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GREETING.

Hail! kind collector and dealer too!
Don't you honestly think I'll do
To be placed within your reputed list,
As a bright and aspiring young philatelist?

I know I'm small and rather green,
But the small thing often becomes the queen;
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Because I'm going to make a hard fight.

As in this month, so will I endeavor
To appear next month, and thus for ever.

I'll boom philately with all my might,
And show up the rascals as they come to light.

Come comrades you'll help me along,
You can have me a year for the price of a song.

And when with dear Philately I've done,
Surely a meritorious victory I will have won.

SIAM.

Siam, one of the stamp issuing countries of the world, is a kingdom situated in the south-eastern part of Asia, in the peninsula of Indo-China. The form of government is an absolute monarchy.

The area and population are placed by foreign estimates at 280,564 sq. mi. and 5,750,000 inhabitants. The most common religion is Buddhism.

The doctrines of Confucius prevail to some extent. Only until recently have christian missionaries been per-

mitted to work there. The inhabitants are now being turned into a civilized people. Though much of the land is fertile it is but badly cultivated. The chief products are rice, gums, spices, fruits and valuable woods.

Bankok, the capital, is the center of foreign commerce; a large part of it consists of houses built on floating rafts of bamboo. It has a population of 600,000.

Siam first issued stamps in 1883 numbering five varieties, with portrait of king in oval, making a well engraved and very neat set.

The values and colors are as follows.

$\frac{1}{2}$ atto, blue; 1 atto, carmine; 2 atts vermilion; 4 atts, yellow; 16 atts, orange. All with native inscriptions.

In 1885 a provisional appeared, 1 ticol on the $\frac{1}{2}$ atto, blue. In 1887 a new series was issued, seven varieties printed in two colors, head of king in oval. 2 atts., green and carmine, 3 atts., green and blue; 4 atts., green and bistre; 8 atts, green and yellow; 12 atts, lilac and carmine; 24 atts, lilac and blue; 64 atts. bistre.

The two comprise one of the pretiest sets in the range of the Philatelist. They can be bought unused for about \$3.00, and are an ornament to any collection.

Watch our next number, for the Philatelic story, "How I made \$1000."

NOTES.

The Curiosity World is now the Stamp world. An improvement.

We begin with four pages; we shall enlarge as soon as our support warrants.

Only seven and one-half tons of stamps were sold at the New York post office last year.

The Philatelic Gazette formerly published at Altoona, Pa., will hereafter be published at Chicago, by the Western Phil. Pub. Co. S. B. Bradt editor in chief.

The Stamp Collectors' Figaro, which took a vacation during the summer, has again appeared and is as lively as ever,

We often hear that stamp collecting is a craze, but still the number of collectors is increasing. The editor, who has just returned from his vacation, met collectors everywhere, from the boy who puts his stamps on foolscap paper with flour paste to the specialist, who collects all colors, varieties, perforations, etc. The same enthusiasm prevailing among all.

We had the pleasure on our vacation of making the acquaintance of a D. D. a resident of a Conn. city. He is quite well known as a philatelist and has a very fine collection, embracing many U. S. rarities. He is a thorough student of philately and we learned much in the two hours spent with him.

We have seen several collections lately in which the stamps were pasted down. We hope that no collector who reads this, mounts his stamps in that manner. It gives the page a very bad appearance, besides the stamps cannot be removed without mutilating the album and there is danger of spoiling the stamps with poor mucilage.

Always mount your stamps with hinges; the stamps can then be easily examined for watermarks, etc.

If you ever desire to sell your collection it will bring much more if mounted with hinges. Gummed paper or hinges can be obtained at a slight cost from most any stamp dealer or stationer.

Mr. G. B. Calman, the N. Y. wholesale dealer, has been receiving some very hard knocks lately from several stamp papers for selling reprint locals, etc. We dislike very much some of the stamps sold by him. Last season we purchased some used Roman States 1 Scudo.; two of them we sold to Mr. W. C. Stone, of Springfield. We met Mr. Stone at the A. P. A. convention. He showed us the stamps and asked if he did not get them from us, we replied affirmatively and at the same time told him we had bought them of Mr. Calman. He said he would ask the opinion of Mr. Calman's brother, H. L. of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., (Mr. G. B. Calman not being there.)

We afterwards saw Mr. Stone; he stated that he had shown the stamps to Mr. H. L. Calman, who pronounced them "bad," which we understand to mean counterfeit. We should be pleased to know what Mr. G. B. Calman has to say of his brother's opinion and will be glad to publish it in our next number.

Stamp dealers in all parts of the U. S., especially Baltimore, have been troubled for the past year or two by the revenue officials collecting duty on imported stamps. We have just been informed by Mr. Wettern, the wholesale dealer of Baltimore, that they now admit them there free of duty. This is as it should be. We don't want any of that kind of "tariff for revenue only."

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ter.

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lectors and expose fraud wherever
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subscription and patronage.

The third annual convention of the
American Philatelic Association, was
held in Boston, Aug. 13, 14 and 15,
ye editor was in attendance. As nearly
all the philatelic papers have pub-
lished full accounts, we do not deem it
best to give full report here

We enjoyed ourselves there very
much and made the acquaintance of a
large number of collectors, whom be-
fore, we had only known by corres-
pondence.

We were not pleased with the proxy
vote arrangement and think it would
be better not to allow any proxies.
This we think can be done without in-
jury to those who are not in attendance
at the conventions. We shall have
more to say about it later on. Sixty
members were present in person and
about 300 represented by proxy.

We wish that every collector could
have seen the exhibition given Aug.
15, at the convention rooms, where
were exhibited from twenty to forty
thousand dollars worth of stamps.
They were very neatly arranged, so as
to be easily seen and without danger of
handling. Several countries were
shown complete, among them Mexico,
Greece, Guatemala and Oldenburg.
A sheet containing early postmaster
stamps, attracted considerable attention
the noted Brattleboro being one of
them. Mr. H. E. Deats showed part
of his very fine collection of proofs.
We hope that the exhibition will be a
permanent thing hereafter at the con-
ventions; it will be a good drawing
card. It was worth going many miles
to see.

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How I Made One Thousand Dollars.

During the fall of 1883, my health being impaired by overwork, I was advised by my physician to spend the winter in a warmer climate. For this reason I left New York City on Dec. 3rd. by steamship, for the Island which I will call Carsay, though this is not its right name. I arrived there after a pleasant voyage of eleven days, having suffered but little from seasickness.

The island has an area of about 75 sq. miles and is very fertile. The principal industry is tobacco raising. The tobacco is famed the world over for its remarkable flavor. The population is about 2700, only one-fourth of the inhabitants speak the English language the remainder speak the Spanish. The island is under British rule and a line of British steamers going to South America, stop every two weeks with mail and provisions for the inhabitants.

Being a stamp collector, I of course was interested in the post office, and soon became acquainted with the post master, who was a young Englishman about 25 years of age. I found that he received every month from Gt. Britain, 800 one-half penny, 400 one penny, 1200 four penny, 200 six penny and 100 one shilling stamps. Thus you can see about the number of letters sent out from this island monthly.

Having brought my collection with me, I one day showed it to the post master and he was very much interested in it, especially in some provisional stamps which had been issued by an

island situated some 200 miles away. I explained to him how they were made and how they came to be used. He then informed me that he had been out of some denominations previously and had not known what to do.

The next steamer failed to bring him the usual supply of half penny stamps and he immediately ordered them from Gt Britain, but as it would take one month to get them he was afraid he would get out. As soon as I heard this I bought 100 one-half penny stamps, leaving him but 75 left. These were all sold in two weeks, and he then thought of the provisional stamps I had shown him. He took 400 four penny stamps to the printer, who set up the type necessary to surcharge them into half penny stamps. These were printed 20 in a sheet, and by accident (?) two sheets were made with inverted surcharges. I would have bought the entire lot had he been willing to sell them to me, but as he was not, I only purchased the two sheets with the inverted surcharge. One of these and one of the others I sent to a stamp dealer in the U. S., who published a philatelic paper and they were announced the next month as new issues.

In two weeks from this time, the supply of half penny stamps arrived and he had 190 of the surcharged left. These I purchased, and sent one to five prominent dealers. two in the U. S., one in Paris, one in London and one in Berlin, stating that I had a few of them, and offered them for sale with the post master's affidavit of their genuineness. I received reply from

four of them, asking my price. I offered each of them, 60, at \$3.00 each. Three of them responded with drafts on New York and London, thus bringing me nearly \$500.

The inverted surcharges I kept until I left for home in the spring, and when in New York showed them to a dealer there, stating there were only forty of them in existence and that I had thirty-nine; also showed him letter from post-master affirming the fact.

He offered me \$300 for thirty-five of them. This I refused and told him he could have them for \$500. Leaving my card I returned to my New England home. I had hardly arrived there before receiving check for \$500. from the New York dealer. Thus I had made \$1000. and had 9 of the provisionals left. These I placed in my collection. Unfortunately my collection was stolen one year later, and as the dealers to whom I sold the stamps have disappeared, I now have no trace of the stamps, and should any of my readers have one of them will they kindly inform me.

With the \$1000. I became junior partner in the firm of Jackson, Kelay & Co., whose name can be seen on the principal street in this city to-day.

Geo. P. Coffin, alias F. L. Perry.

Noting in the October number of the American Philatelist that Geo. P. Coffin of Freeport, Maine, had been sentenced to 30 days in jail for defrauding a stamp dealer in New Jersey we wrote to a friend in Maine, asking for particulars. From him we have received the following:

"In reply to yours will tell you what I know concerning the case of Geo. P. Coffin. Sometime last spring

he wrote to C. C. Gallagher & Co., of Trenton, N. J., asking for stamps, signing as F. L. Perry, Yarmouth, Me. He had previously hired a P. O. box at Yarmouth. He received stamps valued at \$6.00 or so, and made no returns.

Now you know there is an F. L. Perry in Portland who used to deal in stamps, and as I understand it, Gallagher & Co., after writing to Yarmouth Perry a while, thought they would try Portland Perry. When they struck Portland Perry, both Gallagher and Perry got mad and determined to see what the trouble was. The result was that they hunted out Coffin as the guilty one, and he was arrested and put under bail until his trial. At his trial he was given 30 days for using the mails with intent of fraud. He has paid Gallagher, I believe. I have known Coffin a number of years and to say that I was surprised when I heard of this scrape, would be putting it very mild. I had the utmost confidence in him and would have recommended him to any one.

As soon as Mr. Curtis and Mr. Lunt heard of the trouble, they immediately bought out Coffin's share of the Philatelic Herald."

We sent F. L. Perry, Yarmouth, a sheet of stamps Feb. 9th, valued at \$1.75. Of course no returns were made and were much surprised to receive a letter from Coffin a month ago, stating that he would pay the bill of F. L. Perry. We wrote to him but received no reply. We know he has defrauded other dealers, and probably obtained quite a number of stamps this way.

His arrest and conviction will have a good effect on would be approval sheet frauds. "Honesty is the best policy."

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50 cents will be paid for the best short item of not over 60 words, sent us before Nov. 20th.

A number of new stamp papers have appeared during the last month.

The Philatelic Herald will hereafter be published by Curtis & Lunt. We wish them success.

A new edition of the International Stamp Album will be published about November 15. It will contain about 300 pages. As this is the most popular album among amateur collectors it will probably have a large sale,

An excellent article on reprints, by Wm. P. Brown, appeared in the October number of the American Philatelist. It can be profitably read by all.

Our Youth, a well known weekly paper for youth, frequently contains a column of interesting "stamp chat."

We have received the following from Mr. Stone which will explain itself. We are sorry Mr. Stone did not inform us further, as it has done Mr. Calman an injustice, for which we beg his pardon;

"The Press is just at hand. In justice to Mr. Calman, wish you would state in your next number, that upon a close examination, Mr. Calman and several other prominent philatelists pronounced the 1 scudo to be all right."

We advise collectors to beware of Ceylon envelopes with inverted surcharges, as we believe they are made simply to sell to collectors. We recently saw three varieties of surcharges all postmarked the same day, and from the same place.—Colombo.

We have decided to continue our remarkable offer of an original stamp priced at \$1.00 by Scott's 49th edition catalogue to all sending 25cts for a year's subscription before Nov. 20. Remember this is your last chance.

The Philatelic Tribune and Advertiser, an advertising sheet, is trying to bring politics into its columns. It seems to have had luck as it has to depend on a "pack of lies" to try to make a poor argument.

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My Early Collecting Days.

Some ten years ago, two boys whose father was a merchant, moved into our town from a neighboring city. These boys had the first collection of stamps I had ever seen, and I thought it very fine. They started several besides myself to collecting, and we ransacked banks, insurance offices and our garrets for all manner of stamps and almost everything was a prize.

I well remember the first foreign stamp I owned. It was a badly torn 20 pfennige German, for which I gave a common 10 cent U. S. I felt prouder to possess that stamp than I have of any stamp since purchased at many hundred times its price.

We boys at that time had never heard of a stamp dealer or a stamp paper, and the only way we had to increase our collection was by trading. I remember to have often heard the question: "Have you got any hard stamps to trade?"

I mounted, or rather, stuck my stamps with mucilage and flour paste into an old account book and was very proud of my collection when I had 100 varieties. Our collections contained many torn stamps, and we always cut envelope stamps round, as we had never heard of cutting them square and leaving a wide margin.

In time, we heard of stamp dealers but did not patronize them for two reasons, first, we had little pocket money, and second, considered the fellow who bought stamps not a true collector. There was about this time a German employed by my father, who had when young, been a stamp collector. I got him to write home for stamps and received about 200, many of which I had never seen before. I took great delight in showing them to the rest of the boys who felt quite envious.

We organized a stamp club, and had regular officers, but the principal business done was to exchange our duplicates. The first printed album I ever had was Scott's Philatelist. But my history is getting long, the rest I will defer until some other number.

How to Describe a Stamp.

Having seen many articles lately, in which the writer endeavored to describe some stamp or stamps, I soon ascertained that not one in ten of the "scribes philatelic" knew whether to begin at the spandrels or the background in his description. The following is my rule and I think it is quite general among well informed philatelists:

First the center, then the background, then the inscriptions above and below the center, then the spandrels, then the color

Take for example the 2d blue centennial issue of New South Wales:

Center,—Ostrich in oval.

Background,—fine filigree.

Inscriptions above and below center } One hundred years.
Two pence.

Spandrels,—“New” in place of left hand upper spandrel, “South” in place of right hand upper spandrel, “Wales” in place of left hand lower spandrel, “Postage” in place of right hand lower spandrel.

I hope that these few words will be a help to those who desire to know how to describe a stamp.

C. F. E.

Stamps of the Suez Canal Co.

These stamps, used by those working on the Suez canal, are seldom heard of. They are four in number, were issued in 1868, and are the following denominations:

1 centime, black; 5c, green; 20c. Blue; 40c, Red. They are oblong, with a border containing the inscription: “Canal Maritime de Suez,” with steamship sailing to right, in center, value in corners.

W. J. A. E.

As a premium to all subscribers received during December, we offer a 10 lire unpaid Italy, value 20c.

Approval sheet frauds are catching it, several have been arrested and convicted lately. We hope the work will go on until the country is rid of the pest.

We recently saw the application of a boy for approval sheets from a firm, The following struck us as amusing;

“My age is 13, my height four feet and six inches and I weigh 75 lbs.”

We believe that boy was honest.

From PLAIN TALK, we regret to learn that Mr. E. B. Sterling, the well known dealer in U. S. stamps, of Trenton, N. J., has failed.

The American Stamp, to be a 16 page monthly, is promised to appear Jan. 1st, from Newark, N. J.

Plain Talk has removed to N. Y., and is greatly improved in character.

The 50th edition of Scott's catalogue is to be out soon. This catalogue is regarded by most collectors as the standard.

We learn from Mr. G. B. Calman, that a part of their new International Album was destroyed by fire at the bindery. This will cause a delay of two weeks in their filling orders.

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Original articles on all subjects pertaining to philately are solicited, and will be liberally paid for. Send us a short article.

Before another copy of the Press reaches you, Christmas, 1888, will be

a thing of the past. We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas, etc.

Won't you make us merry by sending in your subscription at once?

We are going to have 1000 subscribers by the 1st of January if possible. Are you going to help us? Subscribe to-day. You can begin with No. 1, if desired. The 1000th subscriber will receive a \$5.00 International Album, 9th edition.

We have received several advertisements from dealers without the cash. We desire to state again that our terms are cash, and if you wish to advertise in this paper, cash must accompany copy. We know too well that credit does not pay.

It pays to study your stamps. Your collection will seem much more of a treasure. By careful examination you will find many slight variations in stamps of the same denomination.

In looking over some Argentine stamps surcharged "Official," I found two with inverted surcharges. I obtained an extra price for them.

Look at your old Peruvian stamps, you may find some of them printed on two pieces of paper pasted together. These are worth much more than the common varieties.

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*Hamburg Env. complete,	7	.10
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" wrapper "	3	.07
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No. 4.

Disappointed.

"Will you write to me, Sir Richard,"

And her voice was soft and low,

"When you get across the ocean,

From each land to which you go?"

* * * *

"Why this question?" and his pleasure

He betrayed in joyous glance.

"Why, you know," she answered sweetly,

"I'm collecting postage stamps."

G. W. G.

The Rise of Philatelic Journalism.

From time to time articles have appeared in Philatelic Journals on the subject of "The Decline in Philatelic Journalism," and seeing the need of such an article as this, we were induced to write this in the hope that those better qualified, would give the subject at least a little thoughtful consideration.

Never before in the annals of Philatelic Journalism have such an enormous number of Philatelic Journals and Curiosity Papers been published.

But what are these papers? The majority, or quite a number consist of a single sheet of paper folded until you can hardly tell what they are meant for, these papers (?) contain a few advertisements and some stale notes of no interest to collectors. Such papers are a blot on Philatelic Journalism. We do not

object to any dealer or collector starting a journal, but for your own sake and for the good of the philatelic public in general, print a lively interesting paper. You will be well repaid in the number of subscriptions received and you will have a larger circulation by so doing.

It is well enough to start small and then work up, but do not start too small. Remember you can not raise an elephant from a kitten, you must start from a baby elephant.

The size of our American journals are inevitable giants by the side of the most of our English contemporaries, for this we are heartily proud. We have one great thing to lament, and that is the short life of our journals. The principle reason for this is, that the majority of these die from a lack of support.

It is a great pity that the American collectors can not take hold of a good thing when they see it. Many of the most promising of our journals have never got beyond the first number because of this.

It is the duty of every collector to support at least one good Philatelic Journal, and as many more as his purse will permit. Do not allow your stamp papers to die from lack of support. You will not lose anything by subscribing, as you will thereby help the editor to give his readers a better paper, and as his circulation increases he will undoubtedly give a larger paper.

The rise in Philatelic Journalism has been very great. We have now a great number of magnificent journals that have a world wide reputation and renown. These are well enough known to the collector so that it will not be necessary to take up time and space to name them.

Again, collectors, philatelists, let me say to you, the rise of Philatelic Journalism depends upon yourself.

See that you do your duty which you will if you are an earnest collector.

W. H. V.

Wanted.

What Philatelist would not heartily welcome a new phase of Philately? Something which would be interesting to all classes of stamp collectors.

The majority of subjects are, in the eyes of the writer, worn threadbare; as for instance,—“Philatelic Journalism,” “The History of Stamp Issuing Countries and of their Stamps.”

Some Journals are filled with matter which is hardly worth the paper upon which it is printed.

How many Philatelists read the Chronicle which is reported monthly by a number of our papers?

Let some brother produce an original theme and we will have a glorious time writing about it, until that is a chestnut.

I. E. M.

Hints For Young Collectors.

Knowing that there are many young collectors among our readers, we note these lines for their benefit.

About your album. Get a good one if you can. It need not be a costly one. We think the printed and spaced albums best for young collectors.

Unless you get one fully illustrated you will need a catalogue. You will anyway. We think Scott's the best as it has about 2000 illustrations.

Your stamps. Be sure they are genuine. Purchase only of reliable dealers. Always get specimens as clean and free from heavy cancellation as possible. If there is any paper on back of stamps that will not come off easily, soak them in warm water and dry carefully, but don't soak your Russian or Bulgarian stamps as they are printed in water colors and the colors will wash of.

Your envelope stamps cut square, leaving a good margin of unprinted paper. Don't cut them the shape of the stamp.

Mount your stamps with gummed hinges. You can buy them or make them yourself. Cut the gummed paper into strips $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide. Fold it with the gum outside. Moisten and fasten one part to stamp, the other to book.

Keep your book clean.

Study your stamps and you will derive infinite pleasure from them.

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NOTES.

Ph. Fontete & Co. of London, formerly of Paris, sell bogus surcharges. Look out for them.

Parties having sent stamps to Harry Knaub of Baltimore, and failing to receive satisfactory returns will confer a favor by sending particulars to the editor.

Taffy—You are making a bright paper, Geo H. Richmond, N. Y.

We have changed printers. We hope for the better.

Would advise dealers to try an advertisement in our next issue.

W. B. Jackson's advertisement last month should have read \$2.00 instead of \$200. Slight difference.

No. 1 of the Alabama Philatelist is received. We hope to see No. 2.

The Pearl, Syracuse, N. Y. contains philatelic news of interest, edited by Amos S. Coan.

One Dime, in its Nov. issue, received Dec. 15. contains two notes copied from our Dec. No. without credit. *Thanks.*

The Beacon of Newton, Mass., is always out on time, and a readable paper,

Wanted. A boy to answer inquiries for sample copies. Small pay. Plenty of work.

There are about five hundred new varieties of adhesive stamps issued each year. What are we coming to!

During the five years we have been in the stamp business, we have accumulated a surplus stock of some kinds of stamps.

We wish to dispose of them at once, and will put them up in packets containing from

150 TO 200 STAMPS.

We guarantee every packet to retail at Scott's prices, at or above \$10.00.

\$2.00 Each or 12 for \$20.00.

The Biggest Bargain Ever Offered.

We have a lot of fine blank approval sheets, ruled in best style on good paper. These actually cost the stationer from whom we purchased them, 27½ cts. per hundred. We will supply them until stock is exhausted, at 27 cts. per hundred, postpaid; 10 cts. per doz.

We are constantly receiving stamps in large and small quantities, and by buying for cash get them at low prices.

Dealers wishing to purchase for cash, in large or small quantities, will further their own interest by corresponding with us.

We have supplied a number of dealers with our gummed hinges. Perhaps we can suit you. We await your favors.

Very respectfully,

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GUATEMALA.

A DRAMA IN ONE ACT.

Characters. } Stamp Collector.
 } Young Lady, the Stamp
 } Collector's Friend.

SCENE.—A drawing room. The stamp collector having taken a seat near the young lady at the center table, is about to show her his stamp collection. He opens the album at the page of Guatemalas (upon which he prides himself.)

Young Lady.—What a beautiful page!

Stamp Collector.—Yes, I think those are about the prettiest stamps there are. They are issued by a small country way down in Central America. I have noticed, that, as a rule, the stamps of small countries make the finest appearance.

Y. L. Why how funny. Are all these stamps in use now?

S. C.—Oh no. You see each set has the time when it was issued placed over it. When the country gets tired of its set of stamps the government orders a new set and has the old ones pass out of circulation. If they kept the same issue all the time, then the stamps would not be near so rare nor so great an interest taken in them.

Y. L.—Are these very rare?

S. C.—They are catalogued at about \$20.00 I believe. I had quite a task in obtaining some of them.

Y. L.—Why did you place that pretty one there? (Points to arms.)

S. C.—Oh, that isn't a stamp; that's the coat of arms. You see here is the national flag. I purchased those of a stamp dealer. Nearly every country has a coat of arms and a flag.

Y. L.—You have a little history of the country right here, haven't you? Let me see. (Reads)—Government,—Republic; area,—40776 square miles; population,—1500000; capital,—New Guatemala, with 50000 inhabitants; president,—Manuel Lisandro Borillas. Why, how nice that is! You must obtain a good deal of information from stamp collecting.

S. C.—Oh yes. It's a good deal better than studying geography in some respects, I think.

Y. L.—I think I should enjoy collecting stamps myself, it looks so interesting.

S. C.—Well. I have a few duplicates here, which I would be glad to have you accept. (Takes an envelope from another part of album and presents.)

Y. L.—Oh, thank you. But I don't wish to rob you. When I get a nice collection, it will be a great pleasure to me to have you examine it.

I. E. M.

Universal Postal Union.

Although it is probable, most of the readers of the "Philatelic Press" are familiar with the more prominent details of the "Universal Postal Union," such as, the rates of postage and the countries included therein, perchance not as many are familiar with the history of the organization of the Union.

In October of the year 1874, there was held a conference in the city of Berne, the capital of Switzerland, which resulted in the formation of the "*General Postal Union*," which Union included all the countries of Europe, also Egypt and United States. The object of this Union was the simplification of postal arrangements, and it is needless to say many beneficial effects resulted therefrom.

The treaty of Paris, held in June of the year 1878, was adhered to by the signers of the previous treaty, while British India, the colonies of France, Spain, Portugal, various colonies of Great Britain, Persia, Japan, Liberia, Brazil, Peru, Chili, U. S. of Columbia, the West Indies, Central American States and other countries, also signed.

This convention was exceedingly important, and was named the "Universal Postal Union." Under the terms of this Union, all the countries signing were declared a single territory for the reciprocal exchange of postal matter at uniform rates of postage.

Equal weights, rates and rules were adopted and a goodly reduction in postage followed. A uniform rate of five cents is charged for a letter weighing one-half ounce, while two cents is charged for postals, one cent for two ounces of printed matter, and five cents for registration in Europe and ten cents outside of Europe.

That the Union is of infinite benefit for all the countries therein, goes without saying, and one is not at a loss to know what amount of postage be needed for any country in the "Universal Postal Union," as one

sometimes is in regard to countries outside of the Union. C. E. S.

Stamp Album vs. Photograph Album.

In looking over my stamp album a few days ago, I was impressed with its resemblance to a photograph album; and as this had been a division of stamp study which I had overlooked, I was very much surprised to see how correct the most of the likenesses were which adorned the postage stamps.

I then turned to the United States stamps to see what fields of study lay before the collector there. There I beheld upon the one cent stamp the genial features of our first postmaster general, Ben Franklin. Also on the two cent stamp I saw the well known effigy of General Washington, and all through, upon the stamps issued by our highly prosperous nation, we see the portraits of some of her celebrated statesmen and generals.

Many persons owe to the postage stamp the knowledge they have of certain persons whom they have never seen and undoubtedly never would have seen any likeness of them had it not been for these little pieces of paper which many people put upon letters which they are sending away, without the least thought of whose portrait adorns its face.

Upon the five cent confederate stamp we find a very good portrait of Jefferson Davis.

The stamps of Great Britain and her colonies can be mostly identified by the effigy of their queen which adorns the face of such stamps. It has been said by some person, I do not know whom, that these portraits flatter the original. The portrait which we will find on the most of these is that which represents her upon her ascension to the throne. The one which is found on the three cent Newfoundland is said to be a representation of her at the time of her husband's death, although a very poor likeness. The other members of the royal family are also represented on stamps. We find the Prince of Wales as a Highland boy upon the one cent Newfoundland, and in a military suit on the seventeen cent New Brunswick. We also find a very good representation of his brother, Prince Albert upon the six pence Canada.

A person desiring to secure a collection of the photographs of celebrated persons will find a large field in a collection of stamps, these being only a few of the many that might be noted. W. H. V.

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NOTES

We have received the initial number of the Post Card which is the first paper we have seen devoted entirely to postal cards. It is published at Roselle. N. J.

We learn that the new issue of Argentine is to be replaced by an engraved set. As they have been in use only a year they will no doubt become scarce in a short time.

We recently saw a cancelled strip of ten of the new issue 90c. U. S. Somebody paid considerable postage on one package. The largest strip of used stamps we think we ever saw was on an envelope received from Cyprus. There were thirty-five 30 piastre stamps.

The Philatelic Monthly, founded by the late L. W. Durbin, is now beginning its fifteenth volume and is the oldest stamp paper in America.

During the past month we have received two catalogues of auction sales from Scott Stamp and Coin Co. and Messrs. R. R. Bogert.

Some people think stamps are not worth anything. A strip of four 24c. 1869 issue U. S. was sold in New York recently for \$200, which was considered cheap.

Mr. Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr. of Baltimore, has sent us his photograph. Mr. Wettern looks like a gentleman and we know him to be one in his business relations, having dealt with him for the past six years. We understand his photo will appear in the Philatelic Journal of America.

We are always glad to receive new papers but at the same time pity the publishers, for they don't know the trials and troubles which they are sure to meet. The young man who thinks he has the brains and pocket book to run a stamp paper, better sit down and count the cost of labor, time and trouble, then multiply that sum by six and you may then fall short of the amount.

Our subscription list has shown a healthy increase during the past two months, but like all publishers we want to increase our circulation. In order to double it at once, we offer to every one sending in a year's subscription before Mar. 1st, a genuine unused stamp, priced at \$1.00 by Scott's Catalogue. Also we shall give with every 100 subscriptions received, an International Album, 9 edition. To whom the book shall be given will be decided by lot; everyone will have an equal chance. Can we make a better offer? We should like to give away ten albums. The stamp we give is worth much more than the price of subscription. Write to-day, to-morrow never comes.

We advise you to save your stamp papers. Many collectors are making collections of them, and some papers now bring a good price. A paper five or ten years old is very interesting to the collector, especially to note the price of stamps at that time, also the prominent dealers and writers.

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We have a large stock of albums ranging in price from 25c. to \$25.00. If you want any kind of an album write us for prices. We have a few second hand albums we will sell at a remarkable low price.

We have about 20 of Willard's Standard Albums. These are bound in boards printed on good paper and hold nearly 2000 stamps. Price postpaid, 25 cents.

1000 Gummed Hinges and a Stamp worth 5 c. sent postpaid for 10 c.

Our wholesale trade has been larger during the past month than any two previous months. We send selections of stamps at extra low prices to dealers who want to buy for cash. We issue no wholesale list.

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Farmer Perkins at the Eden Musee.

How'd I come to go? Wal you know I've been a sendin milk to New York fur 'most six years, and when the hulsale merchant paid me off the last time there war a little mistake on the price, so I thought I'd go down and see the sights and settle up the difficulty 'tween me and the merchant. I'd jest sold a couple of my fat calves.

So I sot out on the mornin train and got into the city 'bout ten o'clock.

Wal sir, it's wuth goin jest to see them big buildins. Why, sum on 'em are four times as high as Uncle Rube's win mill.

I hunted up the merchant and settled up the bizness, "bizness 'fore pleasure," you know, then I thought I'd go and see that Eves Music er sumthin er ruther, I don't pretend to pronounce it right. I'd red a good deal about it in the news papers all about them wax figgers, you know.

My boy, John, he's got a collection of postage stamps, wanted to have me go and see the big stamp exhibition that wus bein held there.

It tuk good tew hours to find it. I asked as many as half a dozen dif-

ferent pussons whar it wus. Wal, I went up to the policeman that was jest inside the door, you know you kin allus depend on them policemun, and asked him whar'bouts the stamp exhibition wus. The old fellow never paid any 'tension to me 'tall. I thought he felt purtty important, when somebody told me he wus made of wax. Then I thought I'd better get them new specs if I could'nt see nothin better'n that.

Wal I paid a half dollar which they make you fork over, and went along in. After I'd looked around a little while I came to the stamps. If there want a lot on 'em. I thought John here hed got 'bout all the different kinds there wus, but I changed my mind purtty sudden when I saw them. Why, there war enuf, if they'd been the right kind, to stamp all the letters that cum to our office fur forty years. I spent 'bout four hours in there lookin around. Once when I thought I wus goin through a doorway, I cum within a hair of walkin right through a lookin glass.

It got to be arter 5 o'clock and I thought if I wus goin home that evenen twas time I was a makin fur the depot, so I started. I. E. M.

CHICAGO NOTES.

For the month of January, 28,1000 packages passed through the registry departments of the Chicago P. O., said packages representing an estimated value of \$7,000,000.00. A very large list for the first month of the year.

Isn't the Jan. P. J. of A. a "big one?"

The meeting place of the C. P. S. has been changed to the Grand Pacific Hotel. Visiting collectors will have no trouble in locating the Grand Pacific.

The following extract is taken from one of the Chicago dailies:

"M. Ferrari, son of the Duchess of Galiera, who rejected the fortune his mother left him, possesses 2000000 postage stamps, worth "to those who fancy that sort of a thing, you know," \$125,000.00. This from one of the leading papers of the U. S., whose veracity has never been questioned?

In a Chicago dime museum may be seen a small case of foreign and U. S. stamps, in the center of which is a card on which is written, "presented by E. R. Aldrich, collector and dealer, etc." Very enterprising on the part of Mr. Aldrich.

C. E. S.

We have received an interesting letter from Mr. C. A. Townsend, of Akron, Ohio, in regard to strips of stamps. It came too late for publication, but will appear in the April number.

We have received from Major C. Mottes of Persia, his catalogue of Persian stamps, but we can't read French. Isn't it too bad?

Advertisers are beginning to appreciate our columns, as can be seen by the number of new advertisements. Our rates are the lowest, all things considered, of any stamp paper in the U. S. Our readers when answering advertisements will confer us a great favor by mentioning that they saw ad. in Phil. Press.

Our premium to all new subscribers received during March, will be a set of 15 var. of used Russian stamps, priced by Scott's 50 edition catalogue at 34 cts.

Feb. 25 there opened in New York at the Eden Musee, probably the largest exhibition of stamps ever shown. They are valued at over \$100,000.00. Many countries are shown complete, and it will pay any collector living within a reasonable distance of New York to take a trip there, if only to see the exhibition.

The exhibition will last about a month. The stamps are mounted on cards designed by the Staten Island Phil. Society.

The exhibition is given by the members of the New York, Brooklyn and Staten Island Societies.

As will be seen by the article on first page, Farmer Perkins has been there and enjoyed it immensely. The editor hopes to go down some time in March and will try to give some account of it in our next issue.

What is the matter with the Canada stamp papers? We only receive one, the Canada Stamp and Coin Journal, and this contains little of stamp news.

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NOTES.

We have received a circular setting forth the merits of the Universal Philatelic Union, K. Brewster Cox, Sec. and Treas., *pro tem.*, Long Beach, Cal. We do not desire to encourage it as we think there are societies enough, and those now in operation can fill the wants of all collectors unless they desire the offices.

The Charleston Philatelist has changed from a quarterly to a monthly.

Scott's new International Album contains spaces for stamps from Formosa, yet we learn from the Feb. number of the American Philatelist, that there are no genuine Formosa Stamps. Here's a pretty state of things.

U. S. stamps are jumping up in price all the time. In a few years a complete set of the general issues will cost a small fortune. The 90c. 1869 issue is now priced by Scott at \$5.00; their last catalogue gave it as \$3.00. If you have money to invest and wish to obtain a high rate of interest, buy U. S. stamps and lay them aside for a few years.

We have received the initial numbers of the Hoosier Philatelist, the Buffalo Philatelist, and Flour City Philatelist. If you can find any room we welcome you; but the ranks are about full and we shall expect to see someone squeezed out before long.

W. H. Goodrich is now editor and publisher of the Eastern Philatelist. This is a neatly printed and readable paper.

The Beacon must be short of writers as John R. Hooper occupies nearly all of the space of its last number.

We recently had in our possession a well executed counterfeit of the 10c. 1865 U. S. newspaper stamp. The color was violet instead of green.

A set of Flags, Coats of Arms, and Rulers, if neatly mounted, will enhance the looks of your collection more than \$10.00 worth of stamps.

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At the Eden Musee.

I dropped in at the Eden Musee, 231 St., bet. 5th and 6th Aves. New York, to see the Stamp Show now going on there, and found it very interesting. At the entrance to the hall I was met with a sign which stated that a package of stamps would be given to each boy visitor, but I couldn't play the "Baby Act" and pass off for a boy so I got left on that racket.

Approaching the Stamp Exhibition, the first thing that meets your eye is a large gilt frame mounted on an easel and containing within its four massive sides a collection of about 200 varieties of the Postal Cards of the World. On either side of this easel is a long range of upright glass cases, in which are exhibited the various contributions of a well known collector.

In my opinion the exhibits of Mr. J. W. Scott of the Brooklyn Phil. Soc., comprise the most noteworthy of this great collection. Among others from this contribution the following are specially interesting.

An envelope stamped (presumably with a rubber stamp) thus,

Jas. M. Buchanan

Paid

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and valued at \$35; a complete set of Hawaiian Islands, including the 1c. Blue, bluish paper, value \$10, 2c. Black, bluish paper, value \$10, both of 1859 issue, and 2c., 5c. and 13c. Blue 1851, value \$25 each. A com-

plete set of Periodical Stamps; A block of four 24c. issue of 1869 with the picture of the Declaration of Independence, reversed (error) valued at \$200, and three 15c. issue of 1869 with picture reversed (also error) value \$25; a James Buchanan 5c. on original envelope, value \$25; a New Haven Blue and a Red with "E. H. Mitchell, Postmaster" stamped thereon, valued at \$10 each; a New York 5c. glazed issue of 1843, value \$10; a 5c., a 10c. and a 20c. St. Louis worth \$50, \$60 and \$70 respectively; and a splendid collection of Confederate States of America Stamps, among which may be noted a 5c. Blue Charleston worth \$7.50, a 5c. Green and a 5c. Carmine of Baton Rouge, La., valued at \$35 each, an Athens, Ga. 5c. Purple, value \$50, a Knoxville, Tenn. envelope 5c. Green on Blue paper, worth \$20, a Pleasant Shades, Va. 5c. Blue, value \$50, 2 varieties of 5c. Black Raleigh, N. C., valued at \$35 each, Tellico Plains, 5c. Red and a 10c. Red worth \$15 and \$20 respectively, a Mobile, Ala. 2c. Black, value \$25, and a Spartanburg, S. C. 5c.—Black, worth \$25, all of these Confederates being in excellent condition.

Mr. H. N. Terrett of New Jersey contributed a complete set of all the issues of U. S. Envelope Stamps, from 1853 to the present time, comprising about 250 varieties.

Mr. J. Adenaw of the National Phil. Soc. exhibits a very fine lot of Match and Medicine Stamps and a

complete set of U. S. Internal Revenue Stamps up to \$500.

Mr. C. A. Burger of the National Phil. Soc. shows a large number of stamps on original envelopes of all the States. Prominent among them are 5c. Black of Providence, R. I., valued at \$4, and the 10c. Black, worth \$20; the New York 3c. Blue, glazed paper, and 3c. Blue, woven paper, issue of 1843, also of New York, and valued at \$10 and \$25 respectively; a 5c. Black and a 10c. Blue St. Louis, worth \$60 and \$75. He also had in his collection a block of three \$200 Rev. and of \$500 Rev. rated at \$12 and \$75, and a proof of of the \$5,000 Rev. Mr. Burger's exhibit also contained three fine specimens of the "Merchant's Line Telegraph 35 Canal St." in red. This gentleman claims that these last were only recently discovered by him and are the only three known to exist. He placed a valuation of \$25 apiece on them.

Mr. Chas. Gregory of the Brooklyn Phil. Soc. contributed among others, a very imposing block of Mosambique Stamps, 40 R. Blue (error); also another error a 4 Anna Red of India (head reversed). His exhibit also contained a complete set of Buenos Ayres valued at \$50 and a complete set of Cape of Good Hope, including the "Wood Block" which alone are worth \$100.

Mr. Henry Collins of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. contained a 2 pence Blue Lady McLeod S. S. Nav. Co. on the original envelope and in excellent condition; also a complete set of unused English Compound Envelopes. Some of the other rare specimens were a line of Victoria Rev. used for postage from, 1 pence to 10¢, loaned by Mr. C. B. Corwin of the National Phil. Soc. A complete set of uncanceled Afghanistan 142 in number and worth from 75c. to \$7 apiece, contributed by Mr. R. R. Bogert of the New York Phil. Soc. A block of twelve stamps of British Guiana, issue of 1850 to 1856 and valued at \$75, belonging to Mr.

R. Wuesthoff of the Nat. Phil. Soc.

The exhibit of the Staten Island Phil. Soc. contained a lot of U. S. of Columbia Stamps which included specimens of the following principalities; U. S. of New Granada, Columbian Republic, Granada Confederation, Antigua, Bolivia, Cundinamarca, Magdalena, Panama, San Tander and Tolima.

There were numerous other specimens and lots well worthy of mention but want of space prevents any further dilation thereon. If any of our readers should be in New York during this exhibition, we think they would feel themselves well reimbursed for the expense and time of going to see it. M. B.

Correspondence.

Editor Philatelic Press:

A paragraph in your March No. induces me to write the following regarding the collecting of strips or squares of unused stamps. As far as I know I am the first to collect stamps in this way, having begun the collecting in 1872 and placing them in the blank pages of my album in 1874. At the present time I have several hundred dozen unused stamps in strips and squares, mostly of low values and many at this time obsolete, but needless to say, no less valuable to me on that account.

I first called public attention to this manner of collecting in Vol. III Quaker City Philatelist, page 82, though many of my friends, particularly of the Pomeroy Philatelic Soc. (Toledo, O.) had taken up the idea previously.

Of course this is not intended to take the place of the general collection, but only as a side issue, and while there are other good and sufficient reasons for this manner of collecting, with me it has been almost wholly on artistic grounds.

With our improved blank albums, a page here and there artistically arranged of strips and squares of unused stamps is beautiful beyond description, and needs only to be seen to be appreciated. G. F. Heath, M. D.

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The postmasters in Canada seem to dislike the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. stamp, as they cannot be obtained at many offices and some of those that do have them keep only a very small quantity in stock.

It makes us smile to see the way some dealers run down reprints and at the same time sell all they can of them. The editor recently bought a package of stamps from a large dealer in the west who is (?) an anti reprint crank, and you would be surprised at the number of reprints found in the package.

A recent number of Springfield Daily Republican contained nearly two columns of good stamp notes.

Better go slow in paying high prices for unused stamps of the Central and South American countries as most of these countries reprint or cancel their stamps to order, so the price is likely to drop at any time.

Down with the A. P. A. proxy system.

The secretary of the A. P. A. moves nearly as fast as a snail. At the convention in August the constitution and by-laws and also the list of members were ordered to be printed. The constitution came a month ago, and the list of members is not yet received. Better brace up.

We offer to those sending subscription during month of April, their choice of following premiums, any one of which is worth more than the price of subscription.

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These ought to give our subscription list a big boom.

We would call attention to the letter of Dr. Heath. Although we have never seen a collection of strips, yet we think they would look very neat if tastily arranged.

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Notes on Rare Stamps.

VEDA.

The \$10 Gas Stamp of Canada is among the rarest stamps that Canada has produced, the 12d Black being its only superior in worth. It is said that less than a dozen have been used since they were issued in the last decade.

The "Mercury" Zeitung stamps of Austria are of exceeding great rarity. The things found in the markets are reprints and sometimes even counterfeits.

Probably the simplest type set stamps are the rare Inter Island stamps of the Sandwich Isles. They range in value from \$2 to \$10.

An extremely rare stamp is the one which hails from Spain. In 1869 Seno Diego Castell Fernandez was granted permission to send by mail, free for the space of six months, his work "Castilla Postal de Espana." These were franked by a stamp of which the following is a description: The reverse of an envelope in an oval surrounded by the inscription "Castella Postal de Espana."

Faunce's Local is rarely met with. They were used in Atlantic City, N. J. in 1885 and '86. They are lithographed, red on black, and the design briefly defined is two circles, between which is "Faunce's—Atlantic City;" within the inner circle, "Penny Post." These stamps, while not extensively known, are genuine and of considerable rarity.

Correspondence.

Editor Philatelic Press:

Dear Sir—In your February issue I noticed a mention of a large strip of stamps. Now let me tell you something. In 1876 I was at Dunkirk, N. Y. One day while at the Union Depot, I noticed a large square package, probably 18x18x18 inches. It was going to some internal revenue collector and was put off there to be transferred. There were just one hundred stamps on it. With the aid of a sponge and water, and a jack-knife, I secured 35 or 40 of them. As I was a youngster then I thought I had better let well enough alone and skipped with what I had. I once saw a book about the size of an International Stamp Album mailed from San Francisco with 64 1 cent stamps on it. While at the office of the late L. W. Durbin several years ago, his mail was brought in. There was one letter in a big official envelope from Cape of Good Hope. The front was covered with strips of stamps, leaving just space enough for address. In the P. O. here I have seen at different times, packages of sheet music prepaid with 20, 30 and even 40 two cent stamps.

Yours in earnest,

Chas. A. Townsend.

Observations of a Stamp Dealer

There are fewer fraudulent stamp collectors now than ever before, whether it be through fear of expo-

sure or downright *honesty*, I do not know, but these figures will show fairly what I mean: I sent out in a certain length of time, 58 sheets valued at \$151.70, from which stamps were sold to the amount of \$49.00 or nearly 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of value of sheets. Only one sheet has not been accounted for, the value of which is \$1.38, which shows a loss of about 3% of total sales.

I think you may be safe in saying that the fault is as much with the dealer as with the collector. It is only too true that some dealers will allow a sheet to remain out 5 or 6 weeks before writing about it, and if no answer is forthcoming, wait 3 or 4 weeks more.

Regularity and system will always bring good results, C. A. T.

A. P. A. Grumbings.

The last number of the Philatelic Gazette contains a vigorous article by Mr. Corwin who is known as the "boss kicker" of the A. P. A.

We think Mr. Corwin "gets there" and are glad he has the courage to write such an article. The April Am. Philatelist contains report of the secretary of A. P. A., in which we find a list of one hundred members who should by the constitution, have been dropped for non-payment of dues, November 1, 1888, but through gross negligence on part of the secretary they have been allowed to enjoy all the advantages of membership free of cost for seven or eight months. No doubt there is a large list which should be dropped May 1, 1889, but at present rate they won't get out until 1891.

The writer paid his dues March 1, but failed to receive card for seven weeks. What hustlers these Hoosiers are. We think the Secretary ought to resign and let some one capable of running the office be appointed.

Mr. E. B. Sterling who has been appointed Exchange Superintendent is not a fit man for the office if his previous record as trustee is taken into account. While he was chairman of trustees in 1888, the writer made objections to a certain party becoming a member. He sent letters and document to prove objections and after some time wrote Mr. Sterling as to decision of trustees but no reply has been received. We suppose the papers are still in hands of Mr. Sterling as he did not send them to the second trustee, Mr. Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr. The party who applied has not yet been admitted but has applied again, but the same objections still hold good if the papers can be found.

Unless something is done we predict a speedy death for the A. P. A. Those who are now members are mostly dealers who expect or are reaping a pecuniary benefit. The only advantage that a member now has is receiving the Am. Phil. (which he can get for 50c. a year) and the use of the purchasing agents, but these advantages can nearly all be obtained by non-members for the same price. Reform is necessary. H. G. M.

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We are sorry the National Philatelist has gone into oblivion. It was small but good and always came on time.

We have received the prospectus of the Universal Philatelic Advertiser and Collectors' Companion, which, according to the prospectus, is going to have a circulation equal to all

other U. S. stamp papers combined. We expect to see one number and then think Bro. Hutchinson of the Beacon will have the chance to chronicle another death.

The Beacon for May notes the recent death of eight stamp papers. Sorry, but what else is there to expect? Collectors will not support a good paper.

In Harper's Weekly for 1879 will be found two articles concerning Rowland Hill, who many think, is the inventor of the postage stamp. You can find a file at almost any public library.

We have been working hard to obtain a good subscription list, but as all publishers know it is not an easy task. We have determined to make one grand effort to obtain 1,000 subscribers and shall offer this paper for one year for only five cents to all sending before May 20. We are sure every one will remit this small amount. The money part we do not care so much about as the encouragement a large subscription gives, and it also pays in advertising, as a paid circulation of one hundred copies is much better than a circulation of one thousand sample copies. We shall give to the first, sixteenth, and each fifteenth subscriber received, an unused entire U. S. env. priced by Scott at 75c., and to each subscriber sending 2c. extra for postage, we shall give a set of four B. & O. Tel., 1886 issue, value 11c. *Won't you kindly write to-day?*

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