been on sale in Finland, and that their use has been optional. Curiously enough, the Russian stamps, by reason of exchange, are slightly cheaper than the Finnish, and occasionally people availed themselves of this small economy. Lately this had aroused considerable indignation, and the recipients of letters bearing Russian stamps conceived the plan of sending the names of their correspondents to the papers, which published a daily list of the delinquents, and thus the practice has been put a stop to. But

the change of stamps is, except to collectors, not in itself of great importance.

In the matter of catalogues and albums, the difficulty of the present day is that of an embarrassment of riches, the albums being so numerous that it is hard to choose between them and the catalogues so full of detail as to be a puzzle to the beginner rather than an aid.

A collector who goes in for minor varieties to any beyond the most limited extent can only collect in a blank album; his catalogue will show him what there is to be collected, and he can surely arrange his stamps in accordance with the catalogue without requiring numbered spaces to show him where to put each specimen. What is really wanted by the beginner is a classified catalogue, including, or at least indicating, every possible variety, but at the same time separating the more important from those that are less so; giving, first, lists, as one might say, of stamps in their various designs, colours and values, as recognized by the Post Offices, followed by lists of the varieties recognized by philatelists, and these varieties further classified as far as can be done, according to their relative importance from a scientific point of view. Thus the beginner be taught how to begin, and at the same time would have before his eyes the road that he might pursue if he desires to become a philatelist.

## INTERESTING NOTES.

(Continued.)

The death of Mr. Trifet, the stamp dealer, of Boston, recalls the story of how a notorious thief was brought to justice through Mr. Trifet. It was in November, 1895, that a man entered his office and offered for sale a part of a sheet of rare stamps. Mr. Trifet had several years previously prepared a collection of stamps for Mr. Peabody, of Milton Mass., the stamps being mounted on specially prepared sheets. Mr. Trifet recognized the stamps, and asked the man if he had other stamps, and learned that he had. Purchasing the set, a series of Virgin island stamps, he told the man to return next day with the other. When he came the police were waiting for him. The remainder of the stamps were found at his house, and a further search revealed trunk loads of silverware, silks and furs, and more than \$100,000 worth of goods. From all over the State people came to recover the stolen property, and it was found that the goods represented fifty-four burglaries. Altogether it was the most comprehensive police haul ever made in Massachusetts.

Emperor William of Germany is interested in everything, from cooking to warfare; and now has taken to philately. He has personally drawn a sketch for a postage stamp, which is to be introduced throughout the Empire this year. It is intended to glorify the union between Northern and Southern Germany, and will show two soldiers—one a Prussian, the other a Bavarian—shaking hands beneath the patron saint of the Germans, St. Michael, who soars

towards heaven. To either side of the soldiers there is a landscape, one an Alpine scene from Southern Bavaria, the other a rocky cliff on the shores of the Baltic on the Island of Rugoe.

The sale of another big European collection is reported in London. Mr. F. Breifuss, of Russia, has purchased the Nuthall collection, paying about \$60,000 for it. It is in thirty-six volumes. It is Mr. Breifuss' intention to amalgamate the collection with his own. When this is done it will probably be the third best in the world, the two better ones being those of Mr. Ferrari, of Paris, and that in the British Museum.

The Fernando Po stamps with the baby head are evidently destined for large advance in prices. Seventy five cents is asked by an Eastern firm for the ½c slate, which is catalogued at five cents. Although there are only two dozen postage stamps listed for this country, it has never been a very popular country with the average collector.

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## U. S. Notes.

There was recently a large sale of carriers' stamps from the F. W. Hunter collection in New York. The largest buyer was H. L. Calman, of the Scott Stamp Company who represented over a hundred collectors. J. C. Bidwell was a heavy buyer also on behalf of a large number of philatelists.

The lots offered at sale were of carriers, newspaper, unpaid letter, telegraph and local stamps, wrappers, envelopes and plate numbers, which, while rare are not so much desired by collectors and do not bring such good prices as postage stamps. The carriers' stamps brought the highest prices. Mr. Bidwell buying a New York carrier's stamp—two cent on three cent. on original cover—the only copy known, for \$261, the highest price paid at the sale. H. L. Calman bought a New York carrier's stamp of 1846 49. type C26: two cent red, cut close at left, pen cancelled, for \$125. Other sales were made but too numerous to mention.

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*Editorials.*

The Saturday Mail and Empire have discontinued their stamp department owing to the commencement of so many stamp Pape s and the Saturday Globe has commenced one.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of an Auction Sale Catalogue of U. S. and Foreign stamps. No. 19. It is from C. H. Holden, Cedar Rapids, Mich. It contains 140 lots of stamps cataloguing from 60c to \$30.00. It was to be and most likely was held on February 25th.

The Mount Royal Philatelist is announced from Montreal, Can. Editor—C. E. A. Homes.

The Buckeye Philatelist has discontinued publication.

Energy has been changed to a strictly philatelic paper. (Something better is expected Bro. Weaver.)

The Ohio Philatelist is now Official Organ of the Canadian Philatelic Club. The publisher also announces that his paper shall be enlarged to 5 x 7 with next issue and we hope that it proves successful.

We have received another neat little price list of Canadian and foreign postage stamps from A. R. Magill of Montreal, Can. This is a very well gotten up price list and the prices are reasonable. It is worth sending 2 cents to A. R. Magill for postage for such a price list.

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### PART II.



Can Tin you'd from latch time. Und dot vos go hoam mit der roat, und he say, der Dee-itcher he say, say he, you Grim-mer saul ers go mit in der Shtor und pie dad Grim-mer-pook so you all vos ape el do know it off buy your hard pie to-

more-row, ven you come to skule again do lern me dose Engleech leng-witches frum dot goot pook. He say, will you do dot? und ve all say mit von a cord yes-her-he, we vill, und der Dee-itcher he say, dee price vos on-ly d'went he fife sence, und he say dad vos only ah numb E Neil some, furr so goot ah pook was dad, pecaws ve all effery won of us wood drife grate Bennyfits frum it in beaf ore aft her ears, ven wee vos groan up. Vel wee awl taught der same. Sew wee awl put our yung in teller gents he is do get her, und ve awl egg-ree dot is vos pest so ass vot der Dee-itcher say. So ve awl go mit von a nun er each bay hymn or, her seffs und go to dot pook shtor to ple won of dose Englis! Grey mares. Bud ven i Sauer kraut Michel order wise Limpburger Hannes vos got to dad shtor, vot you gall him? You no. He vos just lif write a cross dot shtreed vot wee comb frum, just like dose shtreeds bot run on a pare oh! lell of won you are an otter; see miller just like dose egg-reece ya! dot vos so. It now shtruck mine mind wen dot odder fell her hid me on

der shmeller, ach mine grey she hoase dot vos funny. Dot shtor's name vos Hennerle Say loon und chair money quetch i vill debt you beat if U vill gall round on mine Gin rail ni comb a rows Imp roar E yum shtor. Ach tear oh me, dot booty eggs press on mit dose sign on dot shtor vos near lay dake der bread frum me away, for Sauerkraut Hannesses conin sti too shun vos wad some Delhigate onnie away. Dot dake away bread sign inlarge Cold-en let hers vos der name on per shtor hows, bud aber pare vos annodder, shmawler von, a leedle fordher down on dot Sir loon shtor, witch add for ties awl der fowl low ing koots in eggs chains. Vell! Hear it vos een fool.

No Teas! Der unner sined mit dese ginrail shtor vill egg janes shtraw heads, Pale ale und all pales, to boat Stout & Lean, Lager Beer, nooly Brood me in Monts old von last you lie, only tree sends a glass, vell dot vos sheep in hof, hafe un hef, und vot vill U haf?

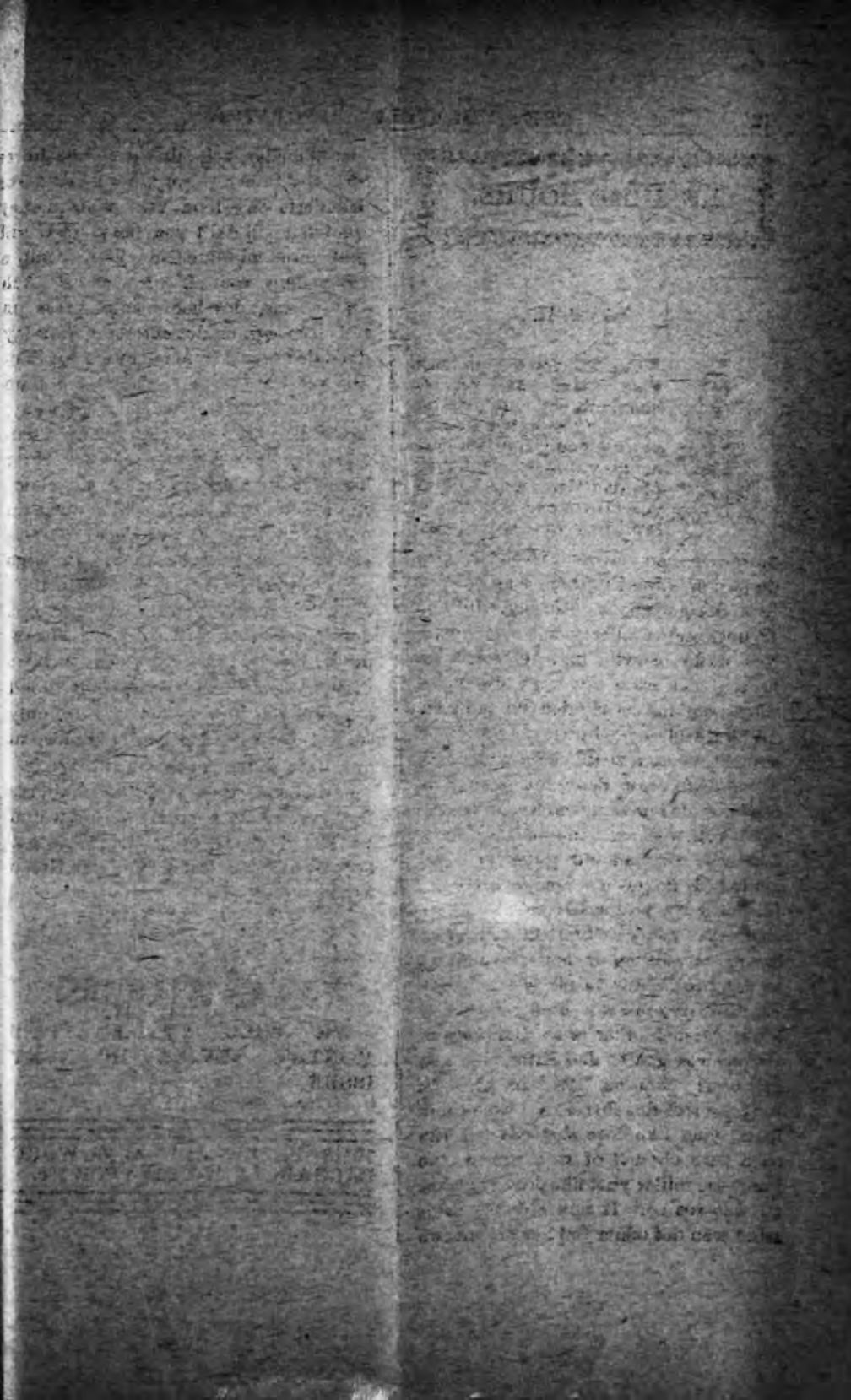
i vill haf der same. Mill on hair ess furr der Lay dees mit a red Fowler und an Oats chief on top, awl died do get her mit a booty full yellor und Green kipon

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WHOLE No. 6.

## INTERESTING NOTES.

The new Hungarian issue of stamps comes in for sharp criticism, as being ugly and inartistic.

Tasmania is issuing a new pictorial series of stamps. The 1d and 2d stamps recently issued, show pictures of Mount Wellington, the highest peak in the island, and a view of Hobart.

The new Austrian stamps will be in upright rectangular form, with perforated edges, and will be printed on paper provided with safety silk threads. Stamps of the holler values will present a portrait of the Emperor, facing to the left, surrounded by a band which will bear the word "heller" at top and bottom, and the words "Kais. Konigl. Oesterr. Post" (Imperial Royal Austrian Post) at the right and left. These inscriptions will be in colour on white ground in the values from 1 to 30 heller, and in white on coloured ground in the 40, 50 and 60 heller. The band will be broken at the four corners by labels for the numerals of value, round for the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 heller, square; for the 10, 20, 25 and 30 heller, and hexagons for the 40, 50 and 60 heller. The postage stamps of 1, 2 and 4 crowns also bear the portrait of the Emperor,

but it will be facing to the right and impressed in relief. It is to be framed by a chain of pearls and also by an oval band for the inscription, on which, on a coloured ground, there will appear on both sides the inscription "Kais. Konigl. Oesterr. Post," and at top and bottom, also on coloured ground, the inscription "Kronen." This oval band is also interrupted at the four corners by circles, which will bear the numerals of value in white on a coloured ground. At the bottom of these stamps will appear the inscription "Eine Krone" (Zwie Kronen, Vier Kronen) on a horizontally shaded ground.

The man who has actually collected a million postage stamps lives in Dorchester, Mass. When the sister of G. H. Frost, a retired sea captain, some years ago saw the fake tory that a million cancelled postage stamps would secure admission for aged women, she set him at work. Beginning in October 1890 Captain Frost has now done the job. After he learned that he was on a fruitless quest, the joy of collecting had taken such hold of him that he did not stop. Capt. Frost's spoil is thus classified: One and two cent stamps, 778,000; 3 to 15 cent, 22,000; 3 to 61 cent, Columbian issue, 8500; 3 to 16 cent, Omaha issue, 14,500; foreign, 10,000; one and two cent stamped en-

velopes, 167,000. The stamps, which are on small pieces of the original envelopes fill 10 bushel boxes. "My friends are asking me what I shall do with the stamps," says Capt. Frost. "I am sure I don't know."

## THE TRANSVAAL STAMPS.

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The philatelic outlook in Africa is a reaching one. The end of the war will presumably be the annexation of both the Orange Free State and the South African Republic. That will mean that for some time these countries will be administered as English Crown Colonies, and finally given their own colonial government. Then, beyond that, comes up the further question of African federation, when all the South African Colonies will be joined into one commonwealth, after the style of the Canadian Dominion. For some years the question of African Federation has been slowly ripening for ultimate settlement, and now this war will no doubt clear the way unmistakably for an early realisation of some scheme of federation. Hence, the outlook in South Africa, from a philatelic point of view, is crowded with interesting problems that cannot fail to be of absorbing interest to the philatelist. Postage stamps mark great historical changes; they are veritable milestones in the world's history, and he who busies himself in their collection finds himself profoundly and irresistibly interested in the daily development of great events.

As to the present market, Transvaal and Orange Free State are naturally having a brisk boom. The demand for modern Transvaals has been enormous. The oldest issues have also been having a turn, but their turn will come after the modern issues have been secured and the appetite has been whetted. The older issues people imagine they can wait for better than the modern, which they calculate are more likely to rise quickly than the already highly priced older issues. And to a certain extent they are right. But by and by they will learn to realize how few of the older issues there are to go round and that of a necessity many will have to go short.

However, perhaps a word or two may be of service in picking up modern issues of the Transvaal. Of the 1885 issue there are various perforations. In Scott's Catalogue these are all jumbled up together. But those perf. 12½ are very scarce and should be secured as soon as possible. At double Scott's Catalogue they will be bargains. The ½d gray, Scott's No. 88, is selling at all sorts of prices, from 1s 3d to 10s a d over, and is the rarest of the lot. Only the ½d, 4d, 6d and 1s are found perf. 13½.

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F. W. Wurtele of Montreal who tries to play editor for the Montreal Philatelist has accused us of theft. He said in his March number that we stole articles out of his paper and inserted them in our January number. He also stated that he guessed that I either begged, borrowed or stole a copy of his paper but we would like to let editor Wurtele know that, never since the M. P. is in existence, have we had such a great desire for it as to go around begging or even go as far as stealing his paper. The editor or whate'er he calls himself also states that he has never received a copy of any issue of Vol. I of this paper and I know that we have mailed him more than one copy of our previous issues although I do not know if they ever reached him or not but I do know that it is not likely that all SPECTATORS have gone astray and that if a person tells one falsehood, as Mr. W. has done in the March issue, he liable to tell more.

He also quotes or at least tries to quote four words from the heading of our review column says we say "since our last issue" which should really be "Since our last issue." Then again he expects us to review his paper when the last copy we received was dated July-August 1899. Surely Mr Wurtele you are not so old that you are becoming childish for having such awkward ideas. We do not want your stale news nor do we want to pass off your ideas for ours and I can tell you that we have just as much brain as you have and demand of you to prove

the statement that we stole your reading matter and we would also be pleased to know the name of the author of that wonderful article about which you make such a fuss.

It seems that you are having trouble with others for having such a big "gab." Never howl before making investigations. This is all I have to say but I hope you will learn to behave after this, my lad. G. E. M.

We have received a price list of postage stamps, stamp albums and philatelic supplies, from R. S. Mason, Hamilton, Ont. Can. It consists of 12 pages and a cover, is illustrated and contains prices of stamps which every beginner or even advanced collectors can make use of. Every philatelist should have a copy.

We sincerely regret the death of a stamp paper, the Herald Exchange which after issuing 42 numbers has been consolidated with the Allegheny Philatelist. Mr. Tausig had to give up the paper as other business needed his time. The Allegheny Philatelist will now commence a German department which is to be managed by Mr. Tausig. The paper will hereafter be known as "The Allegheny Philatelist and Herald Exchange."

The Twin-City Philatelic Association has been organized here in Berlin with Rev. R. von Pirch as president. Too much space would be required to mention the names of all the officers.

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| Collectors' Companion      | 1    | 6    |
| Evergreen State Phil.      | 13   | 3    |
| Juniors' Collector         | 1    | 11   |
| Nebraska Philatelist       | 1    | 10   |
| Ohio Philatelist           | 1    | 6    |
| Philatelic Advocate        | 8    | 2    |
| " " "                      | 8    | 3    |
| Philatelic Chronicle       | 1    | 5    |
| Philatelic West etc.       | 11   | 3    |
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The Auxiliary Philatelist though very small, contains some interesting information.

The Allegheny Philatelist with the March number gobbles up the Herald Exchange. Mr. Tausig having found that other business needed his time, could no longer run it and do justice to both the paper and his work. Its former subscribers will not lose Mr. Tausig altogether as he will be assistant editor having charge of the German department which is to commence in the next issue. Bros. Kiefer will call their paper the "Allegheny Philatelist and Herald Exchange." The March No contained any any amount of reading matter as well as some good ads.

Since last issue we have received two numbers of the Bay State Philatelist March and April. The latter consists of eight pages and no cover but the publishers may be excused as a big May number is promised.

The Collectors' Companion contains a history of Canadian postage stamps written by A. R. Margill and is to be continued in the March number. The Philatelic Literature Collector has been consolidated with the Companion and the editor of the former will act as associate editor of the latter.

The Evergreen State Philatelist for March contains 10 pages of ads and scarcely five of general reading matter. On the front outside cover Mr French presents us with a sketch of "Sunrise on Mt. Hood from Lost

Lake." This paper has now issued 70 numbers and is becoming quite old but still looks very fresh.

In the Juniors' Collector the first article that caught my eye was "A Short talk to Juniors." It is written by H. Cuapman and contains some very good advice for juniors. It is Official Organ of the U. S. Philatelic Association.

Montreal Philatelist—See editorials

The Ohio Philatelist has now appeared in enlarged form. On the front cover appears the likeness of C. E. A. Holmes of Montreal, editor of the Mount Royal Philatelist.

The Philatelic Advocate for March contained a cut of W. Russel Brown and of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Starman, the parents of the publishers of that paper. There is some interesting reading matter.

The Philatelic Chronicle contains a likeness of John Starr a candidate for vice-president of the League of Michigan Philatelists, a list of bad boys and some useful reading.

Would like to exchange with more philatelic publications.

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## U. S. NOTES.

It is amusing to hear the wailings of the collectors over the the proposed new issue of stamps for the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, next year. The fair officials want the stamps to advertise the project, and the Post Office Department is willing to issue them, providing the expense is not too great, and the only objectors are the stamp collectors. Omaha, they complain, had nine special stamps, and we must buy them to make our collection complete. Not at all. There is no compulsion upon any one to buy stamp to put in an album. Stamps are made to pay postage on letters and packages, and the Buffalo stamps will do that. Those who do not want to buy them may purchase the ordinary kind and be happy. If the Omaha and Buffalo stamps are "mere labels" they should not be collected, and the decision rests entirely with the collector. The trouble with the collector is that he is not consistent. He wants stamps of all varieties, and he would like to have a complete collection, and yet he protests when governments issue new stamps. He thinks that after he completes his album there should be no more stamps issued, so that what he has will become more valuable. If he will persist in buying every new issue he will continue to be a victim. Why does he not check speculative issues by ceasing to buy them? That is a simple remedy.

The United States has never sold the space on the reverse side of its postage stamps for advertising purposes, in the manner that New Zealand adopted some years ago, although it is said that at different times offers of almost fabulous sums have been made for the privilege. The Government gave no ear to the propositions. After stamps are used once, of course, there is nothing to prevent one from placing ads on their back, and it is on record that one firm used this plan of advertising.

Quite a peculiar looking stamp purporting to be a scarce 5c Buchanan, was shown in Washington recently. Careful comparison with photographs make the stamp appear genuine in every detail. It is on a portion of an old letter, but uncanceled. Instead of the paper being blue or white, it is violet-brown, and of a soft texture. Nothing of its history could be learned and no one seems to care to risk much on it.

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VOL. 2. No. 4. BERLIN, ONT., APRIL 30, 1900. WHOLE No. 7.

## INTERESTING NOTES.

At the present moment, while the unpleasantness between Great Britain and the Transvaal is occupying a prominent place in the daily press, it will be interesting to learn that on the very eve of the declaration of war a stamp collectors' club was formed at Kimberly. It is named the "Gripua and West Philatelic Society."

Since it has been decreed by Russia that Finland shall have no more distinctive stamps, it will be necessary for collectors to lay in a stock before they disappear from view. It is a matter of congratulation that the list is not excessively large. In fifty-five years, the whole of the issues of stamps, envelopes, cards and wrappers number only one one hundred and fifty type varieties.

Although catalogue prices are lower discounts still flourish. The average is twenty-five per cent, but an offer of fifty per cent is not frequently made.

As collectors are supposed to know the market value of stamps, they should be able to judge for themselves whether they are getting fair value.

Strange as it may appear, there will be no postage stamps to commemorate the Paris Exposition. This is due not to an oversight, or because the value of such an issue was not realized, but because the Minister of Commerce could not decide on a new design. The present issue has been in use for twenty-seven years, and in 1894 new designs were made, but they did not meet with favour. Now that other designs are asked for, the designers are backward about compliance. They may, however, be exhibited in the Exposition, and the new stamps be issued before the end of the year.

The little wheel which has appeared on the Salvador stamps for the past eight months appears to be used in place of the word "official."

An entire new series of postage stamps is said to be in course of preparation for Sarawak.

## TRANSVAAL STAMPS.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.)

In the current Transvaals one or two values are getting very scarce, and if they cannot be got in further quantities from the source of supply, they may appreciate considerably in value. The chief of these is the 4d value. Of this stamp the supply either used or unused is apparently very short amongst our dealers. Of course there is the chance that supplies may be got via Lourenzo Marques. The 3d and the 1s values are by no means plentiful.

But a much more interesting question is what is happening just now in the Transvaal in the matter of postage stamps. Before the war broke out I heard that some values were all but exhausted, and already reverted to, the 2½d being surcharged 1d.

Then again, Mr. Kruger's portrait was being engraved for a new series. The probability is that the portrait has been completed and put into circulation. Who will be enterprising enough to secure a supply. I imagine a supply of Kruger's portrait stamps would sell like hot cakes.

Meanwhile the Capetown correspondent of the London Daily Mail says the Boers have surcharged Cape stamps "S. A. R." and value, for use in the occupied portion of Bechuanaland. This does not look genuine. It has more the appearance of clever piast or speculation of some stamp speculator. In the first place the Transvaal would be much more likely to overprint their

own stamps with the word "Bechuanaland" as they did in the case of Swaziland than to overprint such old lots of Cape stamps as they might find in the local offices. Again, they certainly would not surcharge "S. A. R." but as before "Z. A. R." for they call their country "Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek," and the initials would therefore be "Z. A. R."

No doubt the war will give rise to some rarities in the way of emergency issues, especially when the British once more occupy Pretoria. And then what a rush there will be for Transvaals. Then those of my readers who have taken my tip and gone in for Transvaals will not rue the day they did so.

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The United States Post Office has reached a definite decision to sell stamps not only in sheets but also in small books, with intervening waxed leaf between each to prevent the stamp from adhering to one another. The necessity of protecting stamps in this manner is made imperative by the condition of the stock of many of the Post Offices in Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Postmasters at those places have complained that during the rainy season stamps become so moist that unless they are carefully separated they will stick to each other. Much inconvenience and loss has been occasioned as a result. The Post Office Department then decided to issue stamps in a new form for use in the tropics, and arrangements are now being made with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to this end, all Government stamps being printed in that establishment. It has been decided that there shall be six stamps between each pair of leaves, and each package or book will contain thirty stamps. Smaller books containing twelve stamps may also be issued. An extra charge is to be made for the books, but it will be a mere trifle—one or two cents.

The Hunter collection was sold recently in New York for \$26,913 in 3321 lots, at auction. A stamp of British Guiana, issued in 1850, brought the highest price, \$1770, and an early issue

of Yuseany sold for \$125. All illustration of the fact that collectors now have for acquiring "freaks" was also shown when the two pence stamps of Western Australia, issued in 1869, was put up. Ordinarily it is sold at about 50 cents, but in this case, through a printer's errors, it was lilac instead of the regulation blue. There was spirited bidding for it, and it was sold for \$51. It took nearly twenty years to make the Hunter collection, and the sum realized is said to give the owner a handsome profit. F. H. W. S.

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The Philatelic post is now to be published as a weekly paper.

In Energy F. I. Weaver is asking questions but the printer was likely out of interrogation marks and so they were omitted

Canadian publishing firms are still using cuts to illustrate their papers.

The Treasurer of the D. P. A. has announced that nominations for that society must be in by April 25th. The convention is to be held at St. Catharines, Ont. on July 2nd and 3rd. The society has now \$51.67 on hand.

The Weekly Stamp Tribune has been consolidated with the Allegheny Philatelist. Any more?

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The Clipper as usual, contains a large directory of philatelic publications.

The Evergreen State Philatelist has for April, on the front cover a cut of "A Klichitav Brave." It contains 12 pages.

Ohio Philatelist contains a likeness of Treymond Babcock, the publisher the Juniors' Collector. It contains almost nine page of ads to a little more than two of reading matter. I think the difference is too great. Otherwise the paper is a very creditable one.

The Philatelic Advocate although a little later than usual is very interesting.

The Phil. Critic was the first paper to reach us since last report. The publishers claim that they are the first to have the name of the paper ending with the word "Critic." This is not so as there have at least been two philatelic papers with names ending with that word. "You're not the only one" Mr. Hatch. That paper is also filled with non-philatelic love stories.

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## INTERESTING NOTES.

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The local printings of the New Zealand are coming out very slowly. They seem to be in no particular hurry to print from the pourre series of plates. Report says they are waiting for watermarked paper. If that be so, then the present printings on unwatermarked paper will be worth preserving, especially unused. So far I have seen local printings of the 2½d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 2s and 5s. They are all perf. 11; that does not exist in the Waterlow printings. Meanwhile, old types, all perf. 11, are being used plentifully, but the shades vary from former printings.

There is to be a new issue of stamps for the French Congo. The work is to be in the finest style, and the set should prove an attractive one. The values from 1 cent to 15 cents will show a design of a panther at bay, watermarked with a thistle; those

from 20 cents to 75 cents will show a female of the tribe of Bakalois, watermarked with a branch of the rose tree; those from 1 fr. to 5 fr. will have as a design an alley of coconut trees in Libreville, and as a watermark a branch of olive.

The Dominican Republic is issuing a commemorative series. The four higher values are the 20 centavos, representing Toscanelli replying to Columbus; 50 centavos, Las Casas defending the Indians; 1 peso, Columbus in the Junta of Sahamen; and 2 pesos, Mausoleum of Columbus in the Cathedral of San Domingo.

All the obsolete stamps of the island of St. Vincent remaining in the hands of the Government with the exception of the 4d. yellow, 6d. lilac, and 5s. lake, have been destroyed. The entire quantity thus disposed of consisted of 309,000 stamps.

A series of Austrian stamps surcharged for the Orient has appeared.

# OUR REVIEW.

BY GEO. E. MUELLER.

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| Swap                   | 1    | 3   |
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| Universal Exchange     | 2    | 3   |
| Youth's Realm          | 6    | 4   |

The Allegheny Philatelist for May contains forty pages but no cover. I think the paper would almost be perfect with a cover.

The Adhesive adorns its cover with a sketch of Mr. Percival Parrish and in the inside Mr. Chapman gives a short biography.

The special May number of the Bay State Philatelist has appeared. It is a very creditable issue and contains three cuts of prominent philatelists.

The April Energy contains a sketch Rev. R. von Pireh, the president of the Twin-City Philatelic Association.

The Birthday Number of the Juniors' Collector contains sixteen pages and cover and some good reading matter.

The Mount Royal Stamp News has

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at last appeared, Mr. C. E. Holmes acting as editor but, although the second issue has not yet appeared, it has changed editors and proprietors. Mr. Holmes sold his paper to A. R. McGill and moved to Smith's Falls to take a hand in the Jubilee Philatelist. The Mount Royal is filled with interesting articles.

Ohio Philatelist looks prosperous and that is the main point

In the official organ (Phil. Advocate) of the D. P. A., the secretary of that society, gives a list of the nominees for offices in the D. P. A. The convention will be held in St. Catharines on the 2nd and 3rd. of July.

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**U S NEWS.**

**NIGER STAMPS.**

BY CHAS. F. ROBINSON.

One hundred and ninety-nine years ago there were but seventy-five post offices in the U. S. while to-day they range into the hundreds of thousands.

Between New York and Philadelphia there were five mails a week and it required two days to cover the short distance.

New York and Boston had still fewer mails—three a week in summer and two in winter. In out of the way towns the mail was allowed to accumulate until enough was secured to pay the cost of transmission. The postage from 1783 until 1816 on a 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 450 inhabitants but it was not until the following year when gold was first discovered that it received its first start.

There is a good deal of talk about changes in Niger stamps, but nothing of a very definite character yet. Months ago I heard of preparations of "something new," but that something new has not made its appearance. The latest news is that the current Niger stamps are to be suitably overprinted for use in the new colony or protectorate, etc. This, of course, will only be a provisional at most. Any way, the territory has already been formally taken over by the Government authorities and the formal proceedings of the occasion are reported in the daily papers here this week. So the issue of some sort of stamp for the new regime cannot be long delayed. I suspect that the stock has already been sent out, and that the first we shall hear of the new stamps will be used specimens from the country of issue.

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*Editorial.*

The Philatelic Post although announced as a weekly in one place and as a sixty page monthly in another has since announced that the changes will not be made. The publishers print for themselves and some improvements have been made.

Mr. C. E. A. Holmes has moved to Smith's Falls, Ont. to take part in the Jubilee Philatelist.

The Pan American Exposition stamp has appeared being printed in colors. At a glance it looks something like the Canadian Xmas stamp of 1898. It is very attractive and probably a good advertiser. It is not a postage stamp and therefore is not required to complete a collection, as some thought.

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## BENEFITS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

BY P. T. C.

There is possibly no subject which attracts the attention of the intelligent public, more to day and no subject which has involved itself and forced its consideration upon thinking minds to a greater extent— than philately. Worcester, a few years ago, defined it as the mania for collecting stamps. To-day it is classified as a science, and occupies a column in some of the leading newspapers of Canada, it also has been admitted into the Brooklyn Institution of Arts and Sciences as a science.

A person once said to me that the government would soon be inflicting a tax on collectors, but I referred him to the derivation of the word philatelist (from Gr. philos, a friend and atelie, exemption from taxation). Putting a tax on collectors would be like taxing education, as a collection of stamps is equal to a book on geography and history. For instance a person starting to collect stamps gets one he has never seen before, he looks it up in his catalogue, finds the price and sees the coin table of that country, then he takes his geography and finds the location of it, and lastly he puts the stamp in his album, looks at the top of the page and sees whether the country is a kingdom, an empire or a republic; he also finds there the area, the number of inhabitants, the capital, the number of inhabitants of capital and the coat of arms of that country. What more would you want? On some stamps there is pictured to you

the industries of the people, as in the Newfoundland Jubilee and on others you can obtain a knowledge of the history of a country, as on the United States Columbians.

As another instance of the educating influence of philately, in a certain school lately when a question was asked the class in Latin what part of Europe was now occupied by the Helvetians, it seemed to stagger almost all the class when one of the students who had taken considerable interest in things philatelic, promptly answered "In Switzerland" and then told them that he saw Helvetia on the stamps of Switzerland.

It would astonish many of those who look upon a collection of stamps or the desire to get a collection as a foolish fad or mania but if you will show me a young man or woman who has got even a reasonable fair collection I will show you a bright well informed person especially in the geographical and political standing of the whole civilized world.

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WHOLE No. 9.

## The Popularity of View Cards.

BY H. J. KLEINMAN.

The collection of view cards is being so popular in this country that stamp collectors are taking it up gradually, and it is safe to say that within a very short time there will remain but few collectors who have not included the collection of these interesting cards to their "hobby." It is a fact that is not only interesting, but also instructing. Europe has thousands of varieties of these cards giving finely executed views of almost every building of note, ruins, statues, scenery etc., that exist in that picturesque country. We are not all privileged to travel and enjoy the pleasures of viewing the scenes of the world, but a very good substitute is these cards. A point that is greatly in favor of these cards is their comparative inexpensiveness; they can be bought singly or in sets at an average price of 1 ct. each. To buy photographs of the same view (which would be no more interesting or accurate) would cost a small fortune. Another reason

why these cards are interesting to stamp collectors, is that in collecting them they also at the same time collect the stamps from the country from which the cards were sent, and by retaining the card they have also the stamps on the original cover, which is in itself something. This is particularly gratifying in the event of a country issuing new stamps. The writer some time ago received three very handsome specimens from the Netherlands, having attached for postage the four smallest values of the new issue. Thus he was enabled to secure specimens of these stamps before the dealers in this country had them on sale. This was also the case with the new issue from New Zealand.

Another example of the coming popularity of these cards was fully demonstrated at the Grand Army encampment held in Philadelphia recently and the National Export Exhibition. For both of these events special view cards were prepared and the sale of them was large.

Europe is far in advance of any other country in the production of these cards. Only quite recently an

"Ansichtspostkarten" Exhibition was held in Berlin in which over 100 firms exhibits amounting between 20,000 and 30,000 specimens and they certainly illustrated what a rapid growth has perfected in this young industry. One of the special novelties was the metachrome cards. The pictures on these are seen as through a veil or mist and are taken from colored photographs. The veil consists of a thin layer of white oil paint, and makes it possible to write over the whole surface as on an ordinary post cards. The card thus used being laid in water with the face downward, the paint and the writing disappear, and the picture remains quite clear. One firm exhibited some beautifully executed cards with the views woven in silk. These little works of art are much more brilliant in coloring than any colored prints, and it is astonishing how cheap they are. They can be had as post cards or letter cards. A tendency was noticeable to exhibit cards in series. One series contains scenes out of the life of people of different lands, arranged according to the different countries. Then another series named after the artist who designed them, and many others. Every method has been placed in the picture post card industry, and much has been produced which in its artistic execution may claim to lasting value.

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## Illinois Notes.

BY S. E. MOISANT.

The Prairie State Philatelic Association is a new society just organized. Geo. Dold is President, F. Haller Sec. Treas., and the Prairie State Philatelist Official Organ. The initiation fee is 10 cts. and the dues 25 cts. per year.

Mr. Geo. Dold, 2607-39th St., Chicago has opened up a new printing office equipped with all the latest machinery and is open to do all kinds of philatelic printing.

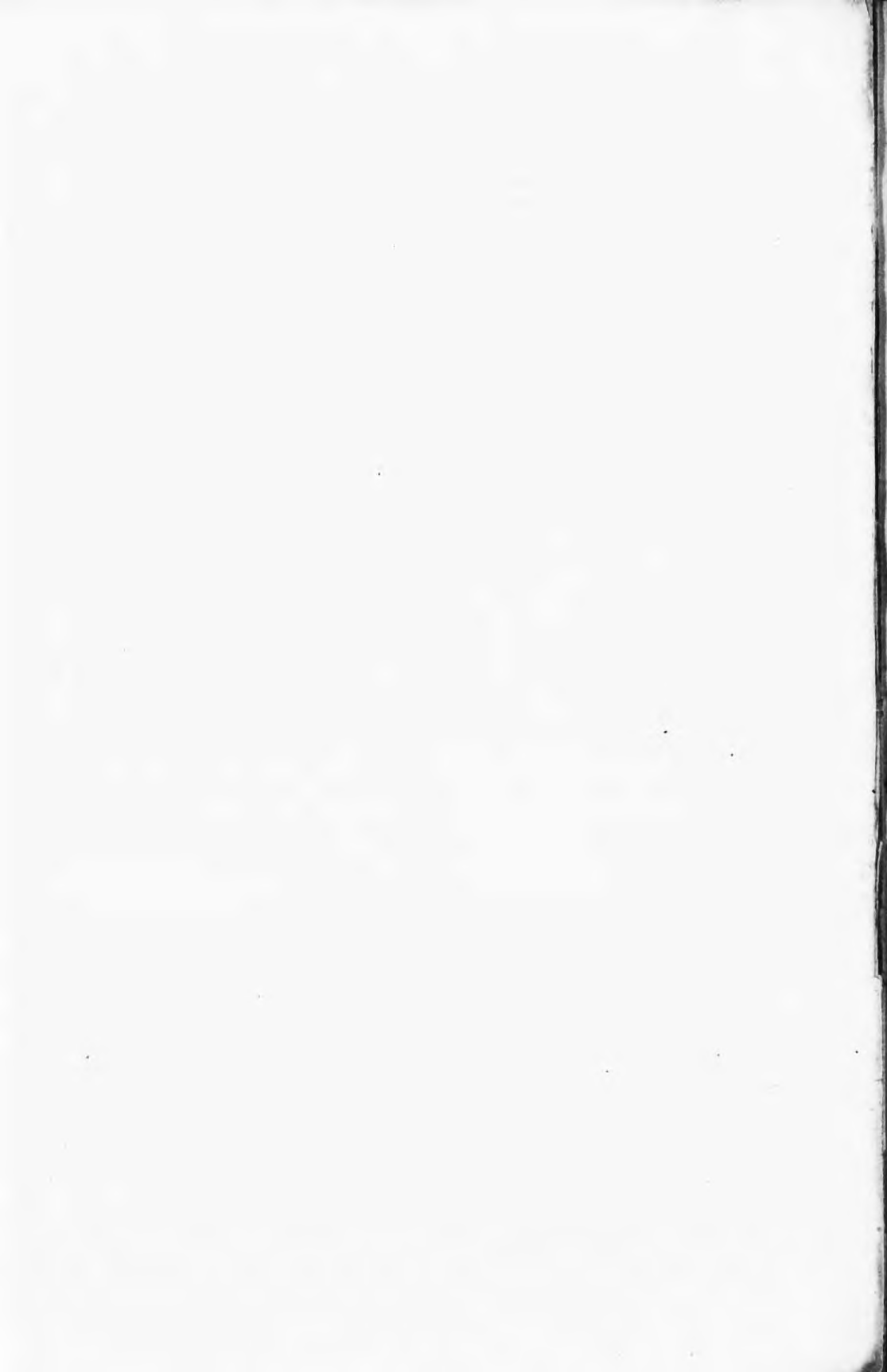
Mr. William B. Porter of Berwyn, Illinois informs me that he will soon go back to philatelic matters and again join the ranks of dealers. Mr.

Porter at one time published a small paper called the Junior Philatelist, and he also organized the Junior Philatelic Society which has proved to be such a success among the younger collectors. Mr. P. has declined to settle all claims now held against him and I am sure we will all be pleased to welcome him back to our midst.

Mr. F. N. Massoth, the well known Chicago dealers has just returned from a trip through the Southern States.

## OUR REVIEW.

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| Clipper                     | 1    | 6   |
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| Ju. ilee Philatelist        | 1    | 8   |
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BURLINGAME, ONT., JULY-AUG., 1900.

WHOLE No. 10.

**Stamp Talk.**

BY L. V. C.

There have always been a great many different views held as to the advisability of collecting reprints.

At one time these stamps were looked upon with considerable favor but at the present time they are condemned by classes of collectors and are viewed as worthless and but little if any better than counterfeits.

Of course when speaking of the above class of reprints I mean only such as those of Hamburg, Roman States, Heligoland etc. Government reprints such as the re-issue of the 1867 issue U. S. are as collectable in my opinion as any stamps and nearly all collectors would be greatly pleased to get sets of government reprints.

Dealers in selling reprints of Hamburg etc., should sell them entirely alone and exclude them from your stock if you are a dealer and from your collection if you are a collector.

The call foreign revenues seems to be very light and The Revenue Phil. the quarterly from Johnstown, Pa.

seems to have expired.

In the old countries the collecting of revenues is looked upon with more favor than in America and in my opinion it will be a long time before a paper which is issued exclusively for revenue collectors, can be made to pay.

Now I do not collect foreign revenues but I am not against it. My idea is that if it gives you pleasure to collect foreign revenues you should collect them. Every one to his taste is my motto and "many men of many minds make many collectors of many kinds" Therefore if you like foreign revenues my advice is to collect them.

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**Illinois Notes.**

BY S. E. MOISANT.

Buchanan, the alleged accomplice of Clark the swindler, who was arrested sometime ago for having in his possession counterfeit stamps, dies and plates is now on \$1000 bail, and will be given a hearing at the next session of the Federal Court in Chicago.

At a meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society it was decided to hold the club rooms of the society open all day, the Sunday before the meets in Milwaukee and all collectors invited to call.

Your Illinois correspondent has just returned from a trip to the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Cecil Rawson of Philadelphia has removed to Hinsdale, Ill.

The Chicago delegation to the A. P. A. meet will leave for Milwaukee on Monday, August 27.

Illinois will soon produce another new journal. The promoters do not want their names mentioned. They say it will be called The Interstate Philatelist, devoted to philately in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

F. Haller, former secretary of the Prairie State Philatelic Society has stripped the country taking with him all funds of the society

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WHOLE NO. 11.

## ♦ ♦ THE CONVENTIONS. ♦ ♦

BY OUR REGULAR ILLINOIS CORRESPONDENT.

### The American Philatelic Association.

The fifteenth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association was called to order Tuesday morning August 28th at 11.00 o'clock with Pres. Toppan in the chair. The conventions were held in the art museum. Pres Toppan responded to the mayor and then called Mr. William C. Stone of Springfield, Mass. to the chair while he read his annual report which was well received and heartily applauded. The committee on credentials then reported the following directors elected: Geo. L. Toppan, P. M. Wolsieffer, C. E. Severn, S. S. Leland, H. E. Deats, H. G. Smith, E. Doebelin, M. H. Lombard, and H. B. Phillips.

The President then appointed the various committees, after which Secy. Deats read the reports of the officers who were unable to be present. The session then adjourned at 12.30 to meet again the following morning at 10.30.

The second session was called to order by the President at 10.30 Wednesday morning. At this meeting a number of reports were made, and considerable discussion arose over some especially the library. Buffalo was chosen the convention seat for 1907. The date has not yet been set, but will probably be when the railway rates are the lowest.

The Weekly Philatelic Era was chosen official organ for another year. The society publishing its own official organ met with general favor, but the finances of the association would not permit it. A subscription was taken up to see if enough of the members could be gotten to each give a certain sum toward the fund for the society's publishing its own official organ, but for some reason or another the idea did not go through. This meeting adjourned at 11.45 to meet again on Thursday morning at 11.00 o'clock.

The third session was called to order at 11.00 o'clock. The first thing to be done was to receive reports of some of the committees which had not yet reported. A vote of thanks was given to those who helped to make the convention a success, and then adjourned sine die to meet again in a year hence.

**Philatelic Sons of America.**

The eighth annual convention of the Philatelic Sons of America was called to order at 10.00 Tuesday morning by C. W. Kissinger, who nominated W. F. Schud of Milwaukee temporary chairman. Seconded. Carried. The President's address was read by the chairman. The committees were appointed and reports of various officers were approved. A nice poem from Roy Farrell Green was read by E. R. Aldrich and was greatly applauded.

Vice President Barnum arrived in time to call the second session to order at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. There being little business before the house the meeting adjourned.

The third session was called to order the next day. The committee on credentials reported the following elected: President, L. T. Brodstone; V. President, W. F. Schud; Sec'y C. W. Kissinger; Treasurer, W. H. Barnum; International Sec'y, C. C. Guy. The Performer was elected to serve as official organ for another year. The convention seat for 1901 will be Buffalo, N. Y.

**Sons of Philatelia.**

The first session was held in the Plankinton House with four members present. The most important business was to try to change the constitution so that the official organ would have to be elected every year, but there were not enough proxies to make the change. Another session was held the next day but nothing of importance was transacted. The following officers were elected: Pres. J. C. Miller, V. Pres. G. W. Davis, Sec'y J. F. Dodge, Treas. W. H. Emmert.

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**SHIRLEY ERWIN MOISANT.**

The subject of our sketch was born November 10, 1884, in Manteno, Ill. Moved to Kankakee, Ill. in 1889 where he still resides. He is 17 years of age. He started collecting in 1893 and has been an ardent follower of his favorite

had over 3000 fine varieties. Started as a dealer in 1895, and now has the largest stamp business in Illinois out of Chicago. He was one of the organizers of the Stamp Dealers' Protective Association and was elected President which office he now holds. Just been elected Secy of Junior Phil Society.



hobby. At one time he had a collection of 5000 varieties but decided that the world was too big and sold it and started collecting United States and after getting together nearly 600 varieties he sold out and again started collecting foreign stamps and although before less than a year was over he

He is a member of almost every stamp society in America and an officer in many of them. Attends the conventions every year. Prominent in wheel circles. Member of many wheel organizations. Prominent in social circles and in society always a leader. He published the Illinois Philatelist.

for several months, but having been refused second class rates three times he had to sell out. He started the Stamp Exchange and has the largest advertising patronage of any new stamp paper started lately. Probably he carries on the largest correspondence of any stamp collector in America and without doubt the best collector in the world for his age. His our Illinois correspondent.

## STAMP TALK.

CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.

The new issues which have appeared in the last twelve months have as a general thing had a good sale notwithstanding the speculative characters of many of the new issues. In my opinion pretty stamps will have a ready sale, always, whether they are speculative or not. Collectors all knew the "error" of the New Zealand set was speculative but the stamps sold well and this bears out my views does it not?

The Newfoundland Cabot issue sold well and the Canada Jubilees would have sold much better if it had it not been for the manner in which they were sold to the public. Collectors are not fools and I am far from blaming them when they refused to buy the 1, 4 and 8 cent Canada Jubilees.

The new Cuba surcharged stamps which recently appeared will no doubt have a ready sale as will the new pictorial set which it is stated will appear

shortly. I collect new issues but I do not collect them to the exclusion of old issues and do not advise collectors to try speculating in the new issues if you must speculate, take the old issues they are safe at an investment.

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BY GEO. E. MURLER.

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| Prairie State Philatelist  | 2   | 1    |
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| Philatelic Advocate        | 9   | 3    |
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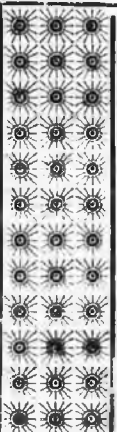
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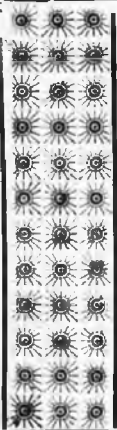
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