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What Becomes of the Gold?

The gold production of the world last year aggregated over $400,000,000. The principal gold producing countries were South Africa, the United States, Australia, Russia and Mexico, although some gold was mined in nearly all countries.

South Africa contributed the greatest amount to the world,s stock of gold last year, it's share being a little over $150,000,000, the United States slightly less than $100,000,000. Australia about $80,000,000, Russia about $25,000,000 and Mexico a little less than $20,000,000.

In connection with enormous production of gold the interesting question is: What becomes of all this gold? The cotton crop of the South is more valuable than the entire gold production of the world, but cotton perishes with its use. In less than three years from the time it was produced practically none of it remains.

The same applies to almost all wealth creating productions. But gold is indestructible, and since the stock of it is so much increased annually, what becomes of it.

It is estimated that about $50,000,000 worth of gold is consumed annually in the arts, but even so it is not destroyed. Only a very small portion of it is buried with the dead, in their teeth and as ornaments, and other small part is lost in shipwrecks and other accidents. All the balance must remain. Where is it?

By assuming that it is lost, some $250,000,000 annually remain to be coined. What becomes of all this money?

There is less gold in actual circulation now than there was before this enormous gold production began. At the time of the discovery of America there was as much gold money in circulation as silver money. In thirty years following this event only about $100,000,000 of gold was produced. With the discovery of gold in California and Australia the gold production increased to over $100,000,000 a year, and the South African and Alaska mines have increased the annual output to over $400,000,000 last year.

Although this gold does not enter actively into circulation, it must be somewhere, and as gold is now the basis of money in all countries, it must have the effect of cheapening money, under the law of supply and demand. Does not this explain in part at least, what is called the higher cost of living.

Cheap money means more of it to equal the price of other commodities. Money is based on gold; and the gold production of the world, and of our country, has been enormously increased during the past ten years.—Augusta Herald.

New Postal Cards Have Been Issued.

New postal cards different in color, weight and nearly every other characteristic except size from those with which the public has been familiar have been issued by the post office department and are being distributed.

They seem likely to arouse criticism at once because of their pale blue gray color, as experts say it causes strain to the eyes to read black ink writing on these cards.

Much lighter in weight than the cards long in use, the new postal is thinner and has a greatly harder finish. It is not flimsy, however, and does not break or tear any more readily than the old cards. The stamp is larger and round and bears a portrait of President McKinley, as does the one it supplants, but the new card displays a much more juvenile likeness than the other. In place of the ancient legend, "The space below is for the address only," the warning on the new is, "This side of card for address only."

Because of the harder finish ink writing is not quickly absorbed and blots easily on the new cards. They are of exactly the same size as the old card. It was pointed out that some irreconcilable union veteran is sure to call the color of the new cards "rebel gray" before they have been long in use. — Augusta Herald.

Mr. Theodore Nast.

The sad news reaches us of the sudden death in Denver, Colorado, of Theodore, the 18 year old son of Mr. Charles A. Nast, the efficient and able editor of the Stamp Journal. He was ill scarcely five days with typhoid fever.

Mr. Theodore Nast was an ardent stamp collector and was interested in stamps of European and Asiatic countries.

He Needs the Money.

Because of an impression that the government is withdrawing the Lincoln pennies from circulation and giving a premium for those sent to the department, Treasurer McClung's mail frequently contains remittances of the little coins. One correspondent who encloses two Lincoln coppers asks that "The ten dollars" be sent him as he is "in need of the money."

The number of post offices in the United States is nearly the 62,000 mark, although thousands have been discontinued since rural free delivery was introduced. — Stamp Journal.

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American paper money was first made in 1740.

The membership of the A. P. S. reached a total of 1877 on February 12.

The postal savings bank of India has over 2,000,000 depositors.—Stamp Journal.

An advertisement should be an opportunity for the other fellow to also improve his condition.

During the past year we had a new series of adhesive stamps, no less than three commemorative issues, a new set of envelopes and a green special delivery. This year we have the new postal cards. Why not a new set of unpaids, also?

A Native Interpretation.

"Tell me," requested the foreign sociologist, "what is the significance of the eagle that is shown on American money?"

"It is," responded the Son of Liberty, "an emblem of its swift flight."—Harper's Monthly.

Stamps Worth $250,000 Ruined.

At Gibsonton, Pa., the arm of a mail crane on a fast train failed to properly connect and a registered pouch containing $250,000 worth of internal revenue tax-paid whisky stamps was swept under the car wheels and the stamps mutilated or blown away.

A Well Guarded Bank.

The Bank of England is considered to have one of the most nearly impregnable vaults of any bank in the world. It is sixty-six feet below the level of the street. Above it is twenty feet of concrete, holding seven feet of water, and below the same concrete barrier and depth of water. In this manner tunneling becomes impossible, while with the soldier guard posted every night the conservative Briton has reason to believe in the security of his "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street."

New Coins for China.

The German government at Tsingtau, Kiachow, has recently put into circulation nickel coins of 5 and 10 cent denominations, minted in Germany. The obverse of the coins bear the German eagle and an anchor. "Deutsch Kiautschau Gebie" [German Kiaochow Territory] is circularly inscribed around the eagle. The reverse bears the same as the obverse, but in Chinese characters.

Slot Machines.

The slot machine is now used for selling almost anything smaller in size than a battleship. But it has hitherto never been successfully adapted to the selling of postage stamps. The reason is to be found in our peculiar coinage. We have two-cent stamps and three-cent stamps, but no two-cent or three-cent piece. Some inventors have tried to overcome the difficulty by selling two stamps for five cents, Apart from the fact that only a single stamp may be needed at the moment, it is disturbing to pay fiive cents for what is plainly intended to bring only four. The Postal Department has been experimenting with a machine that seems to overcome the difficulty ingeniously—for it sells a stamp for two cents, and two cents only. Realizing that his machine had to perform all functions of a skilled post office clork, the inventor has all but provided it with a brain. A mutilated coin, a piece of foreign money, or the brass slug that circulates so widely in the west is promptly rejected. In other words, the coin is mechanically tested before it is allowed to pass muster. Thin instruments inserted thru the slot, in order to operate ratches and levers so as to expel stamps without even the brass pretense of a coin, are unable to thread the tortuous passage and to avoid the obstacles that have been provided.—Saturday Evening Post.

Substitution.

"Good morning!" voiced the cherry salesman in a large stamp firm.

"Good morning!" echoed the quiet-looking stranger, "have you something very choice in wholesale U. S. stamps?"

"Well—er—no; but here are some Seebecs which are just as good, considering price, at 75 cents a hundred."

"Just as good?" doubtingly.

"Yes, yes; in fact, really, confidentially, superior— How many do you wish, please?"

"Just a hundred. Here's your money."

"But!"—in confusion, "you've made a mistake — this isn't money."

"No?" agreeably.

"Why, no! It's a matinee ticket."

"So it is. But it represents seventy-five cents, and while it isn't actual money, it's just as good. Adios."

The clerk fainted.

It is said that there were four sheets each of the 6c, the 10c and 15c printed on blued, or experimental, paper.

Aluminium Coinage.

The French Deputies were presented recently with specimens of the new aluminium coinage with which it is proposed to replace the bronze coins in France. The 10 centimes piece is described as "something between a counter and a trouser button," and is said to be even less attractive in appearance than a nickel coin, and to be "ugly and unhandy." The "sou" is much the same, but, of course, rather smaller, and it is expected that both, if they are adopted, will cause considerable confusion.---Scientific American.

Printers Win Out On U. S. Envelopes.

The printing and publishing houses and union printers, who have been protesting against the post office department printing business addresses upon stamped envelopes, have practically won their fight.

The post office committe of the house has decided that the practice should be discontinued and it will cease on June 10.----Journal.

Mr. A. C. Roessler has just picked up in New York a block of twelve of the 10c brown Jefferson unused and with O. G. Two were without the secret mark (see catalog) while ten were so supplied.—Stamp Journal.

Grim Relic Sold at Auction.

The knife which guillotined Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette has been brought to light as a result of an investigation following the recent sale of a guillotine in Paris. The latter was knocked down for the modest sum of $130, the reason for so low a price being due to the absence of the blade. The sinister lot fell to a Parisian innkeeper, who intends to charge his guests six centimes for permission to place their hands in the dreaded neck hole.

Postal Agreement Signed.

The governments of China and Japan have signed an agreement on the basis of the postal union rules. The document affects Manchuria chiefly. China recovers its monopoly of mail carrying on its own railway, together with equal rights over the Japanese railroad. China recognizes all the Japanese offices in the treaty marts of Manchuria.

Denver Mint Resumes Work.

The Denver Mint, which has been closed for several months, has again resumed operations. Only 150 of the force of 200 employees were reinstated. They have begun to make $5 and $10 gold pieces and later, it is predicted, pennies and nickels will be made.—Stamp Journal.

ARE YOU A STAMP COLLECTOR?

If you are you should join some good philatelic organization so as to keep in closer touch with your fellow collectors and also to enjoy your hobby as much as is possible. There are a number of first class organizations in this country but to the beginner and medium collector the best one to join is

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Some who believe in advertising have an ad on their tombstones.---Attleboro Philatelist.

The first Postmaster General of the United States was appointed in 1692.---Col. Own Magazine.

The first American stamps were sanctioned by the act of congress March 3, 1847.---Collectors Own Magazine.

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As far as your collection goes, make it good.

The rural mail-box is a sort of post office on one leg, says Farm Journal.

Pay as you go, and induce your customers as well, to pay as they go, especially if they intend going for good.—Attleboro Philatelist.

Label Collectors.

The time is past when simply postal use shall make a stamp necessary to a collector Collectors enjoy the privilege of discrimination and reject such things as are tainted by the suspicion of speculation, particularly where the prices are tacked on.

Thousands enjoy the pretty labels of Labuan, North Borneo and the Seebecized countries and collect them because they are cheap, even though they know that 99 per cent of the issue is of the same character as picture cards, issued for the profit of a schemer.

We neither blame a collector for including nor rejecting speculative stamps, it is a matter for everyone to decide for himself. Information is the province of the press and we give it, then the collector can draw his own lines. The beauty of our pursuit is, that each may follow his own sweet will and form a collection according to his own ideas. There is pleasure in it for all. Mekeel's Drummer.

A North Pole Stamp.

We suggest that the department get busy and issue a North Pole stamp at once. As a design we suggest the following: On the left. a likeness of Cook, with three Eskimos in the background. On the right, Peary, Mat Henson in the background. These two pictures separated by a likeness of the Pole, upon which the midnight sun is shining, and all surrounded by a wreath of gumdrops and neatly done in the colors of the aurora borealis, ought to make on attractive stamp.—Favorite Combination.

The Penny Contest.

[illegible] sheets of paper with questions on, and plenty room for answers. Prize awarded to to best one correctly. Place a penny on the table so all may see. Answers all found on it. What reptile? Copper head. What fruit? Date. What race? Indian. Which senses? Smelling (S-cent). What boundary? U. S. of A. What sees? Eye. What is given? Liberty. What emblem? Wreath. — Exchange.

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TRANSCRIPT.

VOL. VII, NO. 6. COMMERCE, GA., MARCH 24, 1910. WHOLE NUMBER 41.

Every line in a stamp journal costs the publisher something. If it is for the benefit of the individual it should be paid for. If the grocer were asked to contribute groceries to one abundantly able to pay for them, he would refuse. The proprietor of a stamp journal must pay for the free advertising if the beneficiary does not, and yet it is one of the hardest things to be learned by many, that a stamp journal has space in its columns to rent, and must rent them to live. To give away rent for anything less than living rates is as fatal to a stamp journal as for a landlord to furnish rent free.

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United States Money.

(Concluded).

Treasury notes of the act of 1890 are legal tender to their face value in payment of all debts, public or private, unless expressly stipulated in the contract.

Strictly speaking, the United States notes or greenbacks are legal tender with the exception of duties on imports and interest on the public debt. Practically, however, since the resumption of specie payment in 1879, greenbacks have been received freely and without question by the government, though the law respecting them hasn't been changed.

While the gold and silver certificates are not legal tender as between individuals, both issues are receivable for all government dues of whatever kind, in this respect legally more acceptable than is the greenback.

National bank notes, while not legal tender and not receivable for duties on imports, still may be paid by the government for salaries and all debts of the government except interest dues and in redemption of national currency.

By especial enactment no foreign coin of any kind or denomination shall be a legal tender in the United States, so that if sometime the street car conductor does balk at the chance Canadian dime fished from your pocket keep cool and dig for something that is United States. It's your move.—Chicago Tribune.

The Inventor of the Gummed Stamp.

The inventor of the gummed postage stamp was a Scotsman, Mr. James Chalmers, of Dundee, who, in 1834, suggested the adoption of the practical system of affixing adhesive squares of paper to envelopes. Mr. Chalmers was ridiculed, and, among others, medical men predicted that the constant licking of gum would be prejudical to the health of the nation. It was not until 1831 that the plan of Mr. Chalmers received the serious attention of the post office authorities. McCall.

A Little Matter of Franking.

"What can I do for you today, Senator?" inquired the urbane Ping City postmaster.

"Oh, nothing much," answered Senator Pluribus, easily. "I merely desire to have my coal house, my sectional book case, my blue-ribbon Jersey cow, my wife's kitchen cabinet, my daughter's upright piano, my little son's Shetland pony, my mother-in-law's Morris chair and my secretary's winter supply of cordwood franked to Washington. Thank you, very kindly."—Puck.

Some people are like an egg, too full of themselves to hold anything else.—A. P.

John K. Howard,

Commerce, Ga.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find twenty-five cents for one year subscription to The Transcript, beginning with current number.

Yours truly,

CHRONICLE.

Early information regarding new issues, discoveries, etc., thankfully received and acknowledged.

United States : — Envelopes — 1857-61, 1c blue on buff, period after postage. Used at Americus, Georgia, with hand-stamp, "PAID," and "10" written with pen just to left of stamp. Stamp is uncancelled.

1863, 2c black on orange. Double embossing.

1876, (Centennial) 2c [orange]

1907, 2¢ carmine "D" in "United" missing. Probably something on plate. ΩΩΩ

—Precancel—Buffalo, N. Y. 1902, 1c green, normal. Type mashed across top.

—Chicago, Ill. Pair 10c 1902. Double impression.

1909. 1c green, normal, top line missing.

1909. Bottom line missing on the following:

1c green, normal.
2c red, normal.
2c Lincoln, normal.
10c yellow, normal.

—Aurora, Ill 1909. 1c green, normal, (a) top line missing, (b) bottom line missing.

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Benzine, benzal, ether, naptha, gasoline and xyol will be effective in bringing out the watermark of a stamp — Attleboro Philatelist.

Oil or grease spots may be removed from stamps by immersing in ether, which will not affect the stamp.—Attleboro Philatelist.

A New Hand Book

The Central Philatelic Association of America are planning to publish a series of hand books similar to the Melville books of England. They will not be of the scientific class but on subjects of interest to the beginner, the medium collector, and to even the non collector. The first book, which is now being prepared, will be entitled:

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The Antique Collector And A Bargain Jewel Casket.

The collector had been sneering at Americans for their ignorance of antiques. We had been walking in Venice, down a narrow calle while he was speaking. "Look at that old brass scale," he resumed, pointing to a fish stall in the little outdoor market on which we had just emerged. "There's a gem, not very old, but of the finest seventeenth century Venetian work. If you saw that in a New York dealer's, all cleaned up, you'd give up a good deal for it, but you'd 'a' passed it by a dozen times if I hadn't spoken about it. See that old junk stand over there? I never pass a thing like that. You can never tell what you may pick up—if you only know."

We had scarcely reached the stand when the collector thrust out his hand with the swiftness of a hawk darting on its prey and swooped upon a little jewel box.

"Carnelian! Russian, I should say, from the Ural mountains. It's not of great value, but it's a pretty little thing if it was cleaned up. It's mine, anyway." To the keeper of the stall:

"Quanto?"

The Venetian slowly uncoiled himself and came down from the church steps, where he had been sleeping.

"Does the signore want the pretty trifle? The signore knows its value better than I, and I will be generous?"

"I'll give you a lira for it. It isn't worth it, but one must n't be hard with the poor."

"I had hoped I should get five!"

"Well, I'll make it two."

"It is the signore's."

"There, you see!" exultingly chuckled the collector. "That's what it is to know. An exquisite carnelian Russian jewel casket for 40 cents! You'd never have thought of looking among a lot of rusty old iron for a thing like that, would you?"

While speaking he held the box with a miser's clutch.

"May I see it, please?"

He reluctantly handed it to me as though fearing I might make a sudden dash down the calle with his treasure.

"Phew!" said I contemptuously, handing the box back to him. "It's not carnelian at all. It's glass—nothing but glass."

"Glass!" drawing a magnifier from his waistcoat pocket and minutely examining the purchase. "I'm—I'm—afraid—it is!" he said sheepishly.

"Of course it is."

"I—don't know," sadly. "Yes, it is glass! You see, it's so dirty. Oh, well, we all make mistakes at times. Do you want it?" disgust taking the place of sadness. "You can have it for a quarter."

"Well, I guess it's worth a quarter." I think my eyes must have snapped. "Yes."

And that is how an almost unique example of the cinque cento came into my collection of Venetian glass.—New York Post.

"So you think that pictures serve a more important purpose than literature?" "Yes. Nearly everybody would rather send a post card than write a letter."—Washington Star.

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Valuable Relics.

ALMOST forty-seven years ago, in the fair city of Vicksburg, Miss., there existed a daily newspaper called "*The Daily Citizen.*" For many years it forecasted the daily news and was read by many people. This paper was owned and edited by Mr. J. M. Swords, a citizen of Vicksburg. It was quite a power in its day and during the first two years of the rebellion between the States furnished the people in that vicinity with all the news it could gather about the war, even, in some cases, telling of the deaths and wounds of the brave men who were fighting for their country and who had left their loved ones within the reach of this paper. Though many years have passed since those memorable

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days, yet, copies of this paper have been preserved, having been in the possession of the late Dr. Nicholas Ferguson Howard, of Dahlonega, Georgia, who was Surgeon of the 52nd Georgia Regiment of Volunteers of the Confederate States Army, and was in the siege at Vicksburg. After his death, these papers fell into the hands of his son and grandson, present editors and proprietors of the THE TRANSCRIPT.

One number of the paper bears the date of June 18, 1863, and contains four columns of reading matter printed on one side of wall paper, two columns of which are devoted to "News From the North," a few extracts we give, as follows:

Retaliation.—A Richmond correspondent of the Mobile News says:

The murder of two Confederate recruiting officers, captured by General Burnside in Kentucky, has forced retaliatory measures upon us. With a view of retaleating in kind, the Yankee officers at Richmond will have to draw lots, and one Captain and one Lieutenant will be hung for this act of barbarity on the part of the "Christian" Burnside. There will be probably little delay in carrying out the sentence of the law.

A Spirited Girl.—The following anecdote concerning one of the fair daughters of Winchester, is authentic beyond a doubt; and worthy of being put upon record: "One day during the hard winter just past, a Miss Arnold applied to the brute Milroy for a permit to purchase forage for her cow, whose milk was an item of no little importance to the subsistance of her father's family during the reign of that monster. "Are you loyal?" asked the General. "Yes," she replied. He began to write the permit. "To the United States or the Confederate States?" "To the **Confederacy**, of course," she replied. "Then I shall give you no permit. This infamous rebellion must be crushed." "Well, if you can brush it out by starving John Arnold's old cow do it, and be dror to you" she replied."—**Virginia Stardard.**

Blasphemy.—A Virginia paper states that a British officer, who saw the Yankee defences at the Wilderness at Chancellorsville, tells me they were logs piled six feet high with dirt thrown up behind them. In front of these breast works the trees were leveled over a hundred yards in width, forming a frightful abatis, through which a man without a musket could hardly scramble in half an hour. Beholding these defenses, and knowing that he was on our flank and rear, Hooker is said to have told his generals at dress parade on Friday that the Almighty himself couldn't keep him twelve days out of Richmond. This blasphemy accords with his vain and boastful character.

☞The Cincinnati Commercial quotes the following paragraph as having appeared in Medary's Crisis, of April 1st:

"If we white citizens of the North cannot maintain our Government, let it go to h— I before we call on the slaves of our country to maintain it for us.

The other two columns of this number contains interesting matter pertaining to local affairs, has two small advertisements, one for an exchange of prisoners. It speaks of the twenty-eight days bombardment of Vicksburg as follows:

"The small amount of damage inflicted upon our devoted city from the murderous bomb shells of the enemy, is a matter of surprise as well as food for reflection. Two deductions can be drawn from this remarkable protection to property under such a long continued shower of iron from the mortars, viz—Divine Providence, or the mortars are a very great humbug, incapable of doing half the damage they have the credit for."

An Unceremonious Visitor.—As we were working off our edition Tuesday afternoon, a thirteen inch bomb shell made a dash into our office, striking a short distance from the press and going through the floor went into the ower room, thence into the ground where it exploded, and sending its fragments upward, again tu ged up the floor and filled the office with dust, smoke, and a suffocating stench of powder. There were at the time perhaps fifty person in the office, and not one was injured in the slightest degree. The Yankee have no better sense than to throw bombshells at the printers while they are trying to circulate truth and intelligence among the people.

The second number of these interesting newspapers bears the date of June 25, 1863, has four columns of matter, largely clipped from northern papers. Gives acounts of the burning of the town of Bluffton by the Yankees, the battle at Milliken's Bend, Lee's entrance into Maryland and Pennsylvania, commenting on Lee's maneuvers as follows:

"We have reliable information from Virginia of General Robert E. Lee announcing his forces to have assumed the offensive and marched into Maryland, Pennsylvania and threatening Ohio. By a series of grand victories the invincible army of the Potomac—the old guard of Virginia—has cleared the Valley of the Shenandoah, driven Milroy pell-mell from Winchester, capturing half his forces, and now Washington, Philadelphia and Cincinnati are fairly squirming with fear. * * * *

All of Maryland is up in arms with us, and all of Pennsylvania, by order of the Governor, is up, too, but against us."

The last bears date of July 2, 1863, and like the others, owing to the scarcity of printing paper it is printed on wall paper. It struggled along during most of the long siege of Vicksburg, finally being abandoned two days before the fall of the city. While the paper bears the above date it appears that it was not published until the

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CHRONICLE.

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United States :—

—Precancels—(No name of city on stamp). 1887, 2c green, on piece of original cover. Parallel line horizontally across stamp.

—Boston, Mass.

1909. 2c, normal.

Chicago, Ill. 1909, 1c green normal, double impression.

1909, 3c, purple, normal, no top line.

—Permits :—

Athens, Ga.
2c, red, No. 2. Hodgson's Guano.
Atlanta, Ga.
1c, No. 24, rubber stamp. George Muse Clothing Company.
Baltimore, Md.
1c, No. 9. Schloss Bros. & Co.
Buffalo, N. Y.
1c, No. 40.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
1c, No. 12. Hercules Mfg. Co.
Chicago, Ill.
3c, No. 152. Strouss, Eisendrath & Co.
Knoxville, Tenn.
1c, No. 7. Gillespie, Shields & Co.
New York, N. Y.
1c, No. 476. Austin, Nichols & Co.

St. Louis, Mo. 5c, No. 34, used by Nugents.

1c, green, No. 7. Inland Type Foundry.
1c, No. 146.
Sterling, Ill.
2c, No. 9. National Mfg. Co.
Syracuse, N. Y.
6c, No. 35.
Toledo, Ohio.
1c, No. 28. Electro-Chemical Ring Co.

—Machine Perforate :—

Western Newspaper Union, Chicago, Ill. WNU diagonally across stamp.
1909, 1c, normal.
2c, normal.

Co-operate is a good enough word to start with, provided there is not too long a hyphen between the co- and the operate.

TRADE COLUMN.

One cent a word. 6 words for 5¢. 12 words for 10¢. 25 words for 20¢. 2% discount on 6 months contract.

THE NEW WAY

To collect stamps. If you want any stamps and you can't get them on approvals, try this. Look up the price of any stamp cat. under 50c in Scott's 1910 Cat.; divide it by two; send us the result and stamps will be sent by return mail.

WIGHTMAN SUPPLY CO.,
113 Congress Av., Providence, R. I

The best way to know is to find out.

Every road to learning is a royal road.

Never tear up a stamp journal. Give it to a visitor, or send it to a "shut-in."

Poverty is not a disgrace if it come from paying your debts.

The stamps we do not have seem to be the only ones worth having.—Attleboro Philatelist.

What do you think would be the best way to get our ten thousand subscribers?

Type II of the 40 centimes, orange, stamp of France, 1849-50 and 1870-71 issues, existed but twice in each sheet of 300 stamps, being the sixth and seventh stamp in the last row of the right hand pane.

There is no such thing as just standing still. If you stand still you will fall behind because the world will not stop with you. To do no more than hold your own you must progress some.

The Transcript.

¶Published every Thursday.
¶Subscription fifty cents a year.
¶Advertisements fifty cents an inch.
¶John A. and John K. Howard, Editors.
¶Application for second class rates pending at the post office at Commerce, Georgia.

Facts, not fancies, are the things that convince.

Every second of time is valuable, as once gone it is gone forever. Therefore make every hour have its own tasks, and each one tend to success.

It is a good plan to attend auctions when convenient, but not simply to "pick up bargains." The things the other fellows are selling cost them a lot of money; be fair in your bidding.

Never put a stumbling-block in any man's way. Rather make smooth his path as opportunity offers. Those who thus practice the golden rule understand what is meant by the declaration that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

A great many advertisers are in the habit of requesting readers of journals in which they advertise to cut out the advertisement and enclose it with their reply to insure prompt attention. This practice should be discouraged as far as possible. Advertisers should remember that practical papers like the Transcript are well worth saving to have neatly bonnd, as much they contain is valuable for future reference. To cut out an adverment not only mars the whole journal, but may cut out or spoil some very good item on the opposite side of the page. The applicant's name and address, together with where he saw the advertisement, should be sufficient to warrant prompt attention.

Bars Plating of Pennies.

The Lincoln memorial pennies cannot be gold plated or soldered on to cuff buttons without violating the federal law, according to Captain Thomas I. Porter, of the secret service.—Exchange.

Black Hawks' Sword Found.

After a search of thirty years, the sword presented to Black Hawk, war chief of the Sacs and Foxes, by President Andrew Jackson, has been recovered by D. C. Beeman, of Denver, Colo., who will present it to the Iowa Historical society. The weapon was buried with the chief near Iowasville, Iowa, and stolen with the Indian's body.—Favorite Companion.

Coin Weight in Error.

By comparison with the government system of weights, the discovery has been made that the brass troy pound, the basis for the standardization of weights used by the mints and assay offices of the United States, has increased by oxidation seven one-thousandths of a grain since it was brought to the country in 1827.

A suggestion that the accretion by oxidation to the pound probably amounted to two or three grains caused consternation among treasury officials for a time, for gold coined on such a basis would be profitable for export as a commodity. Iridio platinum will be substituted as a standard for the brass if congress sanctions the change. This metal is used in the majority of other countries and at the bureau of standards.

The brass troy pound was brought to the United States by Albert Gallatin, then minister to England, in 1827, and since that time has been the standard of the American mint. It is kept within the innermost of three separate boxes at Philadelphia, and is opened only once a year, this being on the occasion of the visit of the government assay commission, appointed by the president to test the weight and fineness of the coins of the United States. A key to each of the boxes is kept in different cities, thus preventing possible tampering with the weight by unauthorized persons.

Discovery of the change in the metal is due to Edward Rigg, superintendent of the machinery of the royal mint at London, who at the invitation of A. Platt Andrew, director of the United States mint, was present at the meeting of the assay commission at Philadelphia in February. When he was told that the standard weight shown to him was the same that had been in use for eighty-three years, he expressed the greatest surprise and asked whether any test of its accuracy ever had been made by modern standards, at the same time suggesting that in all probability there was a considerable accretion in grains due to the lapse of time.

Soon after the brass pound was brought to Washington, where a comparison with the metric weights at the bureau of standards showed the slight increase that almost a century had developed.

As the treasury has accepted and coined the gold on the same basis of weights, it has not lost any money. Following the disclosure made by the comparison of the brass pound and the

weights at the bureau of standards the calculation was reached that the difference between the two on $100,000,000 of gold coinage would amount to $121.53. The coinage last year amounted to $89,000,000.—Clipping.

World's Banknotes.

The only paper money that is accepted practically all over the globe is not "money" at all, but the notes of the Bank of England. These notes are simply printed in black ink on Irish linen water lined paper, plain white, with ragged edges. The reason that a badly soiled or worn Bank of England note is rarely seen is that notes which in any way find their way back to the bank are immediately canceled and new ones are issued. The notes of the Banque de France are made of white water lined paper printed in black and white, with numerous mythological and allegorical pictures. They are in denominations of from 25 francs to 1,000 francs.

Bank of England notes are of a somewhat unhandy size—5 by 8 inches. South American currency resembles the bills of the United States, except that cinnamon brown and slate blue are the prevailing colors. German currency is printed in green and black, the notes being in denominations of from 5 to 1,000 marks. The 1,000 mark bills are printed on silk fiber paper.

It takes an expert or a native to distinguish a Chinese bill from a laundry ticket if the bill is of low denomination or a firecracker label if for a large amount, the print being in red on white or yellow on red, with much gilt and gorgeous devices. Italian notes are all sizes, shapes and colors. The smallest bills, 5 and 10 lire, are printed on white paper in pink, blue and carmine inks.

The most striking paper currency in the world is the 100 ruble note of Russia, which is barred from top to bottom with all the colors of the rainbow blended as when a sun ray passes through a prism. In the center in bold relief is a finely executed vignette in black. The remainder of the engraving on the note is in dark and light brown ink.

The American practice of scattering strands of silk through the paper fiber as a protection against counterfeiting is unique. —Harper's Weekly.

He whose business is everybody's business hasn't any business to have any business and he generally hasn't.—Attleboro Philatelist.

The man who can, does. He who cannot, teaches.—Attleboro Philatelist.

A critic is one, generally, who can't do it himself, if he could he wouldn't.—Attleboro Philatelist.

Under Charles I, of England, letter carrying became a government monopoly. A letter cost 6 pence delivered in England at more than 140 miles. The cost was 8 pence to Scotland and 9 pence to Ireland.—Collectors' Own Magazine.

Collector (angrily)—You know very well, sir, that this bill for some stamps you bought has been running several years. Now, I put it up to you, what do you want me to do with it?

Debtor—By George! I'd enter it in the next Marathon race, if I were you.

Cancellation marks on a stamp are not evidences of genuineness, as it is infinitely easier to imitate a postmark than it is to make even a passable copy of the poorest engraved stamp. Counterfeit stamps are cancelled to deceive young collectors, and, even more frequently, to avoid the penalties of the United States law.—Stamp Journal.

The 1897 surcharge of Corea, "Tai Han," means Empire of Corea.

The silent friend—your collection. But silence is golden.

The first stamps of Indo-China, surcharged on French Colonial stamps, bore at the bottom the letters R. and D. The R stands for Mr. Richard, Governor of the colony and the D for Mr. Dumas, who was the director of the posts.

Foolish, Foolish Questions.

Will—Fishing, are you, Bill?

Bill—No, I am catching butterflies for my stamp collection.

His Lucky Coin.

In one of his Hibbert lectures Max Muller said to his students: "Many of you, I suspect, carry a halfpenny with a hole in it for luck. I am not ashamed to own that I have done so myself for many years." The case was cited by him in his lecture as an illustration of "survivals" from primeval fetichism, but on his own account Max Muller confessed that when sometimes he had left home without his halfpenny he felt "very uncomfortable" until his safe return.—Constitution.

Identified.

The general postoffice at Paris once received a letter addressed "To Monsieur, My Son, Rue ——," etc. They were going to send it to what in France corresponds to our dead letter office, but a clerk objected.

"There must be two fools in that family," he said. "We shall find out to whom it belongs."

Sure enough, in a few days a stupid looking youth entered and said to the clerk:

"I'd like to find out if you haven't kept here a letter for me from my father."

"Yes, sir," replied the clerk. "Here it is."

Some advertisements read as if they were a cross between an accident and a mistake.

A picture improves an advertisement as a dimple improves a woman—if it is in the right place.

In spite of the sentimental beliefs connected with it, a wishbone is not half so important as backbone.

"The constant drop of water
Wears away the hardest stone;
The constant gnaw of Towser,
Masticated the toughest bone;
The constant wooing lover,
Carries off the blushing maid;
And the constant advertiser,
Is the one who gets the trade."
—Selected.

"Twelve pence make one shilling," said the schoolmaster. "Now, go on, sir! Twenty shillings make one——what?"

"They make one mighty glad these hard times," replied the boy; and the teacher who hadn't received his last month's salary concluded that the boy was about right.

Because he learned the true meaning of the word now, he was soon able to spell it the other way around—won.

4 U IF U R

Interested in stamps. Will give you 100 different stamps for every six unused colored view post cards from any town state or foreign country.

Alfon J. A. Stark,

163 Tompkins Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Part I of the well known stamp collection of the late John F. Seybold was sold at auction in New York City on the nights of March 15th and 16th. The collection consisted of nearly 1000 lots, many of which brought prices greatly above catalog quotations. The sale was largely attended.

CHRONICLE.

Early information regarding new issues, discoveries, etc., thankfully received and acknowledged.

United States : —

—Permits:—

Ambler, Pa.

1c, No. 1.

Amsterdam, N. Y.

2c, purple, No 3.

Atlanta, Ga.

1c, No 1, 4 (3 types), 13, 15, 18, 28, 29, 29 (double impression), 33, 36 (3 types).

2c, Nos. 16, 29, 29 (double impression), 47.

3c, red, No 4. J K ORR SHOE Co.

Aurora, Ill.

1c, blue, No 3.

BALTIMORE, MD.

1c, No 1 two types 2, 36, 49, 124.

2c, No 1, 2 types.

3c, green, No 46

7c, No 96.

11c, No 172.

15c, No 1.

16c, No 1.

19c, No 1.

20c, No 1.

21c, No 1.

Birmingham, Ala.

1c, purple. No 3.

BOSTON, MASS.

1c, Nos 1, 21, 129, 225, prebanceled 2c used over same.

2c, No 21, two types.

5c, No 285.

Brattleboro, Vt.

1c, No. 2.

Bridgeport, Conn.

1c, No. 6.

Brockport, N. Y.

1c, No. 1.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

1c, purple, No. 50.

9c, No. 57. Same, on brown paper.

Buffalo, N. Y.

6c, No. 7, rubber stamp.

Burlington, Vt.

1c, red, No. 2.

Camden, N. J.

2c, No. 6.

Canastota, N. Y.

1c, black on green, No. 1.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

1c, No. 24. two types.

Chicago, Ill.

1c, Nos. 57, 63 red, 114, 217, 231, 277, 313, 334, 339, 540, 648, 653 red, 675.

2c, Nos. 116, 427, 526, 639, 649.

3c, Nos. 30 (2 types), 405.

4c, No. 14, green on brown.

5c, No. 14. black on brown.

6c, Nos. 57, brown paper, 175, 192, brown paper.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

1c, Nos. 8, two types on brown, 35, 83, 93, two types, 125, 132, 140, 177, 181, 184, 215, 225, 246, red.

19c. purple, No. 258.

Cleveland, Ohio.

1c, Nos. 1, 16, two types, 104, red.

2c, No. 104

Columbia, S. C.

1c, purple, No. 2.

Columbus, Ohio.

1c, No. 2.

Same, purple, rubber stamp

Danbury, Conn.

1c, No. 1.

Decatur, Ill. 1c, No. 4.

Denver, Colo.

2c, No. 34.

QUIT

USING THAT RUBBERSTAMP

AND GET SOME

REAL LETTER HEADS

Good Letter Heads
Are Good Business

WE PRINT THEM FOR YOU

Another prehistoric village has been unearthed in Arizona.

Frank C. Erwin, while digging an irrigation ditch fourteen miles from Cochise, unearthed a number of utensils and skeletons, and then found a wall twenty feet long and tables bearing remarkable hieroglyphics.—Newspaper Clipping.

Finds Old Coin; Dreams of Fortune; Piece an Imitation.

Having read a newspaper account of a silver half-dollar of the Confederate States, said to be worth $5,000, as the only metal coin of the confederacy now in existence, S. I. Heller, a New York business man, went rummaging through an old bureau in his home and brought out a duplicate.

The coin, he recollected, had been given him many years ago by an old soldier for whom he had done a trifling service.

Mr. Heller took the coin to a dealer, who offered him $50 for it.

"No," said Mr. Heller, "if it is worth $50 it must be worth more."

His dream of sudden wealth was rudely shattered, however, when he submitted his silver piece to the experts of the Numismatic club. They told him that the coin was undoubtedly a reproduction or "restrike."—Clipping.

Five hundred silver dollars weigh thirty-five and a half pounds.

The envelope was invented by a manufacturer of paper named Brewes, who first made them in 1820.

Valuable Relics.

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4th. At the foot of the last column appears a note, which reads as follows:

"Two days brings about great changes. The banner of the Union floats over Vicksburg. General Grant has "Caught the rabbit;" he has dined in Vicksburg, and he did bring his dinner with him. The citizens live to see it. For the last time, it appears on "Wall Paper." No more will it encourage the luxury of mule meat and fricasseed kitten-urge Southern warriors to such diet nevermore. This is the last wall paper Citizen, and is. excepting this not, from the types as we found them. It will be valuable as a curiosity."

This paper, must, evidently been abandoned after having been prepared for its regular edition. The last article seems to have been set up by some member of the victorious army. The statement regarding the rabbit having been caught by General Grant resulted from a little semi-editorial article which appears in this same issue. It reads as follows:

On Dit—That the great Ulysses—the Yankee Generallissimo, surnamed Grant—has expressed his intention of dining in Vicksburg on Sunday next, and celebrating the 4th of July by a grand dinner ond so forth. When asked if he would invite Gen. Joe johnston to join he said, "No, for fear there will be a row at the table." Ulysses must get into the city before he dines in it. The way to cook a rabbit is "First to catch the rabbit, etc."

The idea of catching the rabbit was very much to the point but was predestined, as subsequent events later proved, to result in realization of the prediction of General Grant. After one of the bravest and most heroic defenses known in history, the city of Vicksburg fell into the hands of the Union Army and according to the note in the last issue of the Citizen, General Grant dined and celebrated the fourth of July in the besieged city.

With the fall of Vicksburg, the career of the *Citizen* came to an end. Having lived in Vicksburg's days of wealth and glory, it was destined to witness its days of desolation, when sacked by the invaders, it fell from its position of pomp and glory, down into the depths of defeat. The fall of Vicksburg written in history and on the indestructible stones of time, has gone down to posterity as one of grandest defenses the world has ever known.

More Permits.

Decatur, Ill. 1c, No. 4.
Denver, Colo.. 2c, No. 34.
Detroit, Mich.
1c, No. 1, 4 types, 5, 39, 82.
2c, No. 83.
3c, No. 8.
Durham, N. C.
1c, No. 1, on brown.
Evansville, Ind.
1c, No. 3, 14, two types.
Fitchburg, Mass.
1c, No. 1.
Floral Park, N. Y.
1c, No. 1.
4c, No. 1, 1 on brown.
Fond du Lac, Wis.
1c, No. 1 on blue.
Glastonburs, Conn.
1c, No. 2.
Grand Haven, Mich.
1c, No. 1, black and green, black and red, black and brown.
Hartford, Conn.
2c, No. 76.
Hopedale, Mass.
1c, No. 1.
Huntington, N. Y.
1c, green, No. 1
Indianapolis, Ind.
1c, Nos. 26, 56, blue, 83, on gray.
Jacksonville, Fla.
1c blue No. 12, 15
Leroy, N. Y.
1c. No. 3.
Lisbon, O hio.
1c. No 1.
Lincoln, Nebraska.
3c. No. 1.
Louisville, Ky.
1c. Not 41, 53.

CHRONICLE.

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United States:—

It is stated that 4,000 each of the values of the current set from 3c to 15c, inclusive, were printed on blue paper. The sheets of these stamps were not kept separate, but were mixed with the regular stock.

—Permits :—

Detroit, Mich.

1c, Nos. 1, four types, 5, 39, 82.

2c, No. 83.

3c, No. 8.

Durham, N. C.

1c, No. 1, on brown.

Salvador :—

The Stamp Collector reports the 1c black and green, overprinted "1852—15 Septiembre—1907" in three lines in red overprint inverted.

The Earliest Precancel.

Since our chronicle of the 2c green precanceled stamp of the issue of 1851, we have learned that it was used by a nursery firm of Clarkesville, Tennessee.

Review of Reviews.

The Attleboro Philatelist is improving with each issue.

Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular continues to keep up the standard of former issues.

A new exchange recently added to our list is *The Stamp Collector*, published by Mr. George Ward Linn, of Columbus, Ohio. It is well edited and neatly arranged. The subscription price is 50 cents a year, and well worth it.

The Collector is a monthly magazine devoted to the interest of collectors of autographs. It is published in New York by Mr. Walter R. Benjamin. The subscription price is $1 a year and no collector who wishes to keep abreast of the autograph world should be without it.

Mr. Alfon J. A. Stark sends us a priced catalog of part I of the Seybold collection for which we extend thanks.

Coming Auctions.

April 14-15—J. C. Morgenthau & Co., New York City. Part III of Seybold collection; evening sessions at the Collectors' Club, 14 E. 23rd St.

April 19—International Stamp Co., 18 W. Long St., Columbus, Ohio.; rooms of the Columbus Collectors' Club.

Auction Prices.

J. C. Morgenthau, March 15 and 16.

United States—Postmasters Provisionals—Brattleboro, 1846. 5c, buff, No. 2 in plate. Letter dated July 10, canceled "Brattleboro, Vt., July 11;" sent to Norwich, Conn. Stamp itself is canceled "Paid" in red. $700.00

U. S., New York, 1845, 5c blk., horizontal strip of 4 on letter. Stamps are on paper that is almost white. Left-hand stamp has outer line at bottom. 157.00

Note—Catalog received too late for further quotations. Will probably continue the list in next issue.

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The Transcript.

BEGINNING with this issue, we enter upon our twenty-second year. THE TRANSCRIPT has had quite a varied career. It was first issued from Dahlonega, Georgia, April 1st, 1889, however, not as a philatelic magazine. Owing to business and other matters of the editor, only one number was sent out, and was devoted entirely to a Greek Letter secret college society, known as the Σ N. ¶Again, in 1903, we began the publication of the Transcript as a weekly, devoted to several subjects, to wit: The Transcript, devoted to general news; The Transcript-Antigraphon, devoted to Greek Letter societies; The Transcript-Student's Herald, devoted to college news; The Transcript-Spy-in-the West, devoted to secret orders; The Transcript Stampman, devoted to Philately. About twenty six numbers were issued. During this period of its existence it was consolidated with and absorbed the Student's Herald and Tahlahnekan, respectively, the two college papers. ¶The Transcript was entered as second class mail matter, and was very successful during its existence at Dahlonega, but having decided to move to the Capital City, Atlanta, the publication was suspended, but was resumed a little later by the present junior editor, Master John K. Howard, as a literary and stamp journal, and was published at Dallas, Georgia.

The magazine was exceedingly successful up to and including October the 21st, 1909, the date on which the last issue eminating from Dallas, when our business called us to Commerce, where we hope to be permanently located; and now, again we resume the publication our little magazine, making it purely, one for the "person with a hobby," and we hope to improve each week, and make it a journal second to none, and solicit your patronage to assist in our endeavor.

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¶Advertisements sixty cents an inch.
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Colonial Mail Routes.

The first record contained in our colonial history of any kind of mail service dates from 1676, when the court in Boston appointed Mr. John Hayward to "take in and convey letters according to their direction." In December, 1716, arrangements were made to receive letters in Boston from Williamsburg, Va., during four weeks of the summer time and eight weeks in winter. In 1738 Henry Pratt was appointed "riding postmaster" for all the routes between Philadelphia and Newport, Va., to set out in the beginning of each month and return in twenty-four days. Postage stamps were first introduced into the United States in 1847.

Growth of Postal Service.

In Washington's administration the postmaster general had but one clerk. There were only seventy-five postoffices and 1,875 miles of post roads in the United States. The cost of the mail transportation was $22,081, the total revenue $37,935, the total expenditure $32,140, leaving a surplus of $5,795. It was not till 1838 that the idea of utilizing the railroads in the mail service was thought of, and the present railway mail service was not inaugurated until 1864, when it was begun by Colonel Armstrong.

No business can afford cheap advertising.

Work and worry are not on speaking terms.

You cannot keep a cork in a bottle of enthusiasm.

Excuses are used when explanations are not to be had.

The bird has faith in its wings because it knows how to use them.

Some people are so economical they spend a dollar to save a dime.

All the stamps listed under Cuba up to 1873 were also used in Porto Rica.

If the head of an advertisement arouse suspicion, the tail will not remove it.

While it is alright to love your own collection, love those of others. Read about and enjoy them.

The desire to obtain something for nothing has enabled many to obtain nothing for something.

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Six unused colored view post cards for every unused English 1 penny red stamp with letters in the corners Alfon J. A. Stark, 103 Pulaski St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Auction Prices.

J. C. Morgenthau & Co., March 15 and 16.

U. S., Providence, 1845, 5c 10c; complete sheet containing 11 varieties of the 5c and one of the 10c unused, o. g., fine, cat. $85. $43.00

U. S., 1861, 90c pale blue, unused, o. g., off at left and bottom, cat. $25. 3.20

U. S., 1869, 10c yellow, horizontal strip of 6 on piece of cover, lightly canceled fine, cat. $32.80 12.80

U. S., 1869, 24c green and violet, block of 4, used, all finely centered, cat. $20. 32.00

U. S., 1869, 90c black and carmine, block of 4, used, fine, cat. $60. 63.00

U. S., 1901, Pan American, 1c green and blk, inverted center, used finely centered, perfs. clipped at bottom, cat. $25. 13.25

Pan American, 2c, inverted, o. g., cat. $185. 167.00

U. S., India Proofs, New York, 5c in 5 colors. 8.25

U. S., India Proofs, 1847, 5c, two colors, 10c two colors, die proofs, fine 6.00

There are about 271,000 post offices in the world. The United States possesses the greatest number of offices, 63,663; Germany comes second with 49,838, and the United Kingdom third, with 23,738; Russia has 18,000. France, 13,000, and Austria and Italy each, 9,000.

Coming Auctions.

April 14-15—J. C. Morgenthau & Co., New York City. Part III of Seybold collection; evening sessions at the Collectors' Club, 14 E. 23rd St.

April 19—International Stamp Co., 18 W. Long St., Columbus, Ohio.; rooms of the Columbus Collectors' Club.

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The Canal Zone has seventeen postoffices in the strip of territory ten miles wide extending across the Isthmus of Panama situated at the following places. Ancon, Christobal, Culebra, Empire, Pedro Miguel, La Boca, Gatun, Paraiso, Bas Obispo, Balboa, Corozal, Gorgona, Las Cascadas, Miraflores, Metachin, Santa Fabal and Tabernilla.

The collection of Indian costumes, weapons and utensils brought together by E. W. Lenders, of Philadelphia, and valued at $30,000, has been bought by J. Pierpont Morgan and given to the American Museum of Natural History.

THE NEW WAY

To collect stamps. If you want any stamps and you can't get them on approvals, try this. Look up the price of any stamp cat. under 50c in Scott's 1910 Cat.; divide it by two; send us the result and stamps will be sent by return mail.

WIGHTMAN SUPPLY CO.,
123 Congress Av., Providence, R. I.

If somebody tol. you, it is not a secret.

The first printed Greek Testaments were those of Erasmus, published in Basel by Froben in 1516.

It beats all what odd questions reach some of the departments of government in Washington. Not long ago the treasury received a letter from a man who had made a bet asking "How many cents are there in a bushel?" The answer was not easy to offer. He got in reply a guess from a clerk that "roughly there are something like 32,000 pennies or $320."

Free Postage.

When the post office was first opened at Kai Feng, China, the clerks had a fight with some men who bought stamps and refused to go away until the stamps were licked and stuck on the envelopes for them. The foreign post offices in Palestine were usually convulsed by a spirit of keen competition. If a parcel exceeding the regulation weight or size was taken to an office and refused the traveler in the majority of cases had only to threaten to take it to a rival office, and it was straightway received without a murmur.

Advertising is a failure when the advertiser is.

The coining value of the gold and silver of the mints of the world in 1907 totaled $4,983,002,850.

If it's business, it isn't funny; and if it's funny it isn't business.

The object of this little journal is to be helpful to the collector who needs information.

How far that little candle throws it beam, so shines a good philatelic journal among collectors.

"Conduct hath the loudest tongue." Therefore be careful to treat all fellow collectors as your friend. Do not skin them because you can.

A man went into a stamp journal office and wished to advertise the sale of his stamp collection. When told that they charged $5 a page, he went out saying that it would break him up at that rate, as his album contained over fifty pages.

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A Runaway.

A CURIOUS relic in the shape of a cut of a "runaway negro" has fallen into our hands. This is the original used before the war to advertise for the slave when he became tired of his master and "left out."

We prize this relic very much and would not care to part with it. It is doubtful if another one could be found.

Below, we give the cut and ad appearing in the paper in 1860:

$20 REWARD

RANAWAY from the subscribers, about the 15th of *May* last, a Negro *Man* named DANIEL. Said Negro is about 50 or 55 years of age, of dark complexion, about five and a half feet high, will weigh 140 or 150 pounds. Having lived for three years in Coweta county, Ga, it is thought that perhaps he has made his way into said county. The above re-

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ward will be paid to anyone delivering the said Boy to us, near Lexington, Ga., or lodged in Jail, so that we can get him.

George W. Smith,
L. G. Young.

Lexington, Ga., August 13th, 1860.

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April 22—B. O. Komorous & Co., 1901 Loomis street, Chicago, Illinois. Fifth mail auction containing a fine United States collection and wholesale lots for dealers. 229 lots.

AUCTION PRICES.

Autographs.

ALS, Autograph Letter Signed. ADS, Autograph Document Signed. LS, Letter Signed. DS, Document Signed, ANS, Autograph Note Signed. 4to, quarto. 8vo, octavo. 12mo, duodecimo. Fol., folio. 2pp, two pages. n. d., no date.

Stan. V. Henkels, March 22.

An auction sale of autograph letters was held on March 22 at Philadelphia by Stan. V. Henkels. There was a large attendance. Some surprising prices were paid.

John Hancock, the famous letter which knocked out Paul Revere's ride, Lexington, April 18th, 1775, brought	$200.00
T. J. Jackson. ALS, 4to, 1862.	37.00
Gen. Lafayette. ALS, 3pp, 4to, 1781,	30.00
R. E. Lee. ALS, 2pp, 8vo, 1866,	26.00
James Monroe. ALS, 2pp, 4to, 1823,	11.00
G. Washington. LS, 2pp, 4to, 1782,	101.00
G. Washington. LS, fol, 1781	120.00
Thos. Jefferson. ALS, 4to, 1781,	31.00
Gen. R. E. Lee. ALS, 4to (war),	40.00
G. Washington. ALS, 3pp, 4to, 1786,	130.00
G. Washington. ALS, 4to, 1790,	131.00

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We are in receipt of catalog of the fifth mail auction of B. O. Komorous & Co., Chicago, to be held April 22. This sale consists of a fine collection of U. S. and wholesale lots for dealers. Every stamp warranted genuine, without limit of time. Satisfaction guaranteed.

CHRONICLE.

Early information regarding new issues, discoveries, etc., thankfully received and acknowledged.

United States:—

—Permits :—

Jersey City, N. J.

1c, Nos 1, 3, black, 3, green.

2c yellow green, 1 & 3.

New Postal Cards Have Been Issued.

New postal cards different in color, weight and nearly every other characteristic except size from those with which the public has been familiar have been issued by the post office department and are being distributed.

They seem likely to arouse criticism at once because of their pale blue gray color, as experts say it causes strain to the eyes to read black ink writing on these cards.

Much lighter in weight than the cards long in use, the new postal is thinner and has a greatly harder finish. It is not flimsy, however, and does not break or tear any more readily than the old cards. The stamp is larger and round and bears a portrait of President McKinley, as does the one it supplants, but the new card displays a much more juvenile likeness than the other. In place of the ancient legend, "The space below is for the address only," the warning on the new is, "This side of card for address only."

Because of the harder finish ink writing is not quickly absorbed and blots easily on the new cards. They are of exactly the same size as the old card. It was pointed out that some irreconcilable union veteran is sure to call the color of the new cards "rebel gray" before they have been long in use. — Augusta Herald.

Mr. Theodore Nast.

The sad news reaches us of the sudden death in Denver, Colorado, of Theodore, the 18 year old son of Mr. Charles A. Nast, the efficient and able editor of the Stamp Journal. He was ill scarcely five days with typhoid fever.

Mr. Theodore Nast was an ardent stamp collector and was interested in stamps of European and Asiatic countries.

He Needs the Money.

Because of an impression that the government is withdrawing the Lincoln pennies from circulation and giving a premium for those sent to the department, Treasurer McClung's mail frequently contains remittances of the little coins. One correspondent who encloses two Lincoln coppers asks that "The ten dollars" be sent him as he is "in need of the money."

The number of post offices in the United States is nearly the 62,000 mark, although thousands have been discontinued since rural free delivery was introduced. —Stamp Journal.

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American paper money was first made in 1740.

The membership of the A.P.S. reached a total of 1877 on February 12.

The postal savings bank of India has over 2,000,000 depositors.—Stamp Journal.

An advertisement should be an opportunity for the other fellow to also improve his condition.

During the past year we had a new series of adhesive stamps, no less than three commemorative issues, a new set of envelopes and a green special delivery. This year we have the new postal cards. Why not a new set of unpaids, also?

A Native Interpretation.

"Tell me," requested the foreign sociologist, "what is the significance of the eagle that is shown on American money?"

"It is," responded the Son of Liberty, "an emblem of its swift flight."—Harper's Monthly.

Stamps Worth $250,000 Ruined.

At Gibsonton, Pa., the arm of a mail crane on a fast train failed to properly connect and a registered pouch containing $250,000 worth of internal revenue tax-paid whisky stamps was swept under the car wheels and the stamps mutilated or blown away.

A Well Guarded Bank.

The Bank of England is considered to have one of the most nearly impregnable vaults of any bank in the world. It is sixty-six feet below the level of the street. Above it is twenty feet of concrete, holding seven feet of water, and below the same concrete barrier and depth of water. In this manner tunneling becomes impossible, while with the soldier guard posted every night the conservative Briton has reason to believe in the security of his "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street."

New Coins for China.

The German government at Tsingtau, Kiachow, has recently put into circulation nickel coins of 5 and 10 cent denominations, minted in Germany. The obverse of the coins bear the German eagle and an anchor. "Deutsch Kiautschau Gebie" [German Kiaochow Territory] is circularly inscribed around the eagle. The reverse bears the same as the obverse, but in Chinese characters.

Slot Machines.

The slot machine is now used for selling almost anything smaller in size than a battleship. But it has hitherto never been successfully adapted to the selling of postage stamps. The reason is to be found in our peculiar coinage. We have two-cent stamps and three-cent stamps, but no two-cent or three-cent piece. Some inventors have tried to overcome the difficulty by selling two stamps for five cents, Apart from the fact that only a single stamp may be needed at the moment, it is disturbing to pay fiive cents for what is plainly intended to bring only four. The Postal Department has been experimenting with a machine that seems to overcome the difficulty ingeniously—for it sells a stamp for two cents, and two cents only. Realizing that his machine had to perform all functions of a skilled post office clork, the inventor has all but provided it with a brain. A mutilated coin, a piece of foreign money, or the brass slug that circulates so widely in the west is promptly rejected. In other words, the coin is mechanically tested before it is allowed to pass muster. Thin instruments inserted thru the slot, in order to operate ratches and levers so as to expel stamps without even the brass pretense of a coin, are unable to thread the tortuous passage and to avoid the obstacles that have been provided.—Saturday Evening Post.

Substitution.

"Good morning!" voiced the cherry salesman in a large stamp firm.

"Good morning!" echoed the quiet-looking stranger, "have you something very choice in wholesale U. S. stamps?"

"Well—er—no; but here are some Seebecs which are just as good, considering price, at 75 cents a hundred."

"Just as good?" doubtingly.

"Yes, yes; in fact, really, confidentially, superior— How many do you wish, please?"

"Just a hundred. Here's your money."

"But!"—in confusion, "you've made a mistake — this isn't money."

"No?" agreeably.

"Why, no! It's a matinee ticket."

"So it is. But it represents seventy-five cents, and while it isn't actual money, it's just as good. Adios."

The clerk fainted.

It is said that there were four sheets each of the 6c, the 10c and 15c printed on blued, or experimental, paper.

Aluminium Coinage.

The French Deputies were presented recently with specimens of the new aluminium coinage with which it is proposed to replace the bronze coins in France. The 10 centimes piece is described as "something between a counter and a trouser button," and is said to be even less attractive in appearance than a nickel coin, and to be "ugly and unhandy." The "sou" is much the same, but, of course, rather smaller, and it is expected that both, if they are adopted, will cause considerable confusion.---Scientific American.

Printers Win Out On U. S. Envelopes.

The printing and publishing houses and union printers, who have been protesting against the post office department printing business addresses upon stamped envelopes, have practically won their fight.

The post office committe of the house has decided that the practice should be discontinued and it will cease on June 10.----Journal.

Mr A. C. Roessler has just picked up in New York a block of twelve of the 10c brown Jefferson unused and with O. G. Two were without the secret mark (see catalog) while ten were so supplied.—Stamp Journal.

Grim Relic Sold at Auction.

The knife which guillotined Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette has been brought to light as a result of an investigation following the recent sale of a guillotine in Paris. The latter was knocked down for the modest sum of $130, the reason for so low a price being due to the absence of the blade. The sinister lot fell to a Parisian innkeeper, who intends to charge his guests six centimes for permission to place their hands in the dreaded neck hole.

Postal Agreement Signed.

The governments of China and Japan have signed an agreement on the basis of the postal union rules. The document affects Manchuria chiefly. China recovers its monoply of mail carrying on its own railway, together with equal rights over the Japanese railroad. China recognizes all the Japanese offices in the treaty marts of Manchuria.

Denver Mint Resumes Work.

The Denver Mint, which has been closed for several months, has again resumed operations. Only 150 of the force of 200 employees were reinstated. They have begun to make $5 and $10 gold pieces and later, it is predicted, pennies and nickels will be made.—Stamp Journal.

—Postal Cards: : —
1908. 1c black, divided by vertical line, no period after "Correspondence."
—Precancels:—
Cincinnati, Ohio.

CINCINNATI
OHIO

1909. 1c, normal.
—Permits : —
Kalamazoo, Mich.
1c, Nos. 5, 12.
Kanaas City, Mo.
1c, Nos. 101, 133.
2c, No. 133.
3c, No. 23
Kittrell, N. C.
1c, No. 1.
Memphis, Tenn.
1c, No. 110, 127.
Milwaukee, Wis.
1c, No 7.
Minneapolis, Minn.
1c, No. 82.
Moline, Ill., 1c, No. 1, two types.
Newark, N. J., 1c, green, No. 1.
New Carlisle, Ohio, 1c, No. 1.
New York, N. Y.
1c, Nos. 5, red on brown, 7, 8, two types, 10, two colors paper, 15, 45, 82, two types, 99, 121, 164, 172, 2 types, 173, 175, 177, 2 types, 185, bwn. on bwn 195, 231, red, 254, 257 on bwn, 274, purple, 279, 318, two types, 333, blue on blue, 348 *red, 349, 352, 403, bwn.*
2c, Nos. 160, blue on yellow, 166, 296, 5 8.
3c, Nos. 7, 71.
5c, No. 10, green on brown 257 on brown

It has been announced that Canada will begin soon the coinage of silver dollars. At present the largest Canadian silver coin is a half dollar. The dollar will be practically the same as the American silver dollar in bullion value and size.

A prehistoric town, complete with streets, houses and temples, has been discovered in Sardina by Professor Toramelle. It is reported to be surrounded by a wall more massive than any city wall known to exist in Europe.

A curious old parchment, yellow and moulded, bearing the flowing signature of Martin Van Buren, eighth president of the United States, was found recently in Atlanta among the papers of the late W. B. Seals. This document records the grant of a tract of land belonging to Gle-You-Tar, a chief of the Creek Indian tribe, to J. J. Fannin & Company, and bears the date of June 24, 1840.

Some interesting literary relics were disposed of at Shelby's auction rooms in London the other day. $3,000.00 were paid for an old mahogany desk on which Robert Burns wrote many of his poems and lyrics. The purchaser was Bernard Quaritch, a bookseller of Piccadilly, who secured it after keen competition. A mahogany desk and oak stool, which were used by Charles Dickens, fetched $117.00. A first edition of "Don Quixote," in two volumes, printed at Madrid in 1405 and 1615, realized $1,250.00, and a first edition of Homer, printed at Florence, 1488, was sold for $1,225.00.

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EDITORIAL.

The next meeting of the American Philatelic Society will be held in August at Detroit, Michigan. A general invitation is extended collectors everywhere.

To a number of collectors who may receive this issue as a sample copy, we wish to observe that although our journal is a small one, it will contain very many important items in the course of a year, and no collector who wishes to keep up to-date can afford to be without it.

Volume one, number one of the *Collectors' Advocate* has just reached our exchange table. It is published monthly in Tilton, New Hampshire, by Mr. Louis L. Comstock. The subscription price is 25 cents a year. The initial number consists of eight pages and cover and is very creditable. We welcome this addition to our large number of collectors' journals and trust Mr. Comstock will receive the hearty support of collectors.

The April number of *The (Autograph) Collector* contains, as usual, many interesting and instructive articles. "American Protestant Episcopal Bishops," is an important article.

The January number of *The New York Philatelist* contains an article on postmark collecting that should receive the attention of postmark collectors. Other interesting bits of matter constitute this number.

Had you ever thought of it? The cost of subscribing to a good monthly stamp journal is fifty cents a year. The cost of subscribing to the Transcript is twenty-five cents a year—and you receive fifty two issues, while of a monthly, you get only twelve issues for twice the cost of the Transcript.

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Coins.

WE SHALL be glad to receive any facts, statistics, etc., of coins from our readers. Due credit will be given contributors. ¶It is seldom possible to ascertain the exact date of an ancient coin. The dates here assigned represent approximately the periods within which the coins must have appeared.

BABYLONIC STATER, *Lydia*. Electrum; 166.8 grains. About 700 B. C.

Reverse: An oblong incuse between two incuse squares. This is probably the earliest coin known.

The Lydians are reputed to have been the first people to make stamped money. Electrum, consisting of three parts of gold and a native alloy of one part of silver, was used in the first period of the Lydian coinage. The weights of the coins conformed to the Babylonian silver standard. Afterward the Phenician silver standard was used concurrently with the Babylonian, probably for the sea-trade with the western coast-towns. When Crœsus abandoned electrum, he produced, by reducing the

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Phenician weight one fourth, a gold coin weighing exactly a gold stater, and by a similar reduction of the Babylonian weight he obtained the Greek gold stater of Eubœa.

DIADRACHM of ÆGINA. Silver; 192 grains. 700-480 B. C.

Obverse: A sea-tortoise (the symbol of Astarte, the Phenician goddess of trade). Earliest known silver coin.

Reverse: An incuse square, divided into eight compartments.

According to the Parian chronical, Phidon, king of Argus, established the earliest Greek mint, in the Island of Aegina. The Aeginetan silver coinage is almost as ancient as the electrum coinage of Lydia. The Greeks introduced engraved dies in place of the rude punches of the Lydians.

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PERMITS.

Atlanta, Ga.
1c No. 4, red type V.

Augusta, Ga.
1c ble, rubber stamp, 1.

Baltimore.
1c, 63. The Bulletin.
Purple, 62.

Boston.
1c No. 21, blk on light bwn. tint block background
No. 208.
2c, 194. Bowker Inspecticide Co.
3c, 52.

Brooklyn.
9c, 57, on bwn.

Chicago.
1c 236, 642 green, 688.

Chicopee Falls, Mass.
1c purple, 1

St. Louis.
1c No. 209, type II.

Salisbury, Md.
2c No. 1. W. F. Allen.

New York.
1c red on bwn, 185. Osborne Co.
No. 15. J. S. Shields & Co.

Saginaw, Mich.
1c on bwn, 13. Lufkin Rule Co.

Whitman, Mass.
1c green 1. Regal Shoe Co.

Memphis, Tenn. 1c, 41.

Westfield, N. Y.
1c on org, 1. Welch Grape Juice Co.

Camden, N. J. 1c, 6.

Cincinnati, Ohio.
1c, 139.
Green, 62, 192, 202 on yellow, 225, 238, 246 red.

Cleveland, Ohio.
1c, 16.

Dawson Spgs, Ky.
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"French Stamps with Watermark," and "Remainders of Turkish Stamps," are the leading articles of *Hugo Scott & Son's Monthly Circular* for April.

An important feature of the Philatelic Monthly for March is "Plate Number Collecting," by William C. Webb. We are glad to see the encouragement of this branch of our hobby and heartily endorse these articles.

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CHRONICLE.

Early information regarding new issues, discoveries, etc., thankfully received and acknowledged.

United States:—

—Perm. —

Baltimore, Md.

1c purple, rubber stamp, type II, No. 49

Boston, Mass.

1c red No. 20.

Chicago, Ill.

2c red on brown, No. 396. Kunstadter Bros.

Chicopee Falls, Mass.

1c No. 1 type II

Cincinnati, Ohio.

1c, No. 41. Samuel Ach Co.

New York, N. Y.

11c, No. 107.

12c, No. 14.

14c, No. 15.

Niles, Ohio.

1c, No. 1.

Northport, N. Y.

2c No. 1.

Orange, N. J.

2c blue No. 2.

Philadelphia, Pa.

1c Nos. 16 blue, blk, gray, black on ylw 21, red on blue, blk, 49, red, blk. 63, 79, 154, blk on pink, red on red fiber paper,

1c dark green, No. 16. Keystone Type Foundry.

165, 166, brn, 169.

3c No. 16.

Pittsburg, Pa.

1c, No. 25.

3c red 68.

St. Louis, Mo.

1c No. 54 on light blue green W. S. Shoe Co.

3c, No. 38.

Plainville, Conn.

1c blk on blk No. 1.

COMING AUCTIONS.

April 23—B. O. Komorous & Co., 1901 Loomis street, Chicago, Illinois. Fifth mail auction containing a fine United States collection and wholesale lots for dealers. 229 lots.

AUCTION PRICES.

There have been many surprises for art experts in the prices realized at the New York sale. Although many of the sales were at record prices, other offerings which were apparently equally as good, went for amounts only one-third or one-fourth of the price originally paid by the collector. Many small losses, however, are balanced by the profit netted on three small pictures, which brought $317,400 at auction, and which were purchased by the collector for $47,000, according to a statement by a French expert. The Franz Hals "Portrait of a Woman," which brought $137,000 at auction, is declared to have cost Mr. Yerkes $12,000; the Rembrandt "Portrait of a Rabbi," was secured for $10,000, and sold this week for $51,400, while Turner's "Rockets and Blue Lights," which fetched $129,000 at the present sale, was bought in 1896 for slightly less than $25,000.

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VOL. VIII, NO. 4. COMMERCE, GEORGIA, APRIL 28, 1910. WHOLE NO. 46.

Chronicle of New Issues.

United States:—

We learn from the *Attleboro Philatelist* that the 6c of the 1895 issue has been discovered printed on revenue paper, watermarked U. S. I. R.

—Revenue—

The Stamp Journal announces the discovery of an inverted center beer stamp of the 25c value of the series of 1875, by Mr. W. D. Grout, of Worcester, Mass.

—Official Seal—

The Attleboro Philatelist reports the current official seal stamp in blocks of 4 in imperforated condition.

—Precancels:—

Mr. Walter H. Hamel, in Stamp Journal, reports the 1c blue, 1887, precanceled, "Burlington, Vt.," reading downward.

—Permits:—

Petr[illegible], Mich.
1c, 70.
Duluth, Minn
1c, 1g on pink.
East Point, Ga.
1c, 1.
Evansville, Ind,
1c, 14.
Gloucester, Mass.
1c, 3.
Indianapolis, Ind.
1c, Nos. 1, 26.
Jacksonville, Fla.
1c, 15, 22.

Canal Zone:—

The Attleboro Philatelist annouces the new 8c with surcharge, reading up, printed in violet and black.

Ecuador:—

The Attleboro Philatelist says that the 25c violet revenue of 1907-8 has been overprinted "Cinco Centavos," and placed in use as a provisional.

Guatemala:—

Commemorative with inscription: "Centenario—de Miguel Garcia Granados—22 de Septembre, 1809-1909."

6c vellicia brown and dark blue

Philippine:

Current 4c, new shade, carmine lake.

Salvador:—

1d new series dark brown and black, portrait of Gen. Fernando Figueroa, President of the Republic.

We have just received volume one, number three of *The Philadelphia Stamp News*, published **weekly** by Mr. Percy McGraw Mann. **This number** is very creditable **and contains as a** leading article, "Parcel Post Stamps," by Bertram W. H. Poole, in West End Philatelist. Other features are Mr. Mann's live editorials and "France, 1903, on Watermarked Paper." The subscription price is fifty cents a year. We wish for the new weekly the greatest of success.

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EDITORIAL.

Mr. G. W. W. Hanger, of Washington, D. C., was first to send us a specimen of the new postal card.

The April number of the *Attleboro Philatelist* is to hand and contains twelve pages and cover. Each page is worth reading.

The Philatelic Star for April has a cover printed in red with a reproduction of a New York stamp on front page. Mr. Burton promises a neat May issue printed in two colors.

"Have you seen him?"
"Seen *Who?*"
"Bill."
"Bill Who?"
"Bill I Kin"

If you haven't seen *Billikin*, better send for him. You will miss a lot of fun if you don't. Address, Wm. I. Kin, 1466 Worthington St., Columbus, Ohio.

Mr B. L. Voorhees has sold his entire stamp auction business to Mr. Hugh M. Clark, of Chicago, Ill. We are sorry to hear that Mr. Voorhees has retired from the auction business for he conducted his sales in a liberal and satisfactory manner. We have no hesitancy in saying that no better man than Mr Clark could have secured the business of Mr. Voorhees. "The Clark Auction Sales" have always been a credit to the auction trade, and Mr. Voorhees' customers can deal with Mr. Clark with the assurance of prompt and reliable service.

The Stamp Journal for April is replete with interesting and instructive matter. "It is worth its weight in gold." The first subject of note is the second installment of

Three-Cent Coins.

Many people remember well the old three-cent piece. Some years ago they were quite numerous. In size and weight they were very nearly like the dime, but by the large Roman III which constituted the impression on one side they were easily distinguishable from dimes, on close inspection. But often this was not given, and the result was many mistakes in passing these three-cent pieces for dimes.

Several years ago the government ceased minting these coins, but they were never called in and destroyed. They are extant today, constituting a part of our circulating medinm, on paper. As a matter of fact, however, they have ceased to circulate. One of these coins is never seen now, except it be in some coin collection. And it had been a mystery what had become of these three-cent pieces.

The mystery is now explained by the New York Sun. It appears that years ago a Chicago concern equipped many telephone pay stations with dime slot machines. It was supposed that they could be worked only with dimes. The three-cent pieces were becoming rare and no thought was taken of them. Hardly had six months passed before one of the telephone companies discovered that the collectors were yielding a harvest of three-cent pieces. Then from all over the country came similar complaints.

Each company forwarded the pieces to the manufacturing company, and more or less politely asked that a corresponding number of dimes or a check for an equivalent amount be sent back in exchange. A council was held at the office of the manufacturing company. The cost of correcting the boxes was compared with fairly trustworthy information of the number of three-cent pieces in circulation. It was found that a balance was in favor of the three cent, and it was decided to accept the pieces as dimes. Gradually the inpour of three-cent pieces narrowed down to an intermittent current. The company seemed to have about all the pieces.

It is said that if ever the premium on three-cent pieces goes high enough the coins will be offered for collectors at prices based upon the original cost to the company, plus six per cent a year, plus cost of storage, plus cost of guarding, plus cost of carrying the fund upon the books. Long ago the slot machines that collected them were relegated to the scrap heap.—Augusta Herald.

Clipping thankfully received from Mr. Kupfer, of Chicago.

Ancient Paper Money.

Marco Polo, the celebrated Venetian traveler, was the first to announce to Europeans the existence of paper money in China under the Moguls. The fact has induced the belief that the Moguls were the originators of it. But in the history of Tchinghiz-Khan of the Mogul dynasty in China, published in the year 1739, the author speaks of the suppression of the paper money which was in use under the dynasty of the Sung, who reigned in China previous to the Moguls, and he also mentions a new species of notes which were substituted for the old in the year 1264.

Early Grecian Coinage.

The invention of coinage is due to the Greeks, most probably to the bankers of Halicarnassos and adjacent Asia Minor Greek colonies, who toward the end of the eighth century B. C. began stamping the small gold and electron ingots which passed thru their hands as currency with a mark of some sort intended to guarantee the weight and purity of the metal; such ingots very soon assumed a round and more regular shape, which we find already in old silver coins from Egina, nearly contemporary with Asia Minor "beans."

Curious to say, none of the surrounding peoples with whom the Asiatic and European Greeks were in constant communication, political or commercial, took up the wonderful invention which at present seems to us of such obvious necessity that we scarcely realize how the civilized world of old could have got on without it. As a matter of fact, however, neither the Phœnicians, with their practical commercial sense, nor the Lydians, nor the Persians who claimed the supremacy over the cities where the new currency was initiated, nor of course the Egyptians ever had coinage, till the conquests of Alexander disseminated the Greek civilization all through the Eastern world. The Romans came to know it through the Greek cities in Sicily and Magna Græcia, and began striking silver coins toward the beginning of the third century B. C.

In the meantime with the Greeks die sinking, like everything else, had fallen within the domain of art, and their coins remain forever a standard of beauty for the artist and a model of perfection for the die sinker. —Saturday Review.

Just after a collector sells a desirable stamp he always finds someone who would have given more for it.—A. P.

The experienced advertiser, like the experienced lover, isn't downcast by a single failure.

"Canal Zone Stamps," by William Evans. The first installment included a History of Panama and Canal Zone, and The First Series, 2c Rose. The second installment contains the 5c Blue and 10c Yellow of the First Series and the Second and Third Series. U. S. Revenue Notes, Stamps on Original Covers, The Franking Privilege, Editorials, A Literature Society, The Philatelic Press, Hayti 1904 Forgeries, and numerous other "live wire" items make one of the best issues we have seen.

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What is perhaps the most curious book in the world is possessed by the Prince de Ligne. This work is neither printed nor in manuscript, the text being formed of letters cut in vellum and pasted on blue paper. Notwithstanding this extraordinary method of presenting the text the book is as easy of perusal as if printed in the boldest type. All the characters shown are cut with marvelous dexterity and precision.

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It is said that Rudolph II., the Roman emperor, offered no less than 11,000 ducats for this wonderful product of the bookmaker's art, but the offer was refused.

A curious feature of the history of this book is that while the English arms are inscribed on its cover it is confidently held that the volume has never been in England.

Finish every day's work by making a record of what you have done.

Mr. Linn just can't help being a good writer. *The Stamp Collector* is one of the best monthlies published. It is ably edited, well arranged and neatly printed. The April number is brim full of stamp "stuff." "Concerning the General Collection," by S. B. Whitehead, contains valuable advice to collectors. The Siamese Sir cuss, by Wm. I. Kin, is worth reading. This number contains a wrire up of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club's anniversary. The regular departments are teeming with information. A great many publications are represented in Notes of the Exchanges, but we do not see mention of the Transcript. Many other items of interest appear in this issue. We notice in Record of New Issues that the current 10c stamp has appeared in a very distinct shade of orange yellow. Mr. Linn has succeeded in organizing the American Philatelic Literature Society, with a membership of twenty. The following officers were elected: President, Charle A. Nast, Box 14, Denver, Colo.; Vice President, Fred Doughty, Saginaw, Mich.; Secy. Treas., George W. Linn. Columbus, Ohio; Council, G. W. Linn, H. S. Adair and Geo. K. Smith, Jr. We wish the new society all forms of success

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No. 4 of *The Philadelphia Stamp News* is quite an improvement over No. 3, which was mostly clipped matter. The present number is original. In an article entitled, Mexico 1895 on Laid Paper, the editor says of his discovery, "Knowing of this variety about twelve years, I must be forgiven for not giving my information previous to this." U. S. Envelopes Bring High Prices, One Cent Letter Postage and other original articles make this a readable number. This issue contains a supplement of a check list of recent China and Cuba. On May 13th we are promised a check list of the Aguinaldo issue of the Philippines.

PERMITS.

Jersey City, N. J.
2c, 15.

Lorain, O. fo.
1c, 1.

Louisville, Ky.
1c, Nos. 1, 59, 87, 90.

Marion, Ky.
1c, No. 1 on yellow.

Milwaukee, Wis.
1c, No. 7, blk. ble two types.

New York, N. Y.
1c, Nos. 175, 177 purple, 333 ble on ble, 353.
2c, 71.

Philadelphia, Pa.
1c, Nos. 16, 49, 83.

Richmond, Va.
1c, 1 on blc grn, 28 purple.
Nos. 1, 1 two types on grn, 14, two types, 17, 22 two types.

Rose Hill, N. Y. 1c, 1.

Roanoke, Va. 1c, 1.

Rochester, N. Y. 1c, Nos. 2 green, 3, 12, same, 7ith 4 blk. horizontal lines across permit and reder this: Entered at Rochester New Yook, post office as second class mail matter.
2c, 22.

Saginaw, W.S. Mich.
1c, 1 bl[illegible]

St. Louis, Mo.
1c, Nos. 13, 54, 91 on grn, 99.

St. Paul, Minn.
1c, No. 22.
3c, 4 on grn.

Washington, D. C.
1c, rubber stamp, No. 3. No. 3 orange.

West Bethel, Me. 1c, 1.

West Chester, Pa. 1c, 2.

W[illegible], N. J. 2c, 1.

[illegible]ton, O.

Vie[illegible] 1c, 1.

Racine, Wis. 1c, 1.

Racine Jct. Station, Racine, Wis. 1c, 7.

Sterling, Ill. [illegible]9, on grn.

COMING AUCTIONS.

April 28. Chicago Coin Co. [illegible] 69th St., Chicago, Ill. Coin.

April 30. Cooperative Exchange, 1454 Bedford Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.

May 7. Hugh M. Clark, 536 Postal Tel. Bld., Chicago, Ill.

May 3—Columbus Collectors' Club, Columbus Savings & Trust Bldg., 8 p. m. Stamps and Literature. Property of Columbus Collectors' Club. Proceeds of sale for the benefit of the Library Fund.

May 12. Scott Stamp and Coin Co. New York City. Literature.

May 17. International Stamp Co., 16 W. Long St., Columbus, O.

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Chronicle of New Issues.

United States:—

We have an interesting cover mailed at Dahlonega, Georgia, in 1893, and addressed to Suwanee, Georgia. Postage was paid by using upper, diagonal half of 3c Columbian as 1½c and lower, diagonal half of 1c Columbian as ½c, thus making 2c, the required amount of postage. The letter reached the party to whom it was addressed.

We have another cover mailed from Atlanta, Georgia, on February 13, 1895, to Atlanta Heights, Georgia. A 2c Columbian envelope stamp was cut round and pasted upon an ordinary envelope in payment of postage. The letter reached its destination.

The Southern Philatelist chronicles the following:

"A correspondent of Mekeel's Weekly sends an interesting cover mailed from Brooklyn, New York, in December, 1895, for Swansea, England, with only a two cent stamp. This left three cents due, or with the penalty, six cents. This has been placed on the cover by cutting a 10c postage due stamp diagonally for five cents and a 2c due horizontally for one cent, thus making up the required amount. The letter failed to reach the party to whom it was addressed and was returned to the writer."

Wrapper:-

Mr. C. E. Warman has shown the editor of the *Philadelphia Stamp News* the two cent red wrapper with the word CENTS spelled CENTS.

—Postal Card:

Mr. Percy McGraw Mana, editor of the *Philadelphia Stamp News*, has discovered a variety of the new postal card. He describes the variety as follows: "One of the cards on the sheet shows where the chisel slipped, no doubt when the "cut" was made. The slip of the chisel cut the corner from the solid background to the west and south of the west numeral."

Cuba:—

The Philatelic Monthly says Mr. Edwin W. Fuss recently received on mail from Cuba one of the recently current 2c stamps, imperforate.

Hereafter we will go to press on Tuesday. All ads should reach us Wednesday preceding date of issue.

The total number of Canal Zone, 5c, blue, first series, fourth surcharge, sold was 6775.

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It's getting so we're afraid to write anything about "the latest" addition to the Philatelic press of the country, for fear before we can get it in the paper there'll be two or three more.—*Stamp Collector.*

Several editors have said they were afraid to chronicle the latest addition to the Philatelic press, for fear before they could get it in the paper news would be received that the publishers had "busted."

The Southern Philatelist for April is a very creditable magazine of twelve pages. "Modern Philately," by J Russel Reed, and "Why Should We Lower the Dues?" by Clarence V. Webb. are articles that deserve mention. The regular departments contain a large amount of interesting news items Better send fifteen cents for a year's subscription to Mr. Leon Carter Grosjean, Shreveport, Louisiana. The editor says he will increase the subscription rate to iwenty five cents soon. We read each issue of the Southern Philatelist with interest and welcome its monthly visit to our exchange table.

April *Billikin's* contains a goodly lot of cherry "philatelic phunnyisms" for the busy stampman. Bill tell tells of his removal to larger quarters in a very interesting manner: "Mrs. Bill ukased that it was up to Bill to find quarters that contained larger rooms so that Bill might have room to a little more than turn around and change his mind at the same time. When Mrs. Bill sends forth a ukase, it is but to obey, so down from the Philatelic Empyrean came Bill and forthwith and forsooth obtained domicile for Bill, Mrs. Bill and the little Bills at 1466 Calle Worthington, Colombo, Ohio, Estados Unidos. "" Letters from a Self-made Stamp Deeler to His Son contains more sound reasoning than fun. Other items and a few verses of poetry make a creditable number. We wish Bill and Mag a long and happy life.

Origin of the Word Sterling.

The origin of the word "sterling" is very curious. Among the early minters of coin in northern Europe were the dwellers of eastern Germany. They were so skillful in their calling that numbers of them were invited to England to manufacture the metal money of the kingdom. The strangers were known as "easterlings." After a time the word became "sterling," and in this abbreviated form it has come to imply what is genuine in money, plate or character.

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Review of Reviews.

We kindly request an exchange of two copies with all publications devoted to collecting.

The Philadelphia Weekly Stamp News grows better with each issue. Number 5 is quite interesting.

Most of the reading space of the April issue of *The Vest Pocket Philatelist* is consumed by Dr. Davis' article on "Distinguishing the Different Issues of the United States."

The Stamp Market, by Philip A. Telly, is the leading article in the *Philatelic Monthly* for April. The Editor's Column, Tips to Young Collectors, by the Head Office Boy, and many other notes form an interesting number.

The combined February-March issue of *The New York Philatelist* has just been received. Though a little late it is worth waiting for. Many prominent philatelists are entering Mr. Dempsey's contests. Among them being Messrs. L. G. Dorpat, S. B. Whitehead and others.

J. C. Morgenthau & Company are asking $1.50 for the priced catalog of Part I of the Seybold sale.

COMING AUCTIONS.

May 6. B. L. Drew & Co., 7 Water St., Boston, Mass.

May 7. Hugh M. Clark, 536 Postal Tel. Bld., Chicago, Ill.

May 9 and 10. J. C. Morgenthau & Co., 87 Nassau St., New York City. 32nd sale. Collection of U. S. of Mr. Arthur K. Hunt and a general collection. In the above sale will be a fine copy of the 1869, 15c inverted center, cat. $200.00.

May 12. Scott Stamp and Coin Co., New York City. 169 sale. Philatelic Library of Mr. Henry L. Colman and general stamp collection.

May 17. International Stamp Co., 18 W. Long St., Columbus, O.

May 17 and 19 Nassau Stamp Co., New York City. 17th sale. Thomas F. Doyle collection.

Parts I and II of the Seybold sale realized $26,956.50. Part III realized $6,962.70. The three parts realized a total of $33,919 20.

PERMITS.

Syracuse, N. Y., 1c, 7; Toledo, O., 1c, ble., 28. Urbana, O., 1c, 1 on bwn. Utica, N. Y., 1c, 10. Vineland, N. J., 1c, 1. Whitman, Mass., 1c, 1, bwn on brown. York, Neb. 1c, 5 purple. Winston-Salem, N. C., 1c, 8. West Grove, Pa., 1c, 1. Washington, D. C., 1c, 3 white and red. Tullahoma Tenn., 1c, purple 3. Terre Haute, Ind., 1c on bwn, 1.

Coin of Caulonia.

Silver. 128 grains. 700-480 B. C.

Obverse: KAYΛ (Caulonia). Apollo, naked, holding in his right hand a branch, on his outstretched left arm a small running figure with winged feet, and in the left hand a branch. In front, a stag looking back.

Reverse: Same type of incuse, with small figure wanting.

An incuse coin of very ancient date. Caulonia in Brutium was one of the earliest colonies established by the Greeks on the shores of southern Italy.

Detroit, Mich. 1c, No. 8.

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Red Cross Seal.

A CLIPPING from the American Red Cross Bulletin says: "It was proved, as was foreseen, most unfortunate that so many imitators of the Red Cross stamp have arisen that the Post Office Department has felt compelled to issue an order against the use of any such stamps on the face of letters. A letter from the Postmaster General on this subject is printed below. To take the place of the stamp, and with the consent of the Post Office authorities, the Red Cross will issue for next Christmas a Christmas Red Cross "Seal," to be used on the backs of letters and Christmas packages.

A competition to secure a design for this seal will be held the latter part of May.

Letter of the Postmaster General to the American Red Cross, March 2, 1910.

"I am in receipt of your letter of Feb. 21, in regard to the non-postage "Christmas Stamps" issued by the American National Red Cross.

"In reply I beg to say that the use of non-postage stamps has been taken up by other organizations, and even by business concerns for advertising purposes, to an extent which has caused much confusion and embarrassment to the postal service. Some of the stamps brought to the Department's notice bear numerals, and in other respects resemble postage stamps.

"The Department intends, therefore, to prohibit the use of non-postage stamps on the face of mail matter. This action is necessary in the interest of the expeditious handling of mail matter which is essential to the greatest efficiency of the postal service.

The use of non-postage stamps on the back of mail matter will be permitted, however, unless some reason now unforseen arises to make different action necessary."

Chronicle of New Issues.

United States:—

The Collectors' Advocate reports the 2c Lincoln with inverted watermark.

According to reports, 150,000,000 copies of the Seattle commemorative stamp were printed.

—Postal Cards:-

We have a postal card of the issue of

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EDITORIAL.

Volume I, No. 2 of *The Collectors' Advocate* has appeared and is very creditable.

We have secured the services of Mr. William Hawkins, of East Orange, New Jersey, as associate editor.

Number 6 of *The Philadelphia Stamp News* contains an able article on the 2c U. S. 1908 with secret mark. Many other important notes.

The World's Fair at Winnipeg has been put back to 1914. Collectors who were awaiting a set of commemorative stamps to commemorate the event will be disappointed.

The accession of George V to the throne of England will probably call forth new issues of stamps for the Island Kingdom and its colonies. Should this be the case, the prices of recently colonial emissions will undoubtedly soar sky high.

Five values of a new Costa Rican set have appeared The stamps are of small size dated 1909 and are in single colors. A different design appears on each stamp. "Costa Rica" and "U. P. U. 1909" appear above the portrait while the values in words and figures are below. The American Bank Note Co. is responsible for the production of the new stamps. The designs are as follows: 1c brown, statue of Juan Santa Maria; 2c green, portrait of Juan Mora F.; 4c red, Josa M. Canas; 5c orange, Mauro Fernandez; 10c blue, Braulio Corrillo.

COMING AUCTIONS.

May 17 and 19 Nassau Stamp Co. New York City. 17th sale, Thomas F. Doyle collection.

May 21—P. M. Wolsieffer, 401 Ft Dearborn Bld., Chicago, Ill. 105th sale

May 24—International Stamp Co. Columbus, Ohio.

TRADE COLUMN.

One cent a word. 6 words for 5¢. 12 words for 10¢. 25 words for 20¢. 5% discount on 6 months contract.

Six unused colored view post cards for every unused English 1 penny red stamp with letters in the corners. Alfon J. A. Stark, 103 Pulaski St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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CHRONICLE.

Early information regarding new issues, discoveries, etc., thankfully received and acknowledged.

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1903 without the period after "ONLY" similar to the variety of the new postal card chronicled last week. The slip of the chisel cut a "V" which begins near the center of the right edge of the stamp and extends about 3mm. into the background.

1899. Black line between branches and oval has broken space of about 2mm. over Jefferson's right eye.

1875. On each side of the stamp of this postal card is a branch. On the left branch there are little "berries," but on the right branch there are none. We have a specimen of this card with the "berry" on the end of the left spray missing.

Cleveland Bundlie, in Collectors' Advocate, reports the current issue 2c, with a break in the circle around Washington's head, on the left side opposite the mouth.

Special Delivery:--

The Collectors' Advocate says special delivery No. 895 has been reported, measuring 35x21¼ mm. The usual size is 36x20¾ mm.

Wrapper:--

The current 1c wrapper is reported with double impression of the stamp.

The 1907, 2c claret has been reported with 1911 watermark.

—Permits :—

Chicago, Ill. 2c, No. 223 on brown.

Bolivia:--

The 1c value of the commemorative set has been issued.

Brazil:—

It is reported that Brazil will shortly issue two new sets of stamps, regular postage and official. The latter will include not only the present denominations but also stamps of 20,000; 50,000; 100,000; 200,000; 500,000 and 1,000,000 reis. That's going some.

Cuba:-

A new set of seven telegraph stamps has appeared.

Dominican Republic:-

The Collectors' Advocate says the 4c postage due has been issued on watermarked paper.

Great Britain:—

Rumors have it that the color of the current 4p stamp of Great Britain is causing much dissatisfaction. It is probable that the stamp will be withdrawn.

It is rumored that the Philatelic Star of Chicago, has been taken over by Martin Enger, publisher of the Standard Philatelist.

ABBREVIATIONS.

STAMPS.

* Unused. ⊙ Used. N means top; E means right side, W means left side and S means bottom of stamp. o. g. means original gum.

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St. Louis, Mo. 8c red, 156.
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Richmond, Va., 6c, 20. Racine, Wis., 1c, 1. Quincy, Ill., 1c, 8.
Philadelphia, Pa. 5c bwn, 16.
1c, 88, 21 new type.
New York, N. Y 12c.
1c, Nos. 543, 519, 309, 301, 251.
Minneapolis, Minn. 6c, 14.
Lynchburg, Va. 1c red, 3.
Louisville, Ky. 1c, No. 30.
Jersey City, N. J 1c, Nos. 2, 3.
Jacksonville, Fla. 1c, 22 reset.
Indianapolis, Ind. 2c red, No. 1.
1c, No. 1, rubber stamp
High Point, N C. 1c, 3.
Fort Wayne, Ind. 1c, No. 19.
Estill Springs, Tenn. 1c, No. 1.
Dayton, Ohio., 1c, No. 1. Dawson Springs, Ky., 1c, No. 1. Concord, N. H., 1c, No. 3 on fawn. Cleveland, O., 1c green, No. 104; 82. Chicopee Falls, Mass., 1c blue, No. 1. Cincinnati, O., 3c brown on brown, No. 8; 2c, 30. Chicago, Ill., 6c brown, No. 57.

Stater of Halicarnassus.

Electrum; 216.3 grains. 700-600 B. C.

Obverse: ΦΑΝΟΣ ΕΜΙ ΣΗΜΑ, ("I am the sign of Phanes"). A stag feeding

Reverse: An oblong incuse between two incuse squares

The earliest known inscribed coin, struck probably about 500 B. C. by Phanes, a vassal of Egypt, who joined Cambyses, king of Persia, in his invasion of that country, or possibly at an earlier date by an ancestor of this Phanes.

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Notes on U. S. Stamps.

By C. A. N.

IT SEEMS to be the case always that after an issue is declared obsolete, or is superseded by a new set, or a new design for a certain stamp is ordered, that the demand for the old issue at once becomes active. While a stamp is being printed and issued, and is current, we are all apt to think there are plenty, or there will be lots of time later to set aside a few choice blocks of this stamp, and by thus delaying we are losing one opportunity to enrich our albums by the addition of shades.

This matter of variation in color has received very little attention in this country as compared with European countries, and especially England. And we must not lose sight of the fact that abroad variations in the accepted tint or color are extremely few. There is much more uniformity across the seas in the stamps of any given color, than in our own fair land. Just as the perforating of our stamps is the vilest in the world, let the cause be what it may, and there are plenty of theories as to that, just so is there notable departures from the accepted color. It may be that with all our boasted excellence as a mechanical nation, we are producing our stamps in a haphazard, go as you please style, because our department officials think it is not a serious matter so long as the stamp will do its duty whether it is perforated evenly between spaces, or whether it is exactly the adopted tone or shade of color. The result is nevertheless a series of stamps which have variety enough to entitle them to be collected and listed as distinct shades.

Take the present 4c cataloged as "deep orange brown." It has been seen in light and dark brown, in purple brown, and various other shades closely touching upon lilac brown. The present 2c carmine is coming very much darker, redder and rosier hue than the first printings, which were very light and pale compared to the stamps sold to-days.

The 2c of 1903, the shield type, will shortly be listed in the advanced U. S. catalog in no less than [illegible] (perhaps more) shades. These run the gamut from rose carmine to deep lake. Some shades like "vermilion," "scarlet" and "bright scarlet lake" are bringing very fancy prices in blocks of four. So I advise my readers, while they can get these at face value, to make up a collection of shades in blocks of four of the current series. They will be repaid in more ways than one and just now the 2c red seems to be very "wobbly" in color. Just why there should be this variety I cannot say, since it would seem a regularly adopted shade would be the most important thing in the [illegible]

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EDITORIAL.

It would require a clever salesman to sell dollars at ninety cents each.

To lose your temper is to lose the respect of others and your self-respect.

It is a poor employee who takes no more pride in his firm than an incubator does in its offspring.

Truth pierces through the clouds; it shines like the sun, and like the sun it cannot perish.

The headline is what makes the people read the ad It is what stops them as they go by down the page. Spend enough time on head lines to make them attention arresters—but not mere "Wolf" cries.

The publisher of a stamp journal has one thing to sell and one to rent. He has the magazine to sell and the space in its columns to rent. Can anyone tell why he should be expected to give away either the one or the other? He can if he chooses, and does as a matter of fact, furnish a great deal of space rent free. But it does not follow that he ought to be expected to do so. It ought to be recognized as would be the giving of sugar or coffee by the grocer. But, strange to say, it is not looked upon in that light at all, and yet everybody knows that the existence of a stamp journal depends upon the rent of its space and the sale of paper. Just the same as a merchant's success depends upon selling his goods instead of giving them away.

Chronicle of New Issues.

United States:—

—Postal Card:-

The Philadelphia Stamp News says: The design of the stamp on the postal cards, as first issued, was rejected. Issued without notice and almost simultaneously with the first design, was a modification of the original design. This change is shown prominently by the removal of the lined background around the head of McKinley. The shape of the numerals has been changed; apparently made shorter and with a better shaped serif. A frame line has been added within the oval containing the head.

—Precancel:-

C. H. Williams wntes to Stamp Journal as follows: "The first to use precanceled postage stamps to my knowledge was the Wells and Richardson Co., Burlington, Vt. They sent out No. 221, 3c purple, and No. 219, 1c blue, 'Boston, Mass.,' which I collected in 1891. I also have the 1c and the 2c due, Nos. 1245 and 1246, precanceled 'La Crosse, Wis,'

The Attleboro Philatelist reports the following precancels:

Biltmore, N. C., 1c 4 circle cancel.
Binghampton, N.Y., 1c normal, dated 4-10, 5c normal dated 4-10.
Boston, Mass., 1c, normal, 1c, ivnerted two lines above, 2 below.
Chicago, 4c inverted.
Providence, R. I., 5c inverted, small type, black ink.
Cincinnati, O., 2c A. Y. P. reading down.
Milwaukee, Wis., 2c Lincoln reading down.
So. Weymouth, Mass., 1c, inverted.
St. Paul, Minn., 2 reading up.

—Permits :-

Atlanta, Ga., 1c No. 37.
Augusta, Me., 1c No. 1.
Chicago. 1c Nos. 648, 642 green, 591 green on brown, 577 red, 562, 277 reset, 83, 46.
Camden, N. J., 5c No. 6.
Baltimore, 18c No. 1 on brown. 1c Nos. 47 purple, 2 green.
Boston. 1c No. 84.
Bridgeport, Conn. 1c No. 7 black and purple.
Brockport, N. Y., 1c No. 1.
Buffalo, N. Y., 7c No. 7, on brown.
Milwaukee, Wis., 1c No. 69.
St Louis, Mo. 1c, No. 184. 3c No. 38.
Mansfield, O., 1c No. 11.
Louisville, Ky., 2c, No. 18.
Lincoln, Nebraska. 1c No. 29.
Toledo, O, 1c No. 33 purple.

Confederate:—

Mr. A. C. Rœssler has discovered a local issued at Thomasville, Ga The discovery consists of "Paid 5" with a circular postmark two inches to left, reading "Thomasville, Ga. Jul 21."

Afghanistan:-

1 rupee, violet brown.

Albania:-

5c Italy surch in black, 10 Para.

Antioquia:-

1896, 2c lilac, error.

Austria:-

The Attleboro Philatelist says two new wrappers showing Mercury's head to the right, have been issued; 2h. blue on light yellow, 2h. blue on bright blue.

Columbian Republic-Medellin:-

The color of the 50c has been changed to gray green.

Crete:-

1l due, surcharged "Hellas."

Crete-Italian Offices:-

Current Italian 50c has been added to the overprinted series.

Dominican Republic:-

A 4c sepia has been added to the current set of due stamps on watermarked paper.

Elobney, Annabon et Corisco:-

Two surcharges of stamps of 1907; 5c on 1c dark violet; 5c on 2c black.

French Congo:-

The Attleboro Philatelist adds the following rectangular stamps: 1c orange and brown lilac, 2c brown lilac and black, 5c green and olive, 10c carmine and red.

Gabon:—

The following values have been added to current set:
4c violet and dull blue.
20c chocolate and violet.
25c chocolate and dull blue.
30c scarlet and grey.
35c green and violet.
40c ultramarine and chocolate.
45c violet and carmine.
50c grey and blue green.
75c chocolate and orange vermilion.
1fr bistre and brown.
2fr brown and carmine.
5fr chocolate and blue.

India—Nabha:—

2a 6p King's head overprinted in black.

Italy:-

Two new stamps are promised to commemorate the 50th anniversary of United Italy, and will be issued at the time of the expositions at Rome and Turin in 1911.

—Offices in Crete:—

Current 40¢ overprinted in black "LA CANEA."

Kainschan—

4c watermarked, printed in carmine.

Mauritius—

The Attleboro Philatelist says the new design having the word "Revenue" on the right hand side instead of Postage, has appeared.
1c grey black.
2c deep brown.
3c green.
4c green and rose.
6c carmine.
8c yellow brown.
15c blue.
Above are of the Arms type.
Stamps below bear the King's head.
5c grey and carmine.
12c grey.
25c blk and red on yellow.
50ct violet and blk.

Persia:-

Sixteen values of a recent issue have been surcharged "Paquetes Postales" for parcel post use.

Portugal:—

This country has recently issued a set of 14 stamps, bearing the pictures of the boy king.

United States:—

—Permits—

Dayton, O., 1¢, No. 17.
Detroit, Mich., 1¢, No. 107 on yellow.
New Haven, Conn., 1¢ No. 25, dark blue green on fawn.
St. Louis., 1¢ No. 113, ble on gray.
—56 blk on orange.
New York, N. Y. 1¢ No. 16.
Bellaire, O., 1¢ No. 1 on pink.
Camden, N. J., 4¢ No. 6 blue.
—3¢ No. 6 blue.

Initial Perforated—

Thomas Mfg. Co. TM interwoven. 1¢ normal.

Parker Pen Co., Janesville, Wis. PPCo. 1¢ normal.

Holton & Co., Chicago, Ill. H— & Co. in two lines. 1¢ normal.

Auction Prices.

American Art Galleries, April 26th.

The collection of autograph letters made by the late Edwin B. Holden of New York, was sold by the American Art Galleries on April 26th. Thomas E. Kirby was the auctioneer. The small attendance was composed mostly of book sellers. We quote a few prices: John Adams, ALS, 3pp, 4to, 1816, $75.
Daniel Claus, ALS, 8vo, 1777, $27.50.
B. Franklin, ALS, 4to, 1763, 130.00.
B. Franklin, ALS, fol. 1762, 85.00.
Nathanael Greene. ALS, 2pp, fol., 1781, ... 30.00.
John Hancock, LS, fol. 1776, 42.50.
Thos. Jefferson, ALS, 4to, 1807, 16.00.
Gen. Lafayette, LS, 2pp, fol, 1781, ... 20.00.
J. R. Lowell. ALS, 8vo. 14.00.
James Monroe, ALS, 4to, 1818, 12.00
Geo. Washington, ALS, 4to, 1796, ... 150.00

Undoubtedly, the finest and most beautiful post cards ever issued are the famous Musee cards. They are printed in two colors, and about 20 different tints are made to blend in the picture. The result is a most artistic piece of work.—Post Cardist.

Review of Reviews.

The (Autograph) Collector for May is about the best issue we have seen lately. It is replete with noteworthy reading matter.

Since our last issue we have received the following publications: Stamp Journal, Vol. III, No. 5, May, Post Cardist for April, Philadelphia Stamp News. No. 7, Attleboro Philatelist, No. 9, May.

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"Found dead, with a toothbrush bristle in his throat!" That is not good advertising even if it does goon to prove that the bristles in the advertiser's toothbrush will not come out. It is foolish effort to imitate the sensational newspaper.

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We have an initial perforated, GA. precanceled Chicago, Ill.

New York. 1c, No. 395.

The Oldest Newspaper.

Of the many thousands of newspapers in the world today the Pekin Gazette is the lineal descendant of a daily news bulletin which made its bow to the public in the year 1340. In the more than five centuries of its life this newspaper has passed through many changes and appeared in various forms, but the paper that the Chinese read today is literally the same that was founded in the fourteenth century. It was not until Europe had begun newspapers on its own account that it discovered over in Pekin that the Chinese had already for many years been in the newspaper business.

Treasure Trove.

Treasure trove is the description given to valuables, such as coin, gold or silver plate or bullion, found hidden in the ground or some private place, the owner being unknown. According to the Roman law, such treasure, if found by a man on his own land, belonged to the finder, but if found on the land of another was divided between the finder and the landowner. According to English law treasure trove belongs to the state, and concealment by the finder is an indictable offense, punishable by fine and imprisonment. If, however, the treasure is not actually covered by earth it belongs to the finder.

It took a lot of printer's ink to get the people coming to your store. A little less may keep them coming but printer's ink you must have every day.

Size of Currency to be Changed?

It is reported that a reduction in the size of the paper money of the United States is to be made if plans are carried out.

The object of the proposed change is to supply the country with a size of currency more convenient for handling and to save the government $500,000 a year in paper and engraving.

The new sized bank note will be three-fourths as large as the notes now in circulation. On account of the smaller size five instead of four notes can be engraved on a page of currency note paper, and this, in addition to the economy of paper, means a tremendous saving.

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of stamps. But that there is no such strict rule to secure uniformity is evidenced by the glaring differences in the sheets sold every day at our post-offices. So now is the time to secure these before there is a change in design.

Syracusan Medallion.

Silver; 263.6 grains. 485-478 B. C.

Obverse: ΣΥΡΑΚΟΣΙΟΝ ("of the Syracusans"). Head of the nymph Arethusa surrounded by four dolphins.

Reverse: A quadriga, with Nike alighting upon the yoke; commemorating the Olympian victory of King Gelon.

The coinage of Syracuse, while lacking the artistic vigor of the coins of Asia Minor and the noble simplicity of Greece, was the richest in design and the most delicately executed of the Greek moneys. Agonistic subjects were commonly chosen for the types. Gelon, tyrant of Gela, won the chariot race at Olympia in 488 B. C.

The habit of putting off till tomorrow what we could do today is what makes the world so full of opportunities.

Russian stamps have always been designed, printed and engraved at the State Printing Works at St. Petersburg.

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Dragon on Chinese Stamps.

IN THE records of the Chou dynasty in China, dating 3,000 years back, are to be found references to the I Chan or Government Courier Service. This, probably the earliest system of posting, is still in existence in China today, and it is partly on account of the I Chan, and partly on account of the number of native postal agencies managed by mercantile firms, that China has only recently—in 1896—established an Imperial Postal Service, modeled on similar lines to the postal departments of other countries.

The Chinese Imperial Post, now well established, is the outcome, says F. J. Melville in the Connoisseur, of an experiment on the part of Sir Robert Hart, Inspector-General of Customs. The first stamps were issued in 1878. They were printed in Shanghai, and bore a design of the "lung," or dragon.

The Chinese dragon is declared to have the head of a camel, the horns of a deer, eyes of a rabbit, ears of a cow, neck of a snake, belly of a frog, scales of a carp, claws of a hawk and palms of a tiger. The dragon on the stamps has five claws to each of its four feet.

This shows that the stamps had imperial sanction, as it is not permitted to anyone to depict the creature with more than four claws to each foot unless for the Imperial Court or with its authority.

$500 Postage (and Revenue?) Stamp

A specimen postage (and revenue?) stamp with a philatelic value of $500 was received by Postmaster General Hitchcock from the International Postal Union headquarters at Berne, Switzerland. The stamp bears the profile of King Edward VII. It was issued for the Straits Settlement, and has the highest face value of any postage stamp ever issued. It is printed in two colors,—light orange and lilac. The stamp has been turned over to Stanley L. Slack, Curator of the Postal Museum, and placed on exhibition.

CHRONICLE.

Early information regarding new issues, discoveries, etc., thankfully received and acknowledged. Specimens returned when requested.

United States:—

—Postal Cards:—

Profile of McKinley, facing to west, lined background surrounding head.

1c blue on bluish white, size 83x140.

Same. Plain background surrounding head.

Permits:—

Augusta, Ga.
1c purple No. 6, rubber stamp.

Baltimore, Md.
1c No. 49, type III.

Boston, Mass.
1c No. 2 dull pink.

Cincinnati, Ohio.
Large rubber stamp "2" over
1c No. 8.
2c No. 254.

Chicago, Ill.
1c bright orange, No. 250.

Detroit, Mich.
1c No. 82.

New York, N. Y.
1c No. 309.
2c No. 250.
5c No. 530 on blue.
8c No. 99 on brown.

Norfolk, Va.
1c red, No. 20.

Philadelphia, Pa. 1c No. 16, type 6 on yellow.
Type 7 on blue.
Type 8 on manila.

St. Louis, Mo.
1c No 203.

2c No. 53, type II.

Initial Perforated:—

Fourth National Bank, Atlanta, Ga. FNB diagonally.
2c inverted.

F. R. Childs & Co., Chicago.
RO 1c normal.

—Play Ground Stamps:—

Of a purpose similar to the Tuberculosis Stamps, a Play Week Stamp has been issued by the Playgrounds Association, of Philadelphia. The stamp is sold for 5 cents and has that value in numerals on it. Each stamp will provide a day in the country for two poor children. The design is very pretty and attractive; in 2 colors, brown and blue; oblong shape, and pictures a little boy and a little girl.—Phila. Stamp News.

Australia:—

—Postage Due:—

½d pale yellow green and carmine. Wmk. Crown and A, perf. 12½.

Azores:—

The new stamps show the profile of King Manuel, with a flying dove and a rising sun below. The values from 2½r to 1,000r, and the colors, are the same as those of the mother country.

Brunei:—

Color of 2ct has been changed from carmine to brown and black.

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Chili:—

Scott's Circular reports the 30c black and green overprinted in red "IMPUESTO" vertically and a numeral "5." The same paper adds, "We hear that the old 50c orange and black was recently placed in use again for a short time, as was also the 12c on 5c of 1903."—A. S. & S. M. C.

China—Russian P. O.:—

Current Russian surcharged in black except 4k which is blue.

1, 2, 4, 10, 70k.

Gwalior:—

—Official Postage:—

The Phila. Stamp News chronicles the 3 pies, India, King's Head, ouerprinted.

Wmk.*, Perf. 13½x14. 3 pies blue grey.

Jamaica:—

3 pence ilac on yellow. Wmk. CA CA, Perf. 13½x14.

Mexico:—

New postal card, 2c green on buff.

South Australia:—

1sh pale brown, Wmk. crown and A, Perf. 12½.

Auction Prices.

J. C. Morgenthau & Co., May 10.

U. S. Dept. of Navy, 2c green error, o. g., fine, perfs close at left, cat. $65. 35.00.

U. S. Dept. of State, $5 green and black, o.g. fine perfs. close at right, cat. $50. 14.00.

U. S. Dept. of State, $10 green and black, o. g., part of imprint at bottom, perfectly centered, magnificient, cat. $70. 56.00.

—Newspapers, 1879, $24 dark violet, o. g., very fine, cat. $5 9.00.

—Envelopes, 1861, 3c pink on orange paper, entire corner, cat. $10.

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J. C. Morgenthau & Co., May 9 & 10. 32nd Sale. Collection of U. S. of A. K. Hunt.

U. S., New York, 1845, 5c black on bluish, lightly pen canceled, fine margins cat. $7.50. $7.50.

Providence, 1846, 5c, 10c black, (18, 19), entire sheet, 11 5c and 1 10c, very fine, cat. $85. 41.00.

U. S., 1851, 5c red brown* (34), o. g., in finest possible condition, fine margins on all sides especially at right where there is a part of next stamp, cat. $50. 45.00.

U. S., 1851, 24c lilac (37), a magnificient copy, splendid margins at sides and bottom where there is a part of another stamp, cat. $150. 152.00.*

U. S., 1851, 30c orange, unused, fine, large margins, cat. $200. 180.00.

U.S., 1867, grilled all over 3c rose (79), unused, o. g. finely centered, cat. $40. 31.00.

U. S., 1875, 3c brown red (104), unused, o. g., very fine, cat $20. 17.25.

U. S., 1875, 30ct brown orange* (110), o. g., very fine, cat $40. 35.50.

U. S., 1875, 90ct blue* (111), o. g., very fine, cat. $40. 34.50.

U. S., 1869, 15c brown and blue with picture inverted (119a), a magnificient copy as it is lightly canceled and free of all thin spots and centered the perfs. are close at top, cat. $200.00. 201.00

U. S., 1879, without grill 1ct ult.,* (135), o. g., perfectly centered, very fine, cat. $3. 3.35.

U. S., 1873 Continental, 15ct yellow orange* (163), o. g., finely centered, cat $17.50. 19.00.

U. S., 1901, 1ct green and black inverted center+ o. g., fine, cat. $25. 18.75.

U. S., 1901, 2c carmine and black inverted center unused, o. g., perfectly centered a magnificient copy altho it has straight edge and guide line at bottom, cat. $185. 141.00.

U. S. Dept. of Justice, 30ct prl., o. g., fine, cat. $20. 4.00.

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Review of Reviews.

We kindly request an exchange of two copies with all publications devoted to collecting.

Quite an interesting feature of *The Philadelphia Stamp News* No.8, May 20, is "Notes by Amos Slapper," the office boy. We are looking for more "slaps" in future issues, Master Amos. Your notes will make a "hit" among juniors.

Trade Column.

One half cent a word. Twelve words for 5¢. 24 words for 10¢. 50 words for 20¢. 125 words for 50cts. 2% discount on 6 months contract.

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Auction Prices.

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—Envelope 1863-4. 2c black die B on buff, entire, unused, very fine, cat cut ☐ $100. 52 00

U. S., 1863-4. 2ct black die B on orange, 38x33, unused magnificient, cat. $75. 37.00

U. S., Envelope, 1874, 2ct vermilion, die D, uncanceled, but part of written letter "E" in lower left corner and touching the stamp, priced $75*, $50. 22.00

U. S., Envelope, 1887, Oriental buff 1c blue, surcharged "Specimen" 19 00

——Blue paper 1c blue, not priced. 48.00

U. S., Envelope, 1899, 4c brown die B*, cut from one of the three known copies of the official size entire env. 80.00

U. S., Official Env., Post Office. 3c black on white*, entire, fine, cat. cut $50. 43.00

U. S., War Dept. Env., 10c light red*, fine, rarest War, cat. $100. 41.00

Philippines, 1901, $1 black*, o. g., fine, cat. $10. 3.50

—$2*, " " " 11. 4.50

—$5*, " " " 16.50. 7 75

Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 1p red, pair used, splendid margins on two sides and good on others,

design intact, cat. $56. 70.00

Guatemala, 1882, 2c brown and green center inverted*, o. g., fine, cat. $10 6.10

Guatemala, 1882, 5c red and green center inverted used, fine cat. $40. 23.00

Guatemala, 1882, 20c yellow and green center inverted*, o. g., fine tho close at N, cat. $15. 9.10

Hawaii, 1859, 5c blue (21),No. 2 in plate, magnificient, enormous margins on all sides, lightly canceled on cover with U. S. 1861, 5ct brown; env. canceled in red "Honolulu Feb. 23," U. S. "San Francisco Feb 23," in black. 26.00

Scott Stamp & Coin Co., May 12 Stamps and Literature.

U. S., 1861, 3ct pink, fine, cat. $7.50. 1.10

Catalog for Advanced Collectors: Calman & Collin, N. Y., 1894-1901, all plates except U.S., 3 vols. half morocco, 15.25

The Philatelical Library: Catalog of Stamp Publications, Tiffany, St. Louis, 1874, 7.60

The Postage Stamps of the United States, J.N. Luff, N.Y., 1902, without plates, 4.10

Moldavia, 2nd, Naples & Sicily, 2nd, Natal, Mexs. 4.25

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" 4, 5, " " 5.00

We regret that lack of space forbids further mention of sales in this number but the list will be continued in future issues.

Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular for May contains no large amount of reading matter, but what there is is of good quality.

The Transcript and New York Philatelist both one year for 40 cents.

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No. 1 of the Washington Post Card Exchange has reached us. It is a neat 4-page folder of the vest pocket order published by Novice Harper.

ABBREVIATIONS.

STAMPS.

* Unused. ⊙ Used. N means top; E means right side, W means left side and S means bottom of stamp. o. g. means original gum.

Autographs.

ALS, Autograph Letter Signed. ADS, Autograph Document Signed. LS, Letter Signed. DS, Document Signed, ANS, Autograph Note Signed. 4to, quarto. 8vo, octavo. 12mo, duodecimo. Fol., folio. 2pp, two pages. n. d., no date.

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We can supply back numbers of the Transcript at the following prices:

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Auction Prices.

Scott Stamp & Coin Co., May 12.

Handbook: Switzerland—The Postage Stamps of the, Mirabaud-De Reuterskiold, copy No. 123, Paris, 1899, publishers' cloth, with protecting case, 34.00

Gibbons' Monthly Journal, London, Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., Vol. I. 1890-1, title and index, half Fr. Mor., binding broken, 4.25

Philatelic Journal of India: Calcutta, The Philatelic Society of India, Vol. I, 1897, title a[illegible] ind., com.. Fr. Mor., 21.00

We quote a few prices of the Nassau Stamp Co.'s 17th sale held May 17 and 19:

U. S., 1847 10ct black, light pen cancellation, cat. $5. 2.65

U.S., 1869, 15ct unframed, unused, o. g., fine, cat. $12.50 9.50

U. S.. Essays, 3c, design with rounded corners, head of Washington to left in oval, U. S. postage above and three cents below head, figure 3 at ends of curved labels, block of 4 in vermilion; 3c head of Washington to left in arch; figure 3 in two upper and U. S. in two lower corners; U. S. postage in two lines at top and three cents in two lines at bottom, block of 4 printed in blue on gold beater's skin. 1.30

Lepton (?), Palestine.

Copper; the widow's mite *Luke, xxi, 2*.

This coin has been termed *lepton* on the authority of Theophylact and of Mr. DuBois, for many years director of the United States Mint Philadelphia.

Obverse: Inscription illegible supposed to be

" onothan the high priest and the senate of the Jews "

Reverse: Two cornucopias with a poppy-head in the middle.

This was the smallest Jewish coin in circulation in Jerusalem, worth intrinsically perhaps not more than a mill in United States money. The people were forbidden to bring coins that were not Jewish into the temple. Small bronze pieces were struck, many of them over other coins, by Alexander Jannæus, king of the Jews (104-78 B. C.), often with bilingual Hebrew and Greek inscriptions.

The New Postal Card.

A note by Post Officious in the Philadelphia Stamp News says: On good authority, I learn that the design of portrait bust of Lincoln which has been adopted for the new 1c postal cards, size 3x5 inches, for filing purposes will also be adopted for the regular size card now in use, as the McKinley head has not been an artistic success. This portrait bust head of Lincoln is similar to the picture on last year's commemorative stamp, except that the head does not incline downwards, and no clothing is shown. Upon enquiry, in reference to above, A. M. Travers, Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General said, "No statement can be made at this time as to whether other changes in the cards will be made."

Chalky Surfaced Paper

Post Officious in Philadelphia Stamp News says the current stamps are being printed on a chalk surfaced paper. The wash is being used to assist the drying of it after printing, and also to decrease the shrinkage of the paper. This wash is applied at the time of moistening the paper, as is done to print from engraved plates. So now we have four papers to look out for; the original white, the experimental, the so called "china clay" and the new chalk surface.

Esperanto Stamp.

An Esperanto stamp has been issued in Washington, which is being sent to all parts of the world announcing that the next Esperanto congress will be held in that city, August 14 to 20.

The stamp is green, the color of the Esperantists, with a white globe, representing the world; in the center, and on this globe, the green star, the emblem of Es

peranto. Above, below and across the globe and star are the words, "Sesa Internacia Kongreso de Esperanto Washington Augusto, 1910."

North Pole "stickers."

A feature of No.9 of the *Philadelphia Stamp News* is color printing. Besides interesting reading matter, we have an illustration of surface printed stamps, also an illustration of the 2b red North Pole stamp. These stickers are very pretty in design, and have imaginary values implied. They are all inscribed "North Pole Post." One Tusk green has the additional inscription, "Peary Land," and pictures a walrus on an ice floe. Two Bones red has the inscription "Cook Land" and pictures a sledge being drawn by dogs. Five Skins blue is inscribed "Nobody's Land" and pictures Cook and Peary standing by an ice North Pole, with the Stars and Stripes flying therefrom.

New Style Envelope.

It is said that we are to have a new style stamped envelope. This is to be a 1c plain envelope, in what will be known as the open-end pattern, intended for the mailing of third class matter.

In this envelope one of the side flaps, instead of the top flap, remains unsealed. It is well adapted to the mailing of circulars. The unsealed end flap admits of ready examination of contents, and the opening is smaller.

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A change in the size of the Southern Philatelist for May adds a great deal to its appearance. This number contains sixteen pages. The future of the S. P. looks promising. We thank Mr. Grosjean for the kindly mentions of the Transcript.

Chronicle.

—Permits:—

Augusta, Me.
1c No. 1, type II.
Same, green.

Bellaire, O.
1c No. 1 on white.

Boston.
5c No. 2?5 blue.

Chicago.
1c No. 674 blue.

Jersey City, N. J.
1c No. 3, type III, red and black on brown. American Type Founders Co.

New York.
No. 197.
No. 279.
1c No. 608.
2c No. 10 on brown.
8c No. 99 on brown.

Norfolk, Va.
1c No. 20, type II red.

Philadelphia.
1c No. 63, 193.

Richmond, Va.
1c No. 1 on straw.
1c No. 17.
No. 22.

Saginaw, Mich.
1c No. 9.
2c No. 9.

St. Joseph, Mo.
1c No. 1 red aed white.

St. Louis.
1c No. 203.
1c Nos. 29, red, 32, 38, 53, 66, 146, blue, 146 red, 148, 156 on brnwn, 184 green, 205 on grey.
2c Nos. 3 blue on grey, 7, 7 brown, 53 brown, 94.
5c No. 53 green.

St. Paul, Minn.
1c Nos. 4 on brown, 22 2 types, 32 brown.

South Bend, Ind.
1c No. 5.

Springfield, O.
1c No. 14.
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A set of Charity stamps consisting of four values, is to be issued, says Southern Philatelist. 1, 2 and 5c to be sold at double face and 10c at 15c.

China:—

Two new values; 30 deep-grey green and 7c crimson-lake.

Federated Malay States:—

Gibbons reports 8c ultra.

Great Britain:—

The Philadelphia Stamp News says a new 7p slate grey bearing the profile of Edward, was issued May 5.

Hyderabad:—

1a grey-black

New Zealand:—

1d carmine, overprinted "Official."

Salvador:—

6c vermilion.

Sweden:—

4o violet.

United States:—

—Initial Perforated:—

M. C. Lilley, Columbus, O. MCL monogram, 1c normal.

Victor Talking Machine Co., Camden, N. J., VTMCo. 1, 4, 6c, normal.

St. Paul F. & M. Ins. Co. F&M --INS in two lines 4c reverse.

Morris & Co., Chicago. MOR—RIS in two lines. 1c normal. 2c normal.

L. Wolff, Chicago. LW. 1c normal.

Moneyweight Scale Co., Chicago MS. 1c normal.

Burroughs, Detroit. B in six pointed *. 4c normal.

Atlanta Georgian, Atlanta. AG. 2c normal

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U. S. Surface Printed.

Following is a letter to the Philadelphia Stamp News:

Washington, D. C.,
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Dear Sir :—

I am sending you an essay of surface printing by a new process known as the "offset" method, and I am firmly of the opinion that the Bureau is experimenting in view of cutting out die engraving, etc, and the expensive plate sheet work. This "off-set" method would print continuously in long sheets, about a hundred stamps wide, and being wound on a roll until five hundred or a thousand impressions have been made, as desired, the large roll would be cut apart making a hundred small rolls of five hundred or a thousand stamps each

The gumming would be done before printing, and the perforating would be done simultaneously with the printing.

This would cheapen the production of stamps considerably.

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Yours, etc,
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Play Congress Stamp.

A stamp has been issued by the Playgrounds Association of America, New York, to advertise a Play Congress at Rochester, N. Y., June 7 to 11. The stamp is of exposition size, imperforate, printed in two colors—violet and orange. It contains the picture of a little boy laughing, in an oval formed of a horse shoe.

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Tetradrachm of Ephesus.

Issued about 400–336 B. C. Contains 234 grains of silver.

Obverse: EΦ ("of the Ephesians").

Reverse: APIΣTOΔEMOΣ ("Austodemus"). The fore part of a stag and a date palm.

An example of Ephesian coinage between the peace of Antalcidas and the time of Lysimachus.

The subjects treated on the rudely executed coins of Ephesus refer to the worship of the Ephesian Diana, an Asiatic goddess identified by the Greeks with Artemis, though essentially different. Both the stag and the bee are her symbols.

U. S. Pays $1 for 2 Cents.

Two cents in stamps constituted the enrichment of the conscious fund of the Post Office Department the other day. The communication received by Postmaster General Hitchcock was dated at Buffalo. The writer, who signed his name as "The One Who Did It," said:

"Some time ago I used a 2-cent stamp that had been used, thereby defrauding the Government out of 2 cents."

After the necessary red tape had been unwound and the two 1-cent stamps had reached the "Conscious Fund" and had been properly recorded, the expense to the Government was about one dollar.

Some men look so far ahead that they lose sight of the opportunities under their very noses.

King George to Improve Great Britain's Stamps.

King George being an ardent philanthropist, owning perhaps the most valuable collection of stamps on earth, it is expected that the new issue of British stamps will be a marked improvement on the present Edwardian series.

There is plenty of room for this improvement, and complaints have been made that there is a singular lack of artistic effort in the coloring and design of the stamps now in use. Most of the larger British colonies, particularly Canada and South Africa, are far ahead of the old country in that respect, and some of the Canadian issue already bear an excellent likeness of King George—as prince of Wales, of course.

It is pointed out, that, with the exception of Russia, England is the only country issuing stamps which do not bear any indication, beyond the head of the sovereign, of the country of their origin.

Guatemala, 1886-1887.

To distinguish the engraved set of 1887 from the lithographed of 1886: In the engraved stamps of Guatemala, the first six lines of the background at the top of the stamp are heavier.—Vest Pocket Philatelist.

Making Money Two Ways.

Our five cent pieces are merely tokens, deriving their purchasing power from the fiat of the treasury. The metal blanks for them cost only about fourteen cents a hundred. When the expense of stamping the designs upon them is added they come to something like $3,510 a million. For this amount the government produces $50,000 worth of nickels, making a clear profit of $46,490 on the transaction.

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Despite the approach of the summer's season of inactivity, stamp news continues to pour in and collectors who neglect their hobby during this summer will wake up in the fall to find themselves away behind the times.

Chas. R. Morris, who ought to know, says that we shall soon see the new U. S. 10c stamp printed in brown on yellow paper. This will not tend to diminish the interest in our country's postal emissions.

Not to be outdone by her contemporaries, Venezuela has placed an order with the American Bank Note Company for 1,000,000 stamps of a single denomination to commemorate the First Centennial Anniversary of Venezuelan Independence.

The remainders of the popular Ecuador triangular set were sold at auction on March 31. No official information regarding the sale has been received but it brought about $9,700. Wait till you see the prices drop.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES.

Early information regarding new issues gratefully received and acknowledged. All specimens sent us for inspection will be returned promptly.

United States:—

—Postal Card:—

The second type ... ent postal cards without ... ground, has come to light ... double impression. The, evidently, second impression, is ... ne and three-quarters of an inch to the west of correct impression, and is slightly higher, and in a much deeper tone of ink.—Phila. Stamp News.

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Contract Approved.

Following is a newspaper clipping which we re-clip from the Philadelphia Stamp News:

"Postmaster General Hitchcock has approved a contract with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for four years, beginning on January 31, 1911, for the manufacture and printing of adhesive postage stamps and book of stamps. A private corporation submitted a bid for the production of the stamps that was $17,020 lower than the bid of the Bureau; but as the Bureau has in view the adoption of methods which will save the Government $180,000 a year in the expenditure of $625,000 on the manufacture of stamps, the contract was awarded to it."

Wonder what those methods are? More experiments, we suppose. Let's have 'em.

Chronicle.

—Permits:—

Boston.
1c No. 68.
No. 101.
1c No. 148.
3c No. 287 on brown.

Chicago.
1c No. 114.
1c No 277, type II, green.
No. 537 blue.
No. 655.

Cincinnati, Ohio.
1c No. 1, type II.
No. 174 rubber.

Detroit, Mich.
2c No 83.

Greenville, Ill.
1c No. 1 on blue.

Indianapolis, Ind.
1c No. 2 blue.

Jacksonville, Fla.
1c No. 36

New York.
1c No. 581.
3c No. 298 on brown.
No. 586.

Philadelphia, Pa.
1c No. 16, type IX.

Portsmouth, O.
1c No. 4, green

Springfield, O.
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Webster, Mass.
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St. Louis.
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The 2c Cuban Imperforate.

By William Hawkins.

LITTLE is known of the 2c stamp of the recently current Cuban issue in imperforate condition. The leading New York dealers and the foremost philatelic writers in the country have never seen the stamp. Whether it is a legitimate government issue, printer's waste or an error, can not be said with certainty. Mr. Edwin W. Fuss, whom, we believe, was the first person to note the stamp, possesses six perfect copies of it with very wide margins, used on cover.

We have at hand, a letter from Mr. Fuss's Cuban correspondent which, however, sheds but little light on the subject. It is as follows:

"I bought these stamps from a Rural Guard of my regiment who wrote me a letter bearing one of them. I wrote, asking him about the novelty, and he replied that he had purchased a pocket book of twenty-four stamps, all imperforate, and he sent me the last six. One of these stamps, I put in a letter for you, and the other I sent to Scott."

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Chronicle.

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International Harvester Co., Atlanta. IHC interwoven. 2c.

Southern Railway. SO / RY 1c inverted.

S. S. White, Atlanta.

SSW 1c normal. 2c normal. 15c normal.

AG Atlanta Georgian. 2c sidewise right, reading down.

American Type Founders Co., Jersey City, N. J.

ATF / CO 1c normal. 3c normal.

—Literature:—

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Vest Pocket Philatelist.

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A Discovery.

A great discovery has been made, and is here recorded for the first time. The 2c Lincoln has been seen with the dates 6061 and 6081, instead of 1909 and 1809. To find this variety, the stamp must be inverted. Stand Abe on his head and see if you are so lucky as to possess this "error."—L. P. M., in Rœssler's Stamp News.

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The Post Card.

THE FIRST post cards were issued in Austria on October 1st, 1869. The idea had already been suggested, but not adopted, at the fifth German postal congress in 1865. In 1870 post cards were issued by the North German Postal Union, Bavaria, England and Switzerland. The German cards were printed without the impression of a stamp until 1872, in which year also the first return post cards were issued, in Germany. At the postal congress which met at Berne in 1874, and at which 22 countries were represented, the international post card of the value of 10 pfennigs, 12½ centimes, 1 penny or 2 cents was adopted.

The private picture post card is nearly as old as the government post card. It is also of German invention and owes its origin to the Franco-Prussian war. On July 16th, 1870, the first illustrated post card, bearing the picture of a gunner, was placed on sale by Schwartz, in Oldenburg. The manufacture of picture cards was afterward taken up by Brandt in Dresden. The industry developed to gigantic proportions. Although many of the cards are striking examples of bad taste and vulgarity it cannot be denied that the best of the so-called art cards and the reproductions of famous patntings and statues have extended the love for the beautiful and that the landscape views have given to many persons some idea of the beauties of their own and foreign lands of which they would otherwise have remained in ignorance.

The following is a somewhat artistic way of arranging your cards and saves the cost of several albums. Take your post cards and run white thread thru the tops, forming thus a string of them. This can, with the aid of a few tacks, be placed around an entire room, just under the

picture moulding, and gives quite a "classy" effect. The result is a veritable picture gallery and is sure to cause comment from visitors.—The Post-Cardist.

The Stamp Market.

By William Hawkins.

Stamp dealers express themselves as being highly delighted with the stamp season now drawing to a close. During the past winter and spring, the little stickers have frequently brought much more than catalog prices. The market is being influenced by the many new issues of the past year and by the hundreds of recruits to the ranks of our hobby. Prices in general are decidedly stiff and the 1911 catalog is bound to show some big advances.

Owing to the probable early issue of stamps bearing the portrait of George V, collectors are hastening to complete their sets of the old "King's Heads." Prices already show some advance and will probably soar sky high. Used sopies of these stamps are hard to secure but when obtainable they are slightly cheaper than the mint specimens.

United States stamps are becoming very popular. The 13c sea-green is offered at 4c in one quarter. This stamp should be a good buy at that price. We have never seen a used copy of the green special offered for sale. This stamp also, should be a good holding.

That "Temple of Heaven" commemorative set which China issued in 1909 is a popular offering at 25c in mint condition. We have yet to see a used set offered.

There will probably be a big slump in the prices of the Ecuador triangular set when the government remainder of the stamps which was recently sold at auction, is let loose.

The Mexican 1 peso stamp of the issue of 1899 is an attractive stamp which should be popular. Its catalog value is 40c but it is selling for 6c.

Mr. E. P. Stanton, chief of the stamp branch of the Canadian post office department denies that there is any truth in the rumor that Canada is considering the issuance of a new set of stamps.

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The London correspondent of a prominent philatelic monthly writes "Although an undoubted success from a social standpoint, the Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain was not marked by the adoption of any really notable measures, calculated to further the cause of philately and its business aspect was therefore disappointing."

It is reported that Austria will issue one or two sets of stamps on the occasion of Emperor Franz Josef's eightieth birthday. The present designs will be retained but the new series will bear the dates 1830-1910. The first series will run from one heller to one krone, while the second will comprise the values 2k, 5k and 10k.

September 3d to 12th, Berne, the capital of Switzerland, and the home of the first Universal Postal Convention, will be the scene of an International Philatelic Exhibition. It is stated that the committee has secured as patrons many of the high dignitaries of the little republic.

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The Post Cardist says the following stamps of this country have been overprinted with native characters for use in the post offices maintained in China:

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VOL. X, NO. 1. COMMERCE, GEORGIA, JUNE 28, 1910. WHOLE NO. 54

Scarcity of High Values.

HIGH VALUES of any given country are scarcer in that country than elsewhere. Even in big countries this is the case. The two and five francs values of France are dearer in Paris than they are in London, mainly because these values are chiefly used in sending parcels out of France. In the same way high values British are plentiful in India; quite a respectable lot can be usually supplied by clerks in Indian merchants' offices. And a correspondent in America writes: "Don't ask me for high-value United States; they mostly go out of the country, and are much more readily got in London than in New York." On the other hand, this American friend usually has a spare copy or two of the 10s and £1 British to exchange.—Gibbons' Stamp Weekly.

Our First Money.

The first United States money was made in 1786, but instead of bearing the faces of leading statesmen it bore only the face of Liberty. Some few coins were stamped with the face of Washington. The first coins struck by the United States mint were half dimes in 1792 The first United States dimes were struck in France from old silver family plate furnished by Washington and were known as "Martha Washington dimes" from the fact that the Liberty head was adapted to that of the president's wife.

New Beer Stamps Changed.

It has come to my notice, and the event must have been recent, because the specimen I have seen was dated by punch holes, 30 May, that the recently issued, new, all black, printed-at-one operation beer stamps have undergone a change. The design has not been changed, but evidently because all values were printed black confusion was caused to the inspectors, so the colors will no doubt be different for all values. The specimen I have seen was of the one barrel, and printed in bright scarlet on blue paper, which makes an effect that is wonderfully beautiful.—Philadelphia Stamp News.

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In an article in the Philatelic Monthly for May, the editor says: "The Transcript, a new weekly for the person with a hobby, contains very little to commend it to stamp collectors." If this be true of the Transcript, then we might say that the Philatelic Monthly contains very little of interest to *anyone*, unless there are a few collectors who wish to answer the advertisements offering "50 mixed foreign stamps for the names of two collectors and 2 cents postage." The May, anniversary number, is printed upon newspaper and consists of eight pages—over half of which are advertisements. We don't see how Mr. George can knock other magazines when he should give his attention to the Philatelic Monthly. Trying to conduct the affairs of others and neglecting his own is probably the reason he has to suspend the Monthly for the next few months.

Chronicle of New Issues.

United States:—

—Permits:—

Mr E. J. Dempsey sends the following permits:

Chicago.

7c No. 301 on brown.

Las Cruces, N. M.

1c No. 1, light blue, rubber stamp.

—Telegraph:—

For the first time, the Western Union Telegraph Company's stamp is to be found on more than one variety of paper. The new paper is very thin, almost transparent. ¶According to Mr. Hamel, in the Stamp Journal, the Western Union intends to issue a "Night Letter," or "Night Telegram," stamp, which will be much larger than the regular stamps, with, perhaps different design and color.

—Initial Perforated—

Austin, Nichols & Co., New York.

" " 2c normal, Schermack perforation

—Literature:—

Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular.

No. 424, June. King Edward mourning edition.

Philatelic Monthly

Vol. II, No. 5, May. First anniversary number contains eight pages, mostly advertisements.

Argentine Republic:—

The Philadelphia Stamp News reports commemorative stamps, issued to commemorate the Centennial of Independence, 1810-1910. The inscriptions are "Repub-

lica Argentina," with dates and values.

1c green and black, size 32x20, portraits of Rodrigues Pena and Vieytes, in ovals.

4c blue and green, size 32x20mm, fort and castle "de los Virreyes."

5c rose, size 20x32mm, portrait of Saavedra.

Austria:—

Postage Due. 25h rose-carmine.

Belgium:—

A. S. & S. M. C. says the post card of 10c rose on bluish, now has the French and Elemish inscriptions at the top, divided by two vertical lines.

Belgian Congo:—

Alfred Smith & Son's notes the following post cards provisionally surcharged in black:

"5" (on 10c) red on buff (1909)
"10" (on 15c) orange on buff (1909)
"5" + "5" (on 15c +15c) blue, brown on pale blue (1908)
10 + 10 centimes (on 10+10c.) green on rose (1908)

The value of the 10+10c card is unaltered, but the 3-lined inscription in italics is canceled by a wavy line.

Canal Zone:—

The Metropolitan Philatelist chronicles a new set with overprint reading up:

1c green and black.
2c scarlet and black.
5c blue and black.

Cook Islands:—

The D. B .Z. says the 1d stamp is now in dull red and is perf. 14×13½.

Costa Rica:—

A new issue resembling that of 1907 is reported: 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25c, 1 colon.

Ecuador:—

5c on 25c violet revenue.

Erythrea:—

The J. des Phil. mentions the 25c Italian stamp of 1908 with this overprint in black.

Falkland Islands:—

A. S. & S. M. C. reports the following color changes:

2p grey and 6p purple.

Funchal:—

It is reported that Funchal now uses the ordinary Portuguese stamps.

Italy:

The two commemorative stamps mentioned on page 28 have appeared.

5 centesimi, green.
15 " red.

Jaipur:

It is said the 1 rupee stamp has been changed to lemon yellow.

Mekeel's chronicles a ¼a. lake on white post card.

Norway:—

The Philatelic Monthly chronicles the 1k of the new set.

Northern Nigeria:—

1p rose.

Sierre Leone:—

1½p orange.

Paraguay:

The Postage Stamp chronicles a new set of five values.

Russia:

The 1 rouble has been reported on "crossed lines" paper.

Table of Postal Receipts.

Atlanta ranks twenty-fourth among the other great American cities in the list showing the postal receipts for April, 1910.

The following is the list showing the receipts for the twenty-five leading cities:

New York, N. Y.	$1,877,794.81
Chicago, Ill.	1,481,776.66
Boston, Mass.	619,216.00

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Baltimore, Md.	228,966.82
Cincinnati, O.	212,663.86
Pittsburg, Pa.	208,364.88
Kansas City, Mo.	200,643.86
Brooklyn, N. Y.	194,898.92
Cleveland, O.	193,840.91
San Francisco, Calif.	189,467.48
Detroit, Mich.	179,028.17
Minneapolis, Minn.	160,202.83
Buffalo, N. Y.	159,290.30
Milwaukee, Wis.	140,075.65
Washington, D. C.	130,455.72
Los Angeles, Calif.	117,034.00
St. Paul, Minn.	100,547.57
Indianapolis, Ind.	97,994.40
Denver, Colo.	92,600.03
Newark, N. J.	90,439.69
Rochester, N. Y.	90,741.87
Atlanta, Ga.	86,505.13
Louisville, Ky.	82,700.78

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First Foreign Stamp Dealer.

THE FIRST dealer in foreign stamps in New York, about 1860, sold his specimens at a uniform price of five cents each, without knowledge as to the comparative scarcity of the various issues. Before long, however, collectors and dealers both learned to distinguish between common and scarce varieties, but even fifty cents was considered a high figure for a single stamp. "Dealers in Foreign Stamps" were first given a separate classification in a New York business directory in 1868.—American Journal of Philately.

Part of Azores for U. S.

The Philadelphia Stamp News says a dispatch from Lisbon, Portugal, states that Dr. Abrou, the owner of a number of islands near the Azores group, has been offered $2,500,000 for them by the United States Government, and that the question of the authorization of the sale will be submitted to the Portuguese Parliament.

Should the Government purchase these islands, will we have a separate issue of stamps or will the stamps of this country be used?

A copy of the 15c 1909, on bluish eximeperntal paper, sold for $2.80 at the Columbus Collectors' Club auction sale on May 3, this being the first copy ever sold at auction.

It is a little further around the corners of a square deal, but the road is better.

Second Class Matter.

A bill passed by the House of Representatives on June 6, provides that periodicals of benevolent or fraternal societies, institutions of learning, supported in whole or in part by public taxation, trades unions or professional, literary, historical and scientific societies are to be admitted to the mails as second-class matter.

No provision is made for periodicals of philatelic societies, but as our societies are professional, literary, historical and scientifical there should be no trouble to have periodicals, issued by these societies, entered as second class matter.

The man who conducts his operations by guesswork is likely to make the wrong guess at times, and an expensive one at that.

A good idea is like a gold mine, but of little value if it remains undeveloped.

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Be as square with your customers as you are with yourself; for the love of your business, be that.

Attleboro Philatelist.

Vol. 1, No. 10, June. A valuable work, "The Precanceled Postage Stamps of the United States," by F. Percy Collingwood and Frank B. Eldredge, is begun in this issue. The Catalog will be published in instalments, this number containing the stamps of Arkansas, California, Connecticut and Colorado and the next instalment will include the stamps of Delaware, Georgia, and Florida.

The Transcript is creeping up toward the big ten thousand.

Opportunities are like vacant lots, they must be improved to be valuable.

Don't forget all your time and energy belong to your employer during business hours.

Whether or not the Transcript pays, we are going to continue its publication. Hence, you cannot lose by subscribing.

Write more letters; they will make many a life brighter. Say something to help and cheer, never to make sad, if you can help it.

To find your name on our list we must have your address, as the list is arranged by post offices, not by names. Therefore, if you want your address changed, give both the old and the new. When you omit the old address, we have to write you a special letter to ask.

Some men, when they have produced copy for one good advertisement, seem to think that the struggle is all over, and that an ad can be allowed to run indefinitely. A good advertisement ought not to be allowed to run any longer than a poor one.

For the benefit of those who abhor printers' ink as a prime factor to the advancement of their interests, we should state that Samson, the strong party, was the first man to advertise. He took two solid columns to demonstrate his strength, and several thousand people "tumbled" to the scheme.

Chronicle of New Issues.

We desire to furnish full information regarding new issues, discoveries, etc., and invite our readers to send news of this kind which will be acknowledged and duly credited. Any specimens furnished will be returned promptly.

United States:—

Envelopes:

Mr. Jenney, in the Stamp Journal, has seen two new dies of the current 2c envelope. In one, the word "TWO" is very high up out of center, the first "S" of "STATES" is wide and the top stroke of the "T" very short. In the other, the "W" of "TWO" is very high and out of line with the other two letters.

Lottery Ticket.-

The Philadelphia Stamp News reports a Kentucky State Lottery ticket dated March 5, 1867, impressed with a revenue stamp.

—Permits:—

Charleston, S. C.
2c No. 3.

Cincinnati, O.
1c No. 96.

Dayton, Ohio.
1c No 17, type II.

Elyria, Ohio.
1c No. 3.

Evansville, Ind.
6c No. 11, ultramarine.

High Point, N. C.
1c No. 3, type II, on green.

Jacksonville, Fla.
1c No. 12, type II, blue.

Norfolk, Va.
1c, No. 20, type III.

Richmond, Va.
1c No. 1, type V.
1c No. 14.

St. Louis, Mo.
1c No. 54, type III, on orange.
No. 152.
2c No. 38.

San Francisco, Calif.
1c No. 146.

Initial perforated:

H. B. Claflin Co., New York.
HBC CO 2c normal.

Quaker Oats Co., Chicago.
2c normal.

Armstrong, Cator & Co., Baltimore, Md.
C A TOR 2c normal.

Aurora Automatic Machinery Co Thor in script. 1c.

Berry Brothers, Ltd., Detroit, Mich.
B B LTD 1c inverted.

Centaur Co. C-Co. 2c.

Funk & Wagnall Co., New York.
F&W CO 2c normal.

Hercules Buggy Co., Evansville, Ind.
H B 2c normal.
Co 9c normal.

Johnson & Johnson. J&J. 1c

Oliver Typewriter. Monogram. 2c.

Simpson-Crawford Co., New York. SCCo; monogram. 2c inverted.

Studebaker. SB 1c normal.

Union Drug Co. UD-Co. 2c.

West Pub. Co. Monogram. 1c.

—Literature:—

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Vol. 20, No. 12, June 1. To review this valuable and important journal as we should like would require more of our limited space than we could permit. This magazine should occupy a place in every collector's library. The concluding number of volume twenty is replete with interesting and instructive subjects, illustrated with fine half-tones.

British Solomon Islands:—

The P. J. of A. has seen the following:

Watermark, Multiple Crown C. A.

Ordinary paper. Perforated 12.

2sh. purple on blue.

2sh. 6p. red on blue.

5sh. green on yellow.

Persia:

The 1908 series has been surcharged with new values, the 1c to 10c being surcharged "1 CHAHI" and the 30 shahi to 30 krans "2 CHAHIS." It is said that these stamps are issued imperforate.—A. S. & S. M. C.

Straits Settlements—

A 50c black and green is reported.

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VOL. X, COMMERCE, GEORGIA, JULY 12, 1910. NO. 3.

The Stamp Collector and the Post Office.

By William Hawkins.

THAT THE United States Post Office Department is operating a gigantic swindle is the startling information brought to light by Mr. Charles A. Nast, Editor of the Stamp Journal. Collectors are paying thousands of dollars of cold coin for a protection which exists only on paper.

A numismatist recently sent a gold dollar with a rare mint mark thru the mail. He had paid the registration fee and believed that if the coin was lost, he would receive its market value from the government. The package disappeared and the collector demanded restitution. He got it—one hundred cents, which the government declared was the value of the lost coin.

Suppose a registered package of rare stamps goes astray. Are they not worth more than waste paper in Uncle Sam's eyes?

As a class, philatelists are Uncle Sam's best customers and thousands of dollars of of their money are paid for the registration privilege. Are we to believe that it offers no protection?

Seven Kinds of 1909 Cents.

By the Associate Editor.

According to a writer in the New York Sun, there are no less than seven varieties of the cent of 1909, two of which brought over $2 at auction in New York City. The first two varieties are the Indian head and the Lincoln head in proof condition. These are the most valuable of all the cents of the year. The Indian head proof was knocked down for $2.25 and the Lincoln for $2.10 at a recent sale. The third variety is the Indian head struck for general use. A lot of five pieces in mint condition brought 11 cents each at the same sale, while a brilliant red specimen was bid in for 23 cents. The fourth variety is the Lincoln cent made at Philadelphia for general circulation and bearing the initials V. D. B. A lot of fifty pieces in bright red condition brought three cents each at the sale.

The fifth variety is the Lincoln cent minted at Philadelphia on which the designer's initials are omitted. It is held at no premium.

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The Postal Savings Bank bill was passed by the Senate by a vote of 44 to 25 and was submitted to the president for approval.

A typographical error crept into our chronicle last week. The initial perforated of the Hercules Buggy Co. should have been 6¢ instead of 9¢.

Mr. Stark informs us that the manuscript for the Nassau Stamp Co.'s 18th sale catalog was lost in transit by the Post Office Department. The sale has been postponed indefinitely.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock has recommended to Congress that a law be enacted to indemnify the senders or owners of third and fourth class domestic registered matter lost in the mails. The Postmaster-General urges that no growth of third and fourth class registered mail can be expected unless indemnity for possible loss can be granted. Refusal to grant such iedemnity, he maintains, is an unfavorable discrimination against domestic mail, as an indemnity is provided for the loss of registered packages in foreign mails.

$1,312.00 for an Egg.

An event of much interest in the collecting world is the sale of a great auk's egg—one of the finest in existence—at a London auction.

The egg, which was bought by Mr. Armbrecht for $1,312.00, has a remarkable history. About 100 years ago it belonged to a Mr. Shirley, who, unaware of its true nature, labeled it "penguin," and put it away in a lumber room, as of little value. There it remained for fifty years, when Mr. Shirley, visiting Stevens's auction rooms, recognized its value. The price given for this egg did not reach the record, which stands at $1654.00.

Lincoln's Old Desk.

Daniel Morgan, Treasurer of the United States under the second administration of President Cleveland, has presented the desk on which Abraham Lincoln signed the Declaration of Emancipation to the Connecticut State Library.

Mr. Morgan is a collector of historic curios and has an album containing the signatures of prominent people in all walks of life obtained while in Washington. The only missing signatures that he has sought are those of Indians from the plains. No Indian, Mr. Morgan says, would touch a pen while in Washington for fear of signing away his rights.

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—Permits:—

Aurora, Ill. 1c No. 4.

Baltimore, Md.
1c No 2, black.

Boston, Mass.
3c No. 257 on brown.

Bristol, Pa. 1c No. 2.

Buffalo, N. Y.
1c No. 40, type II.

New York City.
1c No. 395, type II.

St. Louis. 1c No. 205, red on cafe-au-lait.

Mr. Dempsey submits the following permits:

Glastonbury, Conn. 1c No 2.

North Cohocton, N. Y. 1c No. 1.

New York City. 1c No. 450 on buff.

Initial Perforated:

H. B. Claflin Co.
1c normal.

F&M-Ins.
1c reverse.

International Harvester Co. 1c reverse.

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SEVEN DAYS

THE STORY OF THE WEEK

By the Associate Editor.

Of the five thousand commemorative stamps of Salvador overprinted 15 Sept, only 2,000 were issued to the public, while the balance is yet in the hands of the government. Counterfeits of these stickers are circulating pretty freely among the collecting fraternity.

Over one hundred New York collectors enjoyed the privilege of examining Henry J. Crocker's celebrated Hawaiian collection which was exhibited at the offices of the Nassau Stamp Co., Ltd., on June 7th.

The Boonton Collectors' Association has nominated William C. Webb of Boonton, N. J., for vice presidency of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association. Mr. Webb is a young man of unlimited ability, progressive, energetic and conscientious. He has been a stamp collector for over six years and has built up a large general collection as well as one of plate numbers and shades. His articles on stamps have been read with interest by the collecting fraternity. They show him to be in every sense a philatelist and a stamp student. He is preeminently the man for the M. P. A.

At the regular fortnightly meeting of the Boonton Collectors' Association which was held Saturday evening June 17, it was decided to hold a philatelic exhibition and lecture sometime during the summer. A committee consisting of Messrs. Hawkins, Webb and DeHart was appointed to take charge of the affair.

The new color scheme for U. S. high values has been given out and will appear in our next issue.

Mr. Henry J. Crocker, F. R. P. S. L. of San Francisco has been making a triumphal tour. His

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first philátelic welcome was in Boston where he was entertained by the Boston Philatelic Society. At Cleveland the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club "did him reverence." At Chicago, the eminent philatelist was met by a deputation of which H. N. Mudge, president of the A. P. S., Henry Ades Fowler and C. E. Severn were the leading members. Everywhere, Mr. Crocker's famous Hawaiiän collection was viewed with interest.

Seven Kinds of 1909 Cents.

(Concluded).

No Indian head cents were made at San Francisco in 1909. All the cents made there bear the mint letter S on the reverse and are of the Lincoln design, the sixth and seventh varieties being the cent of this mint with and without the initials V. D. B.

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Charles R. Morris.

By William Hawkins.

THE Washington, D. C., branch of the American Philatelic Society has nominated Charles Robert Morris to succeed H. S. Adair as secretary of the association.

Mr. Morris was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, about thirty-five years ago. He caught stampitis at the age of twelve, but until 1907 his name was unfamiliar to the philatelic world.

The mention of Mekeel's Weekly leaves a bad taste in the mouth of the A. P. S. member and the fact that Mr. Morris is one of Mekeel's satellites does not count in his favor.

George L. Toppan writing in the Weekly, holds out an optimistic belief in Morris's election. He voices his hopes: "Mr. Morris was content to hide his light under the proverbial 'bushel basket,' but at last in some unknown manner the necessary contact was made; the light began to glow, feebly at first, but becoming stronger day by day until now, we of Washington know that he has about passed thru the incandescent stage and is approaching the next step, that of the arc light."

Sad to say, we don't share Mr. Toppan's optimism and opine that it may be a case of "the light that failed."

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(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of contributors. Our columns are open impartially to all writers on matters concerning collecting. We reserve the right to condense or reject such articles as are found objectionable.—Ed).

W. H. Barnum.

By William Hawkins.

AFTER A period of twenty-four years during which they were without any representation in the board of directors of the American Philatelic Society, the Cleveland members have nominated W. H. Barnum to succeed H. S Adair as secretary of the association, at the Detroit convention of August 16.

Mr. Barnum was born in Cleveland in 1878; became a philatelist in 1890 and a member of the A. P. S. in 1894. In 1895,

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he was elected secretary of the Philatelic Sons of America, then a thriving organization, and for sixteen months he faithfully discharged the duties of his office.

Since becoming a member of the A. P. S., Mr. Barnum has attended nine conventions. During 1909, he secured nineteen recruits to the society.

A man of great integrity, aggressive, conscientious, energetic and genial, Mr. Barnum is greatly esteemed by all who know him. The A. P. S. owes him a big debt, which no honor, however great, which they may bestow upon him, can fully efface. Take hold of the rope and pull for W. H. Barnum!

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AUCTION PRICES

J. C. Morgenthau & Co., June 7 and 8.

Some very good prices were realized:

U. S., 1847, 10c, black, very fine, used, cat. $5.	$3.50
U. S., 1851, 5c red brown, lightly canceled, fine, cat. $10.	6.00
U. S., 1857, 5c brick red, used, fine, cat. $7.50.	4.50
U. S., August 1861, 1c to 90c, India paper proofs.	16.00
U. S., September 1861, 3c pink, centered, lightly canceled, cat. $7.50.	4.00
90c, pale blue, fine, cat. $25.	16.50
U. S. 1869, 24c, fine, cat. $5.	2.90
1870 National with grill, 10c, faint grill, lightly canceled, fine, cat. $10.	6.10
*7c vermilion, no grill, nicely centered, cat. $6.	3.10
1894, *$5 dark green, fine, cat. $8.	6.20
1895, *$5 dark green, fine, cat. $9.	5.50
1901 Pan American *1c, inverted, off at right and creased, cat. $25.	13.00
U. S., 1902, *$5 dark green, o. g., very fine, cat. $7.50.	5.30
Agriculture, *24c yellow, very fine, cat $5.	3.70
*30c yellow, o. g., close at N, cat. $5.	2.10
Justice, *90c purple, o. g., very fine, cat. $37.50.	19.50
State, *24c dark green, o. g., perfect, cat. $8.50.	4.00
*30c, dark green, cat. $7.	4.50
*90c green, fine, cat. $12.	5.75
Treas., 24c, mint, cat $12.50,	7.75

(To be continued.)

Chronicle of New Issues.

We desire to furnish full information regarding new issues, discoveries, etc., and invite our readers to send news of this kind which will be acknowledged and duly credited. Any specimens furnished will be returned promptly.

United States:—

—Revenue—

The Collectors' Advocate reports the 2c provisional revenue of 1898 with double surcharge.

—Permits:—

New York, N. Y.

2c No. 657.

Initial Perforated:

H A Co — Henderson-Ames Co. Kalamazoo, Mich.

1c inverted.

—Literature:—

(Autograph) Collector.

Vol. XXIII, No. 8, June. 12 pages

Collectors' Advocate.

Vol. I, No. 3, June-July. 12 pages.

Philadelphia Stamp News.

No. 13, June 24. 8 pages.

No. 14, July 1. 8 pages.

Philatelic Journal of America.

Vol. 21, No. 1, June 15.

Southern Philatelist.

No. 14, June. 12 pages.

Austria: Gibbons' says the postage due set is being printed on a very thin transparent paper without chalk surface.

Guatemala:— The P. J. of A. reports a commemorative stamp dated Sept. 20, 1809-1909.

Mauritius: The Southern Philatelist says the new set has appeared.

Spain: 30c blue green.

Switzerland: 100 due with large cross watermark.

Turke: The Southern Philatelist reports 2 pi. black on red postage due.

Mexico: The S. P. chronicles 2c blue of new set.

Nyassa: 1901 set overprinted "Provisorio:" 5r on 2½, 50r on 100r.

SEVEN DAYS

THE STORY OF THE WEEK

By the Associate Editor.

The new United States color scheme has been announced as follows: The values 1c to 6c will remain unchanged. The others will be: 8c dark green on yellow, 10c dark brown on yellow, 15c purple on yellow, the new value 20c red on blue, 50c purple on blue and the $1 black on blue.

We hear that the new post cards are to be withdrawn but we can't believe all we hear.

A contemporary reports that the largest find of Canadian stamps since the dicovery a few years ago of letters on which were old Canadian stamps valued at $9,000 in a cellar at Halifax, was made recently by a farmer of Annapolis county. While ransacking an old trunk which had been unopened for nearly half a century, he came across a large bundle of the old Mayflower Nova Scotian stamps. An obliging friend paid she old man $100 for the lot and later told them for $200. At last reports the farmer was still kicking himself.

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turned on Detroit, Michigan, where, on August 16, the American Philatelic Society will hold its twenty-fifth annual convention. An enormous amount of weighty business is on the calendar for this meeting and it promises to be the liveliest in years. The headquarters of the convention will be at the Hotel Cadillac while business sessions will be held at the Museum of Fine Arts on Jefferson street. The committee of arrangements is as follows: Eugene Telfer, A. R. Fernald, Howard C. Beck and C. F. Heyerman, all of Detroit.

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AUCTION PRICES

J. C. Morgenthau & Co., June 7 and 8.

Confederate States, Athens, 5c dull purple (2), used on piece of original, very fine, cat. $40. $20.50

Confederate States, 1863, Ten Cents blue, unused, fine margins, cat. $7. 3.60

Ceylon, 1862, *8p yel. brn., finely centered, cat. $90. 31.00

U. S., 1861, 24c deep violet, imperf. on fine cover canceled at Boston, Oct 15, 1862, and addressed to London; the stamp has small margins. 9.10

U. S. Carriers, Charleston, 1851, 2c black, variety, period after "Paid," pen canceled. fine cover. 8.25

New York, 1842, 3c blue wove fine copy, large margins, light red red cancellation. Cover canceled in red, "City Dispatch Post U S, Oct. 22," cat. $30. 18.00

New York, 3¢ blue glazed, 1848, pale shade, magnificient, fine margins, light red cancellation on fine cover canceled in red, cat. $12. 7.75

Local, Pomeroy, 1843, 5¢ yellow, very fine, canceled "Cd" in red on cover canceled, "Buffalo, Aug. 2, 1844, cat. $1.50. 1.40

Pomeroy, 5¢ black, fine on fine cover, dated Buffalo, Sept. 14, 1844, cat. $5. 4.50

Confederate States, Mobile, 2¢ black on cover, not canceled, no margins, cat $50. 10.50

Bavaria, 1849, 6kr brown, fine on fine cover, cat, $1. 1.45

It always pays to spend money to get new customers—adopt a liberal advertising policy.

If the cook put stuff together like the ordinary business man composes an advertisement, there would be a bunch of sick folks.

It is said that the current one cent purple and green stamp of Cuba has been issued in single color, green.

We note that the Bogert and Durbin Co. of Philadelphia, have sold their entire stock to the United States Stamp Co.

The P. J. of A. says the Sultan of Trengganu, one of the British protested Malay states, is ambitious to see himself in the place of honor upon a series of postage stamps. The following values have been ordered: 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 50c and 1 dollar.

The prize design for the commemorative stamp for the Centennial of Venezuela's Independence, now being made by the American Bank Note Co., was awarded to Pablo W. Hernandez, of the "National Academy of Belles Artes."—Philatelic Journal of America.

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The 1910 convention of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association will be held at Binghampton, N. Y., on August 9.

The firm of J. M. Bartels Company, of Boston, removed on July 1st to New York City, where they will occupy the second floor in the Bennett Building, corner Ann and Nassau streets.

We understand that the Scott Stamp & Coin Company will not list the blue imperforate official seals in their next catalog. The reason is that these stickers have not been issued legitimately They were fraudulently abstracted from the department.

There need be nothing remarkable in your offerings of stamps. The way in which they are offered has more to do with the resultant sales than has the actual merit.

Mr. Rasmus Bartleson, of Sunbeam, Minnesota, writes us that he has established a philatelic magazine agency and requests publishers to send sample copies of their magazines and domestic and foreign clubbing rates.

We advise every reader to pursue some branch of philately that is well within his means and keep it up while life lasts. The less that is known about his particular branch the more pleasure he will derive from his pursuit; the cheaper he will secure his specimens the more valuable they will become when he has mastered his subject —Stamp Journal.

Buy of dealers of standing and reputation, and take advice There is a mushroom class of petty dealers who are coming and going, who advertise themselves out of proportion to their importance, and whose principal fault is their own ignorance. Many of these intend to be honest enough, but they handle rubbish and bad stamps, often thru ignorance. Who is the sufferer? The collector looking for bargains, buying from a dealer who has no standing or reputation to sustain. A wise collector will place his trade with the first class, well established concerns who make the trade in stamps a regular business —Mekeel's Drummer.

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United States:—

C.M. Breder reports to Mekeel's Weekly a current 2c stamp with the perforations so badly placed that nearly an eighth of the stamp to the right is shown.

—Envelope:—

The Collectors' Advocate reports a copy of the 2c, 1903 with the "T" of "Washington" missing.

—Initial Perforated:—

Gen. Elec. Co., 4c.

—Literature:—

Philadelphia Stamp News.
No. 15 July 8, 8 pages.
Philatelic Journal of America.
Vol. 21, No. 2, July 1, 20 pages.
Philatelic Tribune.
Vol. II, No. 12, June.
Stamp Journal.
Vol. III, No 7, July.

Bahamas:—

The current 4d King's head has been reported in pale yellow.

Bavaria:—

The Collectors' Advocate says this country is to issue all values of its postage stamps from 3pf to 80pf in rolls of 1000 each. 22pf over face will be charged for each roll.

Benadi:—

The Collectors' Advocate says the 5c on 2 besa is now printed in dark green.

Colombia:—

The Centenary of Independence will be celebrated in June by the issuance of a set of postage stamps, which are to be current until March, 1911.

China: 4c red.

Transvaal: 1 pound green and violet on chalky

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We learn from Roessler's Stamp News that Newfoundland will probably be the first colony to show the new king's head.

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Sometimes we find fault because we fall down. Let us rather be thankful that we have the strength to get up again.

There is no use laying a lack of trade to bad luck. The man who is a steady and a consistent advertiser never is troubled with a run of ill luck.

During the past twelve months, 59,000,000 letters were written by our sister city, Atlanta, the New York of the south Thru one stamping-machine at the post office 32,777,200 pieces of mail have passed; thru another, 16,737 200; and it is estimated that about 9,902,880 have been stamped by hand—a total of 59,417,280. Letters received by Atlanta are not included in this record. The stamping machines don't trouble with letters coming in. Second, third and fourth class matter is not included, either. The canceling machines recorded 5,400,000 pieces of 2 3 and 4-class matter.

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991,770 pieces of permit matter was handled.

A newspaper clipping from Mr. Stark states that coins of England bearing the portrait of George V will not be issued for some time. Even when the new dies are approved, it is probable that no new money will be minted until there is a general demand.

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Brazil Pan American Stamp.

By William Hawkins.

ON MAY 14, a prominent American weekly reported the discovery by Mr. Phillips, of the Stanley Gibbons Co., of a large Brazilian stamp purported to have been issued for the opening of the Pan American Medical College in Rio Janeiro. Supplies were printed, the report stated, and were sent out to the different towns, but at the last minute it was found to be contrary to some Postal Union regulations and telegrams were hurried to all the places to return the stamps. "Of course," said the weekly, "some got out and Stanley Gibbons, Inc., has decided to list it."

Later reports from the front disclaimed that the stamp had any connection with the medical college and that it had been withdrawn. Copies of the sticker are now coming into this country on mail. Mr. Edwin Fuss, the prominent philatelist of Newark, N. J., recently sold a copy on cover to a New York dealer for $5. The stamp is printed in dark indigo blue and measures about 1¾ x 1 inches. E U DO BRAZIL is inscribed at the top. The design consists of the portraits of the following worthies set in circular frames above the seated figure of Liberty or Justice or some other of the symbolical deities: San Martin, Hose Bonifacio, Hidalgo, Washington, O'Higgins and Bolivar. "Correos 200 Reis" appears in a panel in the lower left hand corner. Below the whole design are the words, "Pan-Americano"

The stamps are made by the American Bank Note Co., of New York.

AUCTION PRICES

J. C. Morgenthau & Co., June 7 and 8.

British Guiana, 72c lilac and black (123), on cover to New York, cat. $1.50. $1.50

Cuba 1857, ¼rp dull rose, fine on fine cover canceled, April 1, 1861, cat. $1.25. 1.30

Great Britain, 1847, 1sh green, fine horizontal pair on fine cover, cat. $3. 2.75

—Same, vertical pair. 2.90

Guam, 1899, 1, 2, 5c, used together on cover from Mariabas to San Francisco, cat. $1 .90

Brunswick, 1863, 1sgr yellow, perfect copy on fine cover, cat. $1.50. 2.35

Hanover, 1859, ½g black, horizontal pair, very fine on very fine cover, cat. $5. 5.00

Hungary, 1871, 3k light green, used, fine, cat. $7. 6.30

Liberia, 1892, *$5 carmine and black, o. g., fine, cat. $6.50. 5.00

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A Scandal in Bohemia.—The gods have frowned on Winnipeg; Original Kendall has fallen from his high seat; and there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among the members of the Hobby Club, an international exchange fathered by the Hobbyist.

Thanks to eminent philatelists such as A. W. Dunning, William E. Ault, H. B. Clark and others of their ilk who lent their names to the enterprise; from its conception in February 1909 the Hobby Club had a mushroom growth. It loomed so big that the Father of Originality had to advertise for an exchange manager and H. B. Clark was engaged. A few weeks later a note appeared in the Hobbyist stating briefly that Mr. Clark was no longer in the employ of the Hobby Club. Then the trouble began.

Members of the organization who had entrusted stamps to its exchange department became anxious at not receiving returns, and both Kendal and Clark were deluged with letters. Mr. Kendall answered that Mr Clark was to blame for the delay and that he would personally make good all claims on the Hobby Club. Mr. Clark in his turn laid the blame on Mr Kendall. We are not acquainted with either man, know nothing of their reputations and are ignorant as to the merits of either's claims.

As always occurs in a case of this kind there are plenty of self-styled casuists and editors ready to throw mud and it is the man who is editor of a paper in which they see a formidable rival who is sure to be hit The men who are in a measure to blame for the condition of the Hobby Club's affairs will go thru with their clothes unsmirched.

No man has any right to lend his name and reputation to any organization until he has fully investigated the reputation of its promoter. The "officers" of the Hobby Club were only rag dolls and the club itself was of, for and by Original Kendall.

Seven Days.

By the Associate Editor.

As was stated in a recent issue of the Transcript, plans are being made for a stamp exhibition and philatelic lecture to be held at Boonton, N. J., this summer. The affair will be under the direction of the Boonton Collectors' Association. Several prominent philatelists from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other nearby states have accepted invitations to be present. It is planned to have many thousand dollars worth of stamps on exhibition. Collectors or dealers who feel interested are requested to write the associate editor.

Prince Nicholas will celebrate the Golden

Anniversary of his ascension to the throne of Montenegro in August and a special series of postage stamps will be issued to commemorate the event.

It has always been the opinion of most stamp collectors that the 3¢ purple of the Cuban issue of 1905 was not reengraved. Chas. R Morris draws attention to the fact that the sticker was reengraved but he is unable to permit the publication of the identifying features owing to the fact that he has allowed the information to be incorporated in Melville's book on U. S. colonies.

It is considered improbable that the new modified 2d stamp of Great Britain which was being prepared when the death of the late king occurred, will ever be issued with the portrait of the deceased monarch.

A. P. S. Secretary

To the Editor of the Transcript:

May I trespass on your space for a moment? By your issue of July 19th, I note that a correspondent not satisfied with espousing the man of his choice for A. P. S. Secretary, writes a second article published in the same issue, decrying the candidacy of the opponent. This is a new style of journalism, and reminds me of the prosecuting attorney who in his opening address after telling the jury what the state expected to prove, added, "and now I come to the defendant's side, and let me tell you gentlemen of the jury, what they are going to try to prove."

I will not say a word derogatory to Mr. Barnum, but I would like to say that the fight on Mr. Morris is decidedly unfair. He has been called a "hireling of Mekeels." What does this mean? That he writes for and is paid for his MSS by Mekeel's Weekly? If this were true it would not be to his discredit. But it is not true. He has denied it over his own signature. He says he sent articles to Mekeel's Weekly because he thought it had the largest circulation; because it reached every member of the A. P. S. and was read by more philatelists abroad. Since this is the only charge, and every one who knows me will understand my position towards the Boston Weekly's proprietors, I say it is poor politics to tear down one candidate's reputation in order to build up that of another. Let each candidate stand up on his own merits.

I believe Mr. Morris has the ability, the training and every day routine experience in the Government Auditing Department to fit him in a most peculiar manner for the office of secretary. His residence in Washington, his known connections with the Post Office Department officials, gives him exceptional opportunities to give philatelists information at first hand. He is in favor of reducing the dues, and he is opposed to an outside Official Organ. He believes the A. P. S. should have its own official organ, thus giving members something for their dues. He favors publishing for the members a monthly circular to be issued in the intervening months when the Quarterly does not appear. He promises to print in this, fresh information and and give his whole time and talents to it, and no other paper. So where does Mekeel's Weekly come in?

Charles A. Nast.

(With the exception of what we have seen in various philatelic publications, we know nothing of the character and ability of either Mr. Morris of Mr. Barnum.

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Short items of interest gathered from various exchanges.

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Registration of Stamps and Coins.

By William Hawkins.

MEKEEL'S Weekly publishes a letter from a prominent stamp dealer which is of vital interest to collectors who seek the protection of the registered mails.

His story is as follows, "About three years ago, we sent one of our customers in California, a lot of stamps, valued at $25.00 net. The mail car which carried this particular bunch of mail went to the bottom of the Missouri river. It lay there a week or so and was afterwards fished up and the mail forwarded to its destination. The stamps were all unused, mint copies and when our customer got them, they were stuck securely to the approval cards As they were mostly British colonials, you can imagine how the colors had run and the condition they were in. We took the matter up with the post office department and after the necessary amount of red tape had been unwound and lots of valuable time had been wasted, the Department decided that as the stamps were not destroyed, no claim for damages could be entertained."

It is unwise to register mail. The registration mark on the outside of the package says as plainly as words, "This package contains valuables." This stamp has proved a temptation and a stumbling block to many a weak postal clerk. Hundreds of packages have been stolen from the mails which were it not for this mark would have gone unnoticed to their destination.

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Seven Days.

By the Associate Editor.

Mr. Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of Washington, D. C., denies that a chalk preparation is being used on the paper from which our stamps are made.

A contemporary states that the price charged for the "scarlet-vermilion" shade of the 2¢ carmine imperforates is altogether too high. In fact, this shade is more common than the real carmine. We advise readers not to pay exorbitant prices for any imperforate stamp.

It is reported that the United States will issue a special stamp to advertise the Ohio Valley Exposition which is to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 29 to September 24, this year The stamp will appear, it is stated, about the middle of August.

Work has been commenced on designs for a new series of postage stamps for England. They will bear the portrait of King George.

Mr. E. B. Power has recently sold his philatelic library.

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A Philatelic Academy.

(By J. William Hawkins).

We like Percy McGraw Mann and his paper, the Philadelphia Stamp News. Mr. Mann's articles show him to be progressive, energetic, honest to the public and to himself. In a recent number of the News, he advocates the amalgamation of all the American stamp societies and the founding of a Philatelic Academy. Mr. Mann suggests that each society appoint a committeeman and that the committee thus formed could wrangle over the matter of dues and exchanges and politics and then call for a vote.

In the future the editor of the News foresees "(1) a club in each city and town to provide local entertainment for their members, (2) a national stamp collectors' society as a brotherhood for the furtherance of our hobby thruout our land. In spirit this would be international; (3) an Academy to compile a history of stamps and to pass judgment on the status of stamps."

We heartily agree with the scribe of Philadelphia. A national Academy would tend to elevate philately to the plane on which it rightfully belongs—as a science

We object, however, to the admittance of dealers to either the national society or to the Academy.

As the largest stamp society in the country, it is proper that the American Philatelic Society should open the campaign for the federation of the smaller associations.

Salvador Surcharges Forged!

William Hawkins.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News has refused to accept further advertising pertaining to the stamps of Salvador surcharged "15 Septembre 1909." Henry M. Wichman of Springfield, Mass, has submitted a letter from the Director-General of Posts of Salvador. Of the surcharges, he writes, "The four stamps submitted by you are not originals. This surcharge was printed on 5,000 specimens of the current 1c stamp on wove, watermarked paper The usual supply was furnished to the U. P. U. at Berne and the remainder placed on sale on September 15 only, at the post office of the city of San Salvador, the only office which used them. Petitions for reprintings have been denied."

In view of these statements, it will be seen that the stamps which have been offered at a few cents each are forgeries.

The benevolent Weekly delayed its an-

nouncement until its advertisers had disposed of their stocks of the spurious stamps.

SEVEN DAYS

THE STORY OF THE WEEK

By the Associate Editor.

The Boston Philatelic Society has lost two valuable members in J. M. Bartels who has moved to New York City and C. F. Rothfuchs who has retired from business and gone west.

¶Montreal, July 13.—United States-Labrador postage stamps, with a face value of $400,000 were this morning seized by the representatives of the Federal Government here, on the suspicion that they are forgeries. The stamps are in 25, 50 and $1 denominations. They were in the possession of a pawn broker, who was offering them for sale. He says he found them in a valise which he purchased at an auction of unclaimed property in a local railroad station —New York Press. * This article reflects the philatelic ignorance of the general public. Labrador does not and never did issue postage stamps. In 1809 it became a dependency of New Foundland and it utilizes her postage stamps. Neither New Foundland nor the United States issues a 25c stamp, it is needless to state.

Washington, July 13.—In order that the treasury department may have information upon which to base its contracts for paper and ink for the printing of postage stamps for the present fiscal year, Postmaster-General Hitchcock has submitted an estmate of the needs of the postal service, which shows an expectation of the usual annual increase of the mails. The estimate is for stamps in quantities from 15% to 20% greater than were actually used during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909. ¶Of one-cent stamps, 4,024,000,000 are estimated for, the amount of two-cent stamps called for amounting to 5,322,-300,000. For use in slot machines provision is made for the printing of 29,900,000 one cent and 59,200,000 two-cent stamps. Of the total number of stamps, 168,800,-000 of the one cent denomination and 330,800,000 of the two-cent denomination will be put up in book form.

The imperforate 2¢ Lincoln and 2¢ Hudson-Fulton commemorative stamps issued last year have been completely exhausted. The 2c Alaska-Yukon is said to be available at some of the larger post offices. The quantity issued of each of these stamps imperforate is given as follows: Lincoln, 1,273,900; Alaska-Yukon, 422,600; Hudson-Fulton, 216,480.

London, England.—King George has approved the design of the first postage stamp of his reign These include a half-cent and a five-cent stamp for New Foundland.

The early portion of the 1911 edition of Scott's Standard Catalog is already in the printer's hands and the book will probably appear early in the fall. There will be many price changes; the majority being upwards.

A French Philatelic journal reports the sale to a German stamp dealer of 1,000,000 of the triangular series of Ecuador, issued in 1908. The price paid is said to have been in the neighborhood of $10,000. Inasmuch as the catalog value of this set is $2.60, dealers are awaiting developments with interest.

Cheer up! The worst is yet to come! ¶An enterprising statistician has figured out that there are in use at present 535 varieties of British and British colonial stamps bearing the portrait of King Edward which will have to be superceded

by stamps carrying the picture of his successor within the next few years.

There has been an official denial of the statement that the United States was preparing to issue the current 1c and 2c stamp with the value expressed in numerals.

King George V Supervising The Production of Stamps.

The New York American has the following to say of King George as a philatelist: "King George at last has a job after his own heart, that of supervising the production of the new English postage stamps. He is president of the English Philatelic Society, and is working on the proposition with characteristic assiduity. He has had several rough designs submitted, but thus far none have met with his approval. He is anxious to break away from the traditional portrait stamp and get something artistic, picturesque and symbolical as is the case with the French and Tasmanian stamps.

"Sycophantic members of the Court suggest that his own portrait would be the best design, but the King refuses to listen to them."

King George is probably one of the greatest experts on philatelism in the world, possessing a stamp collection valued at over $500,000. In his own words, "Stamp collecting is one of the greatest pleasures of my life."

The A. P. S. Secretary.

(By J. William Hawkins).

'Tis not often that Charles A. Nast favors us with his criticism and 'tis still more seldom that he deigns to empty the vials of his wrath on our humble heads. Judging by the energy of his dénoüement, we might be lead to believe that Mr. Nast would be a gainer by Mr. Morris's election, but no! Perish the thought! Mr. Nast takes his little dig at us for philately's sake and for our noble hobby he runs around with a chip on his shoulder looking for trouble. And look you! Mr. Nast and his Stamp Journal single handed, accomplished all of good which was accomplished at the last A. P. S. convention. The truth of this assertion may be attested by every one who attended.

However, we will say nothing further of Mr. Nast or his protege. From Mr. Mann's Philadelphia Stamp News we glean a few more facts in favor of our choice for office—Mr. Barnum. This man has proposed more members in 1908-1909 than any other lay member. He has attended nine conventions and his interest in the A. P. S. dates back to January, 1894. He has always been active in the Society affairs, but has never sought office. He has been president of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club and Secretary-Treasurer of that club for six years. He is a man of standing in Cleveland's business community and is member of the Cleveland Athletic Club, Cleveland Advertising Club and the Fellowcraft Club. The growth of the Society makes the office of Secretary a most important one, and it should be filled by a broad gauged business man of mature judgment who has the time at his disposal to administer the affairs with regularity and dispatch.

Twenty-four men have placed their signatures to the endorsement of Mr Barnum. Among them is George H. Worthington.

Take hold of the rope and pull for W. H. Barnum!

A Study in Speculation.

William Hawkins.

While the Columbian commemorative issue was still current, speculators bought up vast quantities of the $1, $2, $3, $4 and $5 stamps and held them for an advance

which, unfortunately for them, failed to mature. In the end, they were glad to dispose of them at far less than face. Not many weeks ago, a New York dealer offered the $3, $4 and $5 stamps at $11—$1 below face.

A repetition of this catastrophe is bound to occur before long. Quantities of certain stamps are being held back—to be let loose when their prices become stiff enough to satisfy the holders. In consequence the values of these stamps are becoming inflated.

Among the stamps whose prices are being thus affected are the 13c, 15c, 50c, $1, $2 and $5 of the issue of 1902; the 10c special delfvery and the 13¢ of 1909.

In reality, the $5 of 1902 is not such a scarce stamp as some people would have us believe. A report from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing shows that more than 3,000 of them were printed and issued to postmasters during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909. There were seven years in which these stamps were printed and used previous to 1909. They were used very largely for mailing valuable ores and are still in use in some parts of the west.

The law of supply and demand does not justify the prices which are being charged for the 50¢ and $1, 1902. They are being hoarded and panic prices prevail.

3,876,551 copies of the 1909 special delivery stamp were issued before their printing was stopped—quite enough to supply the wants of philatelists. Despite that fact, it is hard to buy them at full catalog. Of the 13c, 1909, we have no figures at hand to show in what quantity it was issued but we suspect that it is receiving its full share of attention from speculators.

Speculation is the ban of philately. Nothing else so discourages a beginner as to find that stamps for which he paid good money are practically worthless which is very apt to be the case if the stamps are played with by speculators.

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Chronicle of New Issues.

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United States:—

—Permits:—

Endicott, N. Y. 2c No. 1, orange and black.

—Initial Perforated:—

National Correspondence Institute. NCI, 1c normal.

Spain:—

Ewen's reports that a new perforating machine has been used for all values of the new set

Salvador—

Mekeel's adds a 6c dark green and black to the new set.

Sweden:—

The New England Stamp Company sends the Stamp Collector the first value of the new set to appear.

4 ore, deep violet.

Rio de Oro:—

The Southern Philätelist mentions a few provisionals.

Northern Nigeria—

Gibbons' chronicles the ½d in single color, green.

New Zealand—

The New England Stamp Co. has shown the Stamp Collector the current 2d due printed in green and rose instead of green and red.

Mexico—

A contemporary sáys a typeset overprint on the official stamps is being used. Official Adhesives-

2c, green.
3c, brown.
4c, rose-red.
10c orange and blue.
15c purple and lavender.
20c deep blue and vermilion.

Italy:—

It is stated that 300 stamps of the 1c brown, 1901, were issued imperforate. The greater pärt of the sheet was sold to the public and used for postal purposes.

Hayti:—

The Southern Philatelist says the following values have appeared: 1c de p lake, 1c de p vermilion, 5c de p greenish blue, 20c yellow-green.

Gold Coast:—

Mekeel's says there are two thicknesses of the letters of "Gold Coast" of the recently issued ½d and 1d stamps.

France—(Officee in Morocco):—

A new válue, 35c liläc, surcharged in black, is reported by the Southern Philatelist.

Fiji:—

The Southern Philatelist notes the 2½d and 6d in single colors, ultramarine and purple respectively.

Eritrea:—

The Southern Philatelist mentions a 25c blue of a new pictorial set.

Ecuador—

Mekeel's says the fiscal of 1907 .08 has been overprinted "Un Centävo," the same as Scott's No. 155.

Cyprus:—

An exchänge notes the 30 par of the current set in a shade of violet and green.

Brunei:—

Gibbons' Stamp Weekly chronicles the current 2c in new color, dark browh.

Bermuda:—

The Southern Philatelist reports a new stamp. The description given is as follows: "The central design is a ship with all sails spread, contained in an oval. Above in a curved tablet appears 'Bermuda' while below apdears the numeral."

Azores:—

The Southern Philatelist says the 10r stamp is reported in an error of color, being printed in black instead of green.

Argentine:—

The Southern Philatelist chronicles the following values: ½c bright and dull blue, 3c bright green, 12c blue, 20c black and sepia, 24c steel blue and brown, 30c black and lilac 50c black and rose, 1p deep blue, 5p purple and orange, 10p

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Chattanooga, Tenn. 1c No. 3.
1c No. 36, red.
Dayton, Va., 1c purple rubber stamp, number invisible.
Fitchburg, Mass. 1c No. 2.
Fort Wayne, Ind. 1c No. 9 on brown.
Gloucester, Mass. 1c No. 1.
Hartford, Conn. 2c No. 28.
Indianapolis, Indiana, 1c No. 2.
Louisville, Ky. 1c No. 16.
4c No. 1
New York, 1c No. 381.
No. 405.
Philadelphia, Pa., 1c No. 49, red on light blue, type III.
Richmond, Va. 1c No. 28, purple rubber stamp.
St. Augustine, Fla. 1910, 1c No. 1.
Springfield, Mass. 1c No. 8.
Tyler, Texas. 1c No. 1.

—Initial Perforated:—

Baltimore Bargain House, Baltimore, Md.
BBH 2c normal.
1½¢ reverse, both used over Baltimore permit No. 1.
H. B. Claflin Co., 1c.
Lamar & Co., Chicago
3c normal. L & Co

—Literature:—

Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular.
No. 425, July.
Attleboro Philatelist, No. 11, July.
Philadelphia Stamp News.
No. 16, July 15.
Philadelphia Stamp News, No. 17.
Roessler's Stamp News.
Vol. II, No. 3, July.
Southern Philatelist, No. 12, July.
Stamp Journal, Vol. III, No. 8, July.
Vest Pocket Philatelist.
Vol. II, No. 6, June.

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Idle Notes of a Stamp Collector.

By William Hawkins.

Why doesn't some one write a handbook on Canada? It is one of the most interesting countries to the philatelist.

I was lucky enough to get hold of twenty copies of the green special the other day. A doctor friend of mine gave me a lot of old anti-toxin tubes which he had received from New York Each bore a special delivery and twenty were green.

I read somewhere that Philippines, 1906 with the exception of the 2¢, 4c and 10c should be worth getting and perhaps keeping.

Do you know that lots of old issues are still obtainable at the post offices? A friend of mine recently picked up a sheet of 6c, 1898-99, at a country post office—at face of course. At another post office, he secured a block of 20 10c Columbians.

Seven Days.

By the Associate Editor.

A stamp journal published in Bogota, capital of the Columbian Republic, states that that city will be the scene of a philatelic exhibition sometime during the present year. The affair will be held in connection with the celebrations of the Centennial of Columbian Independence.

According to Redfield's Weekly, three large prizes have been awarded in a recent competition for designs to be used in a new set of stamps for Hungary. The stickers will be a vast improvement on the old unsightly emissions. The chosen designs, which may never be used are as follows: 1 filler, two peasants--harvesters; 2 kronen, St. Ladislans, the patron saint of the country; 1 krone, female figure perifying Hungary; 3 kronen, Hungarian Houses of Parliament. Another one of the accepted designs represents Pope Pius IX crowning Emperor Franz Josef

"Original" Kendall, publisher of the Hobbyist and director of the Hobby Club is making a manful effort to keep above water and sustain his reputation. For philately's sake we hope that he succeeds for he and his paper are powers in the hobby world.

Some time ago, we published a news item stating that Austria is to issue two new sets of stamps on August 18th, in honor of Emperor Franz Josef whose eightieth birthday occurs on that date. Additional information is at hand to the effect that the quantities to be printed will be limited to 10,000 copies of each value.

The dollar signs on the $1 and the $5 stamp of 1902 have two bars, while the $2 has only one bar.

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Dr. Holt has at last consented to exchange with us, or we suppose he has, as he sent us a copy marked "exchange." The number before us contains twelve pages, well filled with reading matter.

The Transcript, published weekly at Commerce, Ga , comes weekly to the editor's desk, a worthy exemplar of the renaissance of Philatelic interest in the South. Though not wholly a stamp paper, it is printing an increasing amount of Philatelic news, which is put up in attractive and readable form.—The Stamp Collector.

We are indebted to the Collector for a great deal of our autograph matter.

Theodore Roosevelt.

United States Civil Service Commission.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 27, '89.

My Dear Sir: Of course a politician can be a christian: he will never do really first-class work in politics unless he applies the rules of morality and christianity as rigidly in public as in private life.

Yours truly,
Theodore Roosevelt.

—Autograph Collector.

The Philadelphia Stamp News says the Philadelphia mint resumed work on July 25th. Three hundred fifty employees enjoyed a vacation of three weeks. The one-cent pieces, wnich are the only coins being minted, are being coined in great numbers. The News says work will be continued on this denomination of coinage indefinitely.

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Literature Notes.

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On account of the illness of Mr. Linn, the May number of the Stamp Collector was late in appearing and the June number was combined with the July number. We do not think it a disgrace to be a little late sometimes, especially in case of illness. Even the largest and best stamp journals find it necessary at times to appear late or combine two numbers in one. However, the lateness does not depreciate the value of the contents of the Collector

Chronicle.

The Collector, Vol. XXIII, No.9-, Jul. Aug

Collectors' Advocate. No. 4, August.

Everybody's Philatelist, No. 7, July.

Philatelic Journal of America.

Vol. XXI, No. 3, July 15, twenty pages.

No. 4, August 1, twenty pp.

Philadelphia Stamp News.

No. 18, July 29.

No. 19, Aug. 5.

Philatelic Tribune.

Vol. III, No. 1, July, 16 pp.

Stamp Collector, No.8-9, June-July.

Vest Pocket Philatelist.

Vol. III, No. 1, July.

Auction News.

We respectfully solicit any news for this column. Priced or unpriced catalogs will be appreciated.

We quote a few prices realized at the sale held by Stan. V. Henkels in Philadelphia, on June 3d and 4th:

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SEVEN DAYS

THE STORY OF THE WEEK

By the Associate Editor.

The following figures are contained in the estimate of the Postmaster-General as to the number of postage stamps which will be needed to supply the people of the United States in this fiscal year: One-cent, 4,024,000,000; 2-cent, 5,322,300,000, 3-cent, 66,700,000, 4-cent, 94,800,000, 5-cent, 117,500,000, 8-cent, 34,800,000, 10-cent, 80,900,000, 13-cent, 4,800,000, 15-cent, 12,900,000, 50-cent, 700,000, $1, 1,000,000, special delivery, 15,100,000, postage due, 1-cent, 11,300,000, 2-cent, 30,900,000; 3-cent, 700,000, 5-cent, 1,900,000, 10-cent, 5,700,000, 30-cent, 10,000, 50-cent, 10,000; books containing 24 1-cent, 7,000,000; 12 2-cent, 14,000,000; 24 2-cent, 4,100,000; 48 2-cent, 1,400,000. (A year or two hence, it may be interesting to refer to the above item.—Ed).

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VOL. X, NO. 10. COMMERCE, GEORGIA, AUGUST 23, 1910. WHOLE NO. 63.

Plate Number Collecting.

By William Hawkins.

As every philatelist knows, each sheet of United States stamps bears the number of the plate from which it was printed as well as the words "Bureau of Engraving and Printing," impressed together in the margin. The collecting of stamps bearing these numbers forms an interesting study and one of the most entertaining diversions from old fashioned collecting.

A complete collection of plate numbers would present a specimen of every shade ever printed since plate numbers were appended to the sheets. There are three methods of collecting plate numbers. One is to collect a single stamp with its number; another is to gather strips of three with the number and imprint. The third method is to collect a block of six with the plate number and imprint. The method adopted would depend on one's pocketbook. All have their advantages The first of course would be the cheapest method. On the other hand, if one picked up a rare shade, it would be better to have three or six copies than to have but one.

Mr. J. W. Scott, the veteran dealer of New York, makes a specialty of this branch of collecting and even publishes a plate number album which he sells at 25 cents. Scott's house organ, the Metropolitan Philatelist, devotes much space to this interesting side line.

Stamp Dealers Selling Fakes

(By J William Hawkins).

We print this for the benefit of young collectors who are being fleeced by reliable?dealers During the Spanish-American war, a set of three labels appeared, called "military frank stamps" or "army franks." These stamps were the result of a private enterprise and had no connection whatever with the army, the post office or the government. The design was the same on each of the stamps. It was, we believe, the American eagle perched on a shield. The colors were red, blue, and brown. We do not remember whether they bore lettering or not. These are still being offered to boy collectors by firms which are supposed to be reliable. Don't buy them. They are fakes. Readers will favor us by reporting dealers offering them for sale.

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"Poland" is the title of a handbook published by the Stamp Collector as a souvenir of the twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Philatelic Society. The work comprises the history of Poland, the stamps of Poland, a check list, catalog prices, etc. The book is well written, neatly printed on good paper and attractively bound. It is compiled by Messrs. George K. Smith, Jr., Henry S. Adair and George W. Linn. The price is fifty cents. The Collector remembers the Transcript with a copy of this valuable little book.

Seven Days.

By the Associate Editor.

The following information is conveyed in a letter to Mekeel's Weekly from its English correspondent: For almost thirty years, the stamps of Great Britain and most of her Colonies have been printed by the firm of Thomas De la Rue, famous playing card printers. Their contract expires at the end of this fiscal year and in future the work will be done by Herrison & Sons who underbid them on the estimate. Under the contract 14,000,000 stamps must be supplied to the British Post Office daily. Mr. Ward offers the opinion that this will be the last contract given out to any private concern, "for," he writes, "before the next renewal is necessary, the Government will have taken steps to run their own Printing Department, in common with the United States, France, Germany, Russia etc.

EXCHANGES.—We desire to exchange two copies with all publications devoted entirely or partly to collecting. Send both copies to the editors and publishers, and we will send two copies to addresses you furnish.

South Australia:—

The Collectors' Advocate says the 4d has appeared in orange instead of red orange.

Victoria:—

According to Gibbon's, the 9d has appeared in rose, perf. 12½.

Chronicle of New Issues.

We desire to furnish full information regarding new issues, discoveries, etc., and invite our readers to send news of this kind which will be acknowledged and duly credited. Any specimens furnished will be returned promptly.

United States:—

—Initial Perforated:—

American Tobacco Co. ATC. 3¢.

Austria : —

The Collectors' Advocate notes a celebration card of the International Huntsmen's meeting at Vienna. The following description is given: "It is a white card with a plain border of square dots—three headlines ornamented with oak leaves and acorns—current stamp at right and a a black eight pointed star at left. The reverse shows the old Emperor in hunting costume and a dead deer at his feet."

Azores: —

The Nederlandsch Tijdschrift mentions several new envelopes, post cards, etc.

Iceland : —

An error, '02-'02, instead of '02-'03, has been discovered, says Gibbon's.

Turks and Caicos Islands:—

The Philadelphia Stamp News has the following to say of the new value for this colony: "The stamp is a steel engraving, the design being a picture of a local tropical plant known as the Melocactus Communis or Turk's Head.

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Literature Notes.

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Chronicle.

—Literature:—

Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular
No. 426, August.

Philadelphia Stamp News.
No. 2o, Aug. 12.

Philatelic Journal of America.
Vol. XXI, No. 5, Aug. 15.

Stamp Collector.
No. 10, Aug.

Vest Pocket Philatelist.
Vol. III, No. 2, August.

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A DANGER SIGN.

William Hawkins.

Stamp prices are continually fluctuating. New issues, sales of government remainders and large collections, big stamp finds, all have their influence on the market. Some dealers trade on stamp drops and unless he uses the utmost caution in buying, the unwary collector is apt to get nipped. Until recently, the catalog value of Peru, No. 370 mint was $1.25. It has sagged to 12c, at which figure one dealer is advertising the stickers as a "big bargain." Another firm is "giving them away" at 7c and a third offers them at 5c which is really reasonable. The catalog figure of Austria (Jubilee issue), No. 125, 5 kronen, formerly $1.75-65c has fallen to to $1.25-40c.

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The History of the Postage Stamp.

By William Hawkins.

A two-cent stamp! The red-faced, ink-smudged bit of paper lies worthless in one's hand. One gazes at it á moment and then it follows thousands of its predecessors into the waste paper basket. Yet that tiny sticker, with its mi.l lion brethren has a history. Thru its ancestry we may träce the advent of liberty, education änd justice, the development of árt, the formation and dissolution of republics, the rise and fall of empires and the result of war or political strife.

The modern adhesive postage stamp was the invention of an Englishman, Sir Roland Hill who introduced it into the British Postal System in January, 1840. Three years later Brazil adopted the sticker and in 1847 the United States issued its first regular postäge stámp, älthough á provisional issue had made its appearance in 1845. It was not until 1855, however, that postage stamps came into general use in our country as the rates were so high that they were prohibitive and there was a clause in the postal code allowing optional prepayment. Other countries soon followed the lead of Great Britain—France in 1849, Spain in 1850, Italy and Canada in 1851 and Germany in 1852. The early issues were crude productions and reflected the state of the printer's and engraver's art at the time of their emission.

(To be continued.)

Seven Days.

By the Associate Editor.

The Philatelic World, a London stamp publication, has been taken over by the West-End Philatelist. Mr. Alexander J. Sefi, editor and publisher of the World, has joined the West End Philatelist staff, taking the place of B. W. H. Poole who is going abroad. Rumor whispers that Mr. Poole goes to take charge of the collection of a notable California philatelist.

According to Redfield's, Frank Phillips, one of the directors of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., will leave shortly for the Argentine Republic where he will take charge of their South American Branch at Buenos Ayres. "This," says Redfields, "is an outcome of the predicted South American boom."

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Many of us spend a great deal of our time in lamenting for the stamps that we want but can not get, when if we had them we would be still more dissatisfied.

Chronicle.

—Literature:—
Roessler's Stamp News.
Vol II No 4 August, No 5 September.

Bolivia:—

Mekeel's reports the following: 1b dk brown and black, 2b violet brown and blk

Siam:—

ASMC notes the following: 2s orange and dark green, 3s dark green, 6s carmine and dark green, 14s dark blue and dark green, 28s red brown and dark green.

The DBZ adds 14s on 12a blue 1906.

Cape of Good Hope—

The International Stamp Co. has shown the Collector the 4d in bright olive green.

Great Britain —

Gibbons' reports the 4d orange overprinted Morocco Agencies—40 centimos" in three lines.

New Zealand :—

A S & S MC says the current ½d is reported overprinted OFEICIAL.

The I B J chronicles the ½d band on white.

Northern Nigeria —

Mekeel reports 2, 2½, 5, 6d, 1, 2s 6p, 10s.

Norway : —

AS&SMC says the type of the 3o and the 30o has been retouched.

Queensland :—

Mr. Chapman has shown Mekeel's the 1d of 1896 on which the tail of the Qu has been carried upward and curved over to the left until it is twice its normal length.

Roumania:—

The 5, 10, 30b are reported in a paler shade on unwatermarked paper with white gum, perforated 11½ and 11½x13½. According to AS&SMC each value exists tete-beche.

Salvador—

The New England Stamp Co has shown the Collector 2, 3, 17c.

Uruguay—

The Collector has seen two new strmps issued to commemorate the Centenary of Independence:

2c carmine.
5c dark blue.

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United States:—

—Permits:—

Baltimore, Md. 1¢ No. 91.

Detroit, Mich. 1¢ No. 153.

Mr. Dempsey sends us Augusta, Me. permit No. 1 of the 1c value.

Ceylon: —

A. S. & S M C chronicles the following stamps with the head of King Edward:

10c olive and brown, 25c grey, 50c brown, 1r brown on yellow, 2r red on yellow, 5r black on green, 10r black on red.

Colombian Republic:—

The Echo says the 1c green is appearing without the imprint at foot.

Fiji: —

A S & SMC reports the following color changes: 5sh green and red on yellow.

£1 brown and black on red.

Crete:—

The J des Phil chronicles 50l, 1dr, 3dr, 5dr, postage and 10l, 30l Service.

France: —

AS&SMC says the 2fr postage due is appearing in pale vermilion.

Dutch Indies: —

The I B J mentions a 17½c olive-yellow envelope.

Levant (Russian P. O.):—

A S & S M C adds two sets overprinted "Metellin" and "Rizech," respectively.

Elobey, Annabon et Corisco: —

Gibbons' says a fiscal has been overprinted "10c" in black.

Mexico: —

AS&SMC says a 4c carmine on yellowish post card has appeared.

Netherlands:—

It is said that in order to avoid confusion with the 12½c, the 17½c is now printed in blue and brown-black (center).

Paraguay: —

Mekeel's reports 1, 10, 20, 50, 75c.

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Notes of the Week.

(By J. William Hawkins).

It is reported that the government of Roumania has prohibited the cancellation of stamps to order and henceforth Roumanian stamps must be legitimately used.

William Ward, an English stamp dealer with American methods, correspondent of Mekeel's Weekly and the Hobbyist, will visit the United States this month. New York, Philadelphia and Boston will be among his stopping points.

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BOONTON STAMP SHOW HUGE SUCCESS.

Thousands of Dollar's Worth of Stamps Exhibited —Large Attendance. Noted Stamp Men Present.

By a Special Correspondent of the Transcript.

Boonton, N. J., on Sept. 2, was the scene of one of the most successful educational stamp shows ever held in that part of the country.

During the afternoon the exhibit of stamps arranged by the Boonton Collectors' Association, under whose auspices the affair was held, was viewed by many people. Among the exhibits were a highly specialized collection of Danish West Indies, the property of J. Murray Bartels, of New York City; collections of Austria, Canada, China, Columbian Republic and Roumania, owned by Percy McGraw Mana, of Philadelphia. Miss Elizabeth Cobb, of Parsippany exhibited early U. S. and Canada; E. J. Dempsey of Brooklyn lent an exceedingly fine lot of Wurtemburg, Nova Scotia, Canada and Newfoundland; the New England Stamp Co., of Boston exhibited a set of stickers showing the evolution of the U. S. 2¢ stamp. This firm also lent a complete set of Departmental proofs.

The following members of the Boonton Collectors' Association exhibited: M. B. Davis, Seychelles and collection of blocks; Samuel Davis, Jr., U. S. Revenues; James A. Case; E. B. Dehart and W. C. Webb.

A feature of the evening's program was a lecture delivered by J. M. Bartels, the famous philatelic expert of New York City. The lecture was illustrated by a series of lantern slide views loaned for the occasion by the Boston Philatelic Society.

The whole affair was a huge success and the amount of good accomplished by it can hardly be over-estimated. No small part of the success is due to the presence of J. M. Bartels and Editor P. M. Mann of the Philadelphia Stamp News.

Two Shades of Benadir No 10.—The writer possesses two Benadir No. 10 in two distinct shades. One is very dark brown, the other very light. J. W. H.

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The news of the Boonton Stamp Show was received just as we were preparing to go to press. In order to include the report in this issue, we have delayed publication a day or so, besides leaving out several news items. ¶The senior member of the firm is rapidly recovering from a several weeks' illness of typhoid, which, in connection with the usual trials of a publisher, caused a slight delay in publishing last week's issue.

A Lackawanna Stamp Club.—An outcome of the recent M. P. A. Convention may be the formation of a "Lackawanna Stamp Club." Its promoters, Leon V. Cass, of Binghampton; August Mack, Homer Peabody and Oliver Arnold, Jr., of Scranton, and T. H. Webb of Hanover, N. J., met together for the first time at the Binghampton Convention. They plan to meet once every four months to swap stamps, buy stamps, sell stamps, talk stamps and have a good time at different cities along the Lackawanna line.

J. William Hawkins.

A Profitable Government Concern.

Mr. Alfon Stark sends us a newspaper clipping from which we extract a few notes:

The British mint has made a profit of more than $3,300,000 in the last two years. Since 1882 the total net profits of coining have amounted up to $48,000,000. In 1900 the profit was almost $5,000,000.

Last year's report shows that about 75,750,000 pieces were coined for the Home Government and 37,480,000 for the colonies.

The mint produced:

Gold coins	$69,000,000
Silver coins	6,900,000
Bronze coins	601,000

The number of chief kinds of coins was as follows:

Sovereigns	$14,448,000
Shillings	5,826,000
Sixpences	6,688,000
Threepences	4,221,000
Pence	19,743,000
Halfpence	8,310,000
Farthings	8,861,000

During the year, the Bank of England took in 54,853,000 gold coins.

The branch mints in Australia and Canada coined gold in the year to the value of $48,700,000. More than $7,800,000 was realized by the British mint from the sale of gold sweepings and $710,000 from silver sweepings.

"THERE'S SOMETHING DOING IN UNITED STATES STAMPS,"

—Says J. M. Bartels.

An Interview with the Eminent Philatelist by a Transcript Reporter.

"There's something doing in United States stamps," was the statement made by P. M. Mann at the recent stamp show in Boonton, and J. M. Bartels, the great philatelic expert, member of the firm of J. M. Bartels Co, of New York City echoed, "Yes, sir—decidedly."

"Don't you believe in commemorative stamps?" Mr. Bartels was asked, and he answered, "No, not to the extent in which we have been getting them."

When told that the A. P. S. intended petitioning the government for a special stamp to advertise the 25th anniversary of the society which occurs next year, he said, "We have been having altogether too many commemorative stamps If the government should accede to the Society's request, the precedent set would be bad, very bad. I shall certainly oppose the idea even if it costs me a special trip to Washington."

After examining a copy of the 13c 1902 which had some symptoms of being on laid paper, Mr. Bartels said, "I believe there are some streaky lines in the ink,but it has not the appearance of laid paper."

This statement slightly jars the opinion of some authorities (?) who have recently written articles dealing with the subject.

The veteran dealer was shown a copy of one of the recently current Cuban 2¢ stamps purported to be in imperforate condition. He said, "The stamp was not issued imperforate. If formed part of a book and was imperforate probably on two sides. The perforations on the other two sides were trimmed off, thus giving the sticker the appearance of being imperforate all around."

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Rather an interesting incident of the Binghampton Convention was furnished by H. W. McKon, an M. P. A. member whose home is at Long Eddy, N. Y., a small town about seventy-five miles from Binghampton. Mr McKon landed in the convention city on Tuesday. That evening the conversation reverted to U. S. revenues (McKon's pet hobby) and the man from Long Eddy waxed eloquent. Some of his assertions were disputed and to verify them, Mr McKon hied him back to Long Eddy, by night, for his collection which he had left at home. He returned the following morning with evidence enough to confound the unbelievers. J. W. H.

P. M. Mann's Exposition Labels.—Editor P. M. Mann of the Philadelphia Stamp News is an enthusiastic collector of exposition labels. While at Boonton for the recent stamp show, he exhibited his collection to the members of the Boonton club J. W. H.

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THE DECLINE OF GENERAL COLLECTING.

By William Hawkins.

A STARTLING disclosure has been made by Ewen's Weekly: "In seven years, all the stamp collectors of the world have not been able to exhaust the small supply of 24,000 2d stamps, 18,000 3d, 12,000 6d and 6,000 2sh 6d stamps which have been printed for Antigua since 1903."

"Are there really less than 6,000 collectors able to purchase a 6sh stamp? There must apparently be far fewer, as of course some buy blocks, whilst some of the stamps are certainly used on parcels and others perhaps fiscally."

These statements are food for thought. It has long been a recognized fact that general collecting is on a decline but in our most pessimistic moments we have not realized that it is thus far gone. The question arises "What can be done to remedy the state of affairs?" and before we can prescribe a cure we must find a cause.

Here opinions differ. The multitudes of new issues are, in a measure, to blame but the prime cause is to be found in the increased cataloging of watermark, perforation, and other varieties.

We believe that the remedy lies in the hands of the catalogers. Hitherto their aim has been to list every possible variety. Now a course of weeding is necessitated. Varieties of perforation, paper, watermark; major or minor errors should be thrown out of the catalog.

To the collector we say, throw away your perforation gauge and watermark detector. Disregard the catalog! Collect every country. In that way lies contentment.

This is a serious matter to philatelists. In the end it spells either life or ruin to our hobby. Which shall it be?

Seven Days.

By the Associate Editor.

August 18th saw the issuance of a complete new set of stamps for Austria. These were issued to commemorate the 80th birthday of the Emperor Franz Josef which occurred on that date. The designs are merely modifications of those used in the 1907 set with the addition of the dates 1830-1910. Mr. Edwin W. Fuss tells es that the entire supply was sold out on the day of issuance.

Kohl's Catalog for 1911 is the first of the leading catalogs to appear, having been published early in August.

The Empire Philatelist is a promising monthly magazine published by I. S. Donner, New York City.

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The following article appeared as an editorial in the Atlanta Journal of Sunday, Sept. 11, 1910:

"Charles Lamb used to say that every man should have a hobby, even if it were nothing more than collecting odd pieces of string. Several hundred true believers in this pleasant philosophy convened the other day in New York city. They had gathered from every corner of the continent, some of them having traveled a thousand miles or more, simply to compare their views and specimens of old coins. They called their organization the Numismatic club—for the meaning of which you will have to make your own hunt thru the dictionary.

How refreshing it is in this day of pell mell sordid dollar chssing to find men who are more interested in the past than the present of money.

The delegates took their meeting very seriously. No doubt they squabbled and gave way to their little jealousies as antiquaries will do. But sometimes they sat far into the night and to them all the sessions were more fascinating than a big league game would be to the most hot-blooded fan.

Some of the specimens exhibited were rich in American history. Among them was a pine tree shilling issued by the state of Massachusetts in the year 1682. Another was a Liberty Cap cent of 1793. It is valued today at $340. Antique coins are of little use in the work-a-day world, but they are open sesames to the Ali Baba caverns of the past. The regions of romance are hung thick with tales of money. Next to love there has been no spell so potent as gold. And so when we handle an old coin we are touching a thing, a genii, you might say, that wrought upon human lives long ages ago, both in joy and in sorrow."

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Chronicle of New Issues.

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To Stop Coinage of Gold?

It is reported that the coinage of gold in the United States will be suspended for an indefinite period if plans now forming in the Treasury Department are adopted. The idea is to issue gold certificates for all gold bullion and foreign coin turned into the mints, instead of coining them into eagles and double eagles. ¶Two reasons for such a step are pointed out. The first is to save from $300,000 to $500,000 a year in mint expenses. The second is to stop coining gold at the expense of the United States for the convenience of foreign money markets, which use it in the settlement of commercial balances.

United States:—

—Permits:—
Augusta, Ga. 1c No. 6 purple, hand.
Camden, N. J. 2c No 5.
Hartford, Conn. 1c No 32.
St Louis. 1c No 146.
No 113 violet on buff.

—Initial Perforated:—
Aurora Automatic Machinery Co.
2c inverted reverse.

Tonga:—

ASMC states that the 4p registration envelope has been surcharged "3" in black.

Atlanta leads the entire south in post-office receipts.

Some weeks ago, we printed an article on a Brazil Pan American stamp. It is now reported that the sale of this stamp has been stopped for the present; the reason being that Portugal has objected to them as being contrary to the postal convention in regard to size, and letters prepaid with these stamps addressed to Portugal have been treated as unpaid and charged double postage. J. William Hawkins.

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A vast improvement is shown in the August number of the New York Philatelist. This number contains twelve pages and cover and a 4-page supplement. Its columns are well filled with interesting matter. A fraud department containing the names of those with whom dealers and collectors have had unsatisfactory dealings, etc., and any information concerning these frauds and dead beats, is conducted by G. A. Reitz. The price of subscription to the N. Y. P. is 25 cents a year, but by special arrangement with the publisher, we are able to offer it and the Transcript one year each for 40 cents.

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Auction News.

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Record Price or Coins.

$20,754, which is the largest sum of money ever realized from a sale of coins in New York was taken in at the third session of the Peter Houghey sale held Sept. 3, at the Collectors' Club under the supervision of Thomas L. Elder. The former record price was $19,000 which was realized at the Parmelee sale in 1892.

American half eagles of two varieties dated 1797 brought $280 and $265. An 1819 half eagle went at $680 and one of 1821 at $190. An 1829 half eagle brought a record price of $370. Prices for quarter eagles were $200 for a 1796 with star on the obverse; 1797, $150; 1798, $50; 1821, $40; 1824, $40; 1827, $43. An 1843 quarter eagle without a motto was sold for $310. A $5 Beechler South Carolina gold piece stamped "Rutherford county" was bought for $800. Several pine and oak tree shillings brought from $15 to $36 each. An unused pine tree penny was bought for $58.

The only good specimen of a Confederate cent offered was sold for $340.

A New York Continental cent with the bust of Washington on it brought $265.

We thank Mr. William Hawkins for a newspaper clipping containing the above notes.

The Associate Editor has been shown a complete set of the new emissions of the Columbian Republic. These are assuredly among the most attractive stamps issued during the past year and will undoubtedly revive interest in the stamps of that "many stamped" country.

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Chronicle.

United States:—

—Permits:—

Chicago, Ill.
1c No 14, brown on white, type II.
No. 563
2c No. 761, brown on drab.
3c on 2c No. 57 on brown.

Cincinnati, O. 1c No. 231.
Decatur, Ill. 1c No. 8 rubber stamp.
Endicott, N. Y. 2c No. 1, ochre
Essex, Conn. 1c No 1.
Indianapolis, Ind. 1c No. 124 on grey.
Jacksonville, Fla., 1c No. 26 black and red.
Kittrell, N. C. 1c No. 1, type II.
New York,
1c No. 166 on brown.
No. 492.
1c No. 15.
Richmond, Va. 1c No. 1, type VI and black.
Portsmouth, O. 2c No 1.
Toledo, O. 1c No. 33, black.

—Precancel:—

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Holeproof Hosiery Co., Milwaukee, Wis. HH-Co. 2c.

The following unsigned and undated letter was received recently by the postoffice department: "That more than 25 years ago, when employed as a clerk in a postoffice, I one day made a money order and after the letter was sealed and ready to be mailed, remembered that I had not filled out the blank right and I opened the letter and made the proper correction. I sealed the letter at once and forwarded it by first mail. Altho no harm was done, I really broke the law and wish to confess my error."

" + We are also in receipt of several numbers of the Transcript, which hails from Commerce, Ga. Published and we believe also printed by John A. & John K. Howard. Although this paper has received very few ads—hardly enough to pay for the paper it is printed on, it is still being published regularly, and they have not as yet shown any signs of "throwing up the sponge." We trust the Transcript will have a long and useful life."—New York Philatelist.

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In this issue will be found the ad of E. Wayne Harr. Look it up.

The Mint Stamp Co., of Philadelphia, has signed a contract for a one inch space for one year. Their ad appears in this issue.

We are in receipt of the book of the Marquette Album from the United Stamp Co. Price lists were also received from: St Louis Stamp & Coin Co. and Alvin J. Fink, Dayton, O.

In writing ads or in talking to customers, avoid technical terms that they cannot understand perfectly. Make your meaning plain on all points, plain not only to yourself, but to your customer also.

Literature Notes.

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The anniversary of the Southern Philatelist is fittingly celebrated by the issuance of a twenty-four-page number, well filled with interesting reading matter and a fair amount of advertising. The stamps of Hayti are ably treated by Mr Webb. The Stamps of New Brunswick are discussed by Mr. Safley. Mr Hawkins conducts a page for the boys. Stamps and Sunshine is the title of an article from the pen of Mr Ramsay and Mr Baber writes of Dr. Hugo. The news of Washington is given by Mr. Morris. In an article entitled, The Evolution of the Block, Mr. Nast advises the collection of a block of eight with the plate number and imprint attached. The regular departments and general contents are well worthy of note. ¶The September number contains a full quota of convention news, in addition to a large amount of spicy news items of interest. The Southern now enjoys the privilege of second class rates, which means a tremendous saving of postage.

Mr. Mann is devoting a great deal of the Philadelphia Stamp News to exposition labels and trade marks.

The Attleboro Philatelist for September contains the section of the Precanceled Catalog devoted to the stamps of Tallahasse, Fla., and Chicago, Ill. The general contents are good.

The Stamp Collector for September contains a copious rebort of the A. P. S. convention. Mr. Ricketts continues his Check List of Philatelic Publications in the English Language. The Literature Society is doing active work. The Collector is a credit to philately. Its able and efficient editors are accomplishing wonderful results.

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Re-engraved 3¢ Cuba.

Rœssler's Stamp News for October prints the information in connection with the discovery of the secret marks on the 3c Cuba of 1905. Mr. Morris contributes the following facts: "On the first or regular issue the double line on left side of stamp (next to flaming torch) is broken at end of foliate ornament. On the re-engraved a black line has been added so that a small white spot to left of double line is isolated. This is directly over the left hand shield with numeral 3. On the first issue, this white dot is connected with stem which runs vertically from shield." In addition to the secret marks the following points should make the difference readily distinguishable: (1) On the re-engraved the paper is unwatermarked. The paper of the regular issue is watermarked U. S.—C. (2) The paper of the re-engraved is very white. That of the regular issue has a yellowish tinge. (3) The first issue is printed in a dark shade. The second is light. (4) The perforations on the re-engraved set are spaced 1mm wider than the Bureau specmens.

Hugh M. Clark has announced his first fall sale for Oct. 1. An interesting lot is a block of six (3x2) 90c 1879, No 191, in superb mint condition.

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And study's sordid bit he restless champs,
Then with a bang he closes dog-eared books,
And hies him off to silence—and to stamps.

The sage with reverence shuts his dusty tomes
And seeks release from life's relentless clamps;
The midnight flame unnoticed dies. He too,
Has found oblivion among his stamps.

Within the palace's grim stone-cut walls,
A weary monarch nervous, restless tramps.
The cares of empires crowd about his throne
He buries them among his treasured stamps.

The plowman homeward drags his dusty way
Upon his forehead labor's honest damps.
He soon forgets the sorrows of the day.
He drops them one by one among his stamps.

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Oh, goddess fair! Great queen philately,
Thine is an empire vast—yet a democracy.
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Master and slave, monarch and peasant,
Worker and lazy drone are subjects all
Around thy world-wrought throne.

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The Evolution of the U. S. 2c Stamp.

By William Hawkins.

ON MARCH 3, 1845, the Congress of the United States passed an act regulating the cost of letter postage as follows: Single letter rate for a distance of 300 miles or less, 5 cents; over 300 miles, 10 cents. At that time there were no legitimate government stamps. A person having a letter to mail, would take it to the postmaster, pay the amount of postage and the postmaster would stamp the letter "5¢ (or 10¢) Paid" as the case might be.

The first United States government stamps were issued on Aug. 5, 1847. These were a 5 cent stamp bearing Franklin's portrait and a ten cent bearing Washington's picture.

These were in use until 1851, when on Mar. 3, congress reduced the letter rate for a distance of 3000 miles or under to 3 cents if prepaid and a new set of stamps was issued. Until 1857 all of our stamps were issued imperforate but in that year perforating machines came into use and since then all U. S. stickers have been perforated.

On account of the civil war and the large quantities of stamps in the hands of Confederate postmasters, the designs were changed and in August 1861 notice was given that all preceding emissions would be unavailable for postage after Nov 1, 1861. In 1867 the stamps were grilled to prevent cleaning.

In May 1869 the contract for printing was given to a new firm and new designs were used. The stamps were small, square ones and the designs were mostly pictorial. The 2c stamp of this issue showed a picture of a horseman.

The little square stamps failed to please the public so a new series of designs were prepared and in April, 1870, another series of stamps appeared. The 2c sticker of this set bore the picture of Andrew Jackson, color, red brown.

On May 3, 1879, the letter rate was reduced to 2c and the contract for printing our stamps was given to the American Bank Note Co.

Altho the old designs were retained, the colors of some of the stamps were changed and this time the 2c sticker appeared in vermilion.

In 1883 Washington's portrait was substituted for that of Jackson on this stamp. On Sept. 12, 1887, its color was changed to green. Feb. 22, 1890, saw this hard-worked set of designs relegated to the store room and the emission of a new stamp series, smaller in size and far less attractive.

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J. M. Bartels Co. will hold their first fall auction at 8 p. m. on Oct. 4 and 5 at the Collectors' Club in New York City. The catalog lists 1146 lots all of which comprise only high class goods. J. W. H.

The postoffice department has decided that the Quarterly is not a second class publication.

The Stamp Journal opens the season with a 52-page number. Many interesting subjects are treated, among them being Dr. Evans' serial on Canal Zone Stamps, The Value of Posmarks, by Chas. Jenney; Postage Currency, and many other articles of note.

Exhibition at Berne.

The stamp exhibition in Berne was opened Saturday, September 3d, by M. Ruffy, director of the International Bureau of the U. P. U. It is said that there were over 200 exhibits, the value of the collections being estimated at $1,000,000. King George, the Earl of Crawford, Mr. Charles L. Pack, the American exhibitor who received a silver medal each for his collections of Brazil, Spain, New Zealand and Cape of Good Hope, Mrs. Edith Field and other prominent philatelists were among the exhibitors.

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Early Money.

By Emmett Campbell Hall.

Earliest history refers familiarly to the use of gold and silver as a purchasing medium, but the metals were exchanged in the form of bars or dust for many centuries. Even today the Chinese prefer their gold and silver in bullion form.

The credit of making the first gold coins is given to the Lydians by Herodotus, and the first silver coins are supposed to have been minted on the island of Egina, 860 B. C. There are to be found in the various large museums of the world coins of Persia issued 350 B. C. The earliest coins known in Palestine were called Daric, or king's money (from Darius), and were coined 450 B. C.

In the year 139 B. C. Antiochus VII. granted the privilege of coining money among the Jews to Simon Maccabeus, and the various pieces are dated "in the first (or second) year of Simon, benefactor of the Jews, high priest."

The earliest Biblical mention of wealth is that of Abraham when he

(To be continued.)

Plate Number Collecting.

A great deal has been written relative to the collecting of plate numbers. Some few collectors seem to think that to collect plate numbers means to gather the margins just for the number or for the number ahd imprint. But this is not the case. We are not collecting numbers. We are collecting stamps—with the plate number and imprint attached, and it has very often been a great deal of value.

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Since all stamps are now printed by the Bureau, this question is no longer raised, but we have the interesting study of shades, and besides, we can determine the exact date when shades were printed.

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"Stories Stamps Tell."—(Communicated)—W. Dwight Burroughs, the Baltimore journalist, stamp collector and philatelic writer, is the author of a new book on the little stickers. He calls it "The Wonderland of Stamps" and it does not belie its name. The importance of this little volume as an advertisement for philately, can not be over-rated. Newspapers all over the country are reviewing the work favorably. The elevating influence of a book of this kind is not to be passed over lightly. ¶From the Newark (N. J.) Call, we take the following: "The stories that postage stamps tell are manifold. No one unless he has made a study of them has any comprehension of what a wide field of history, art, science, literature, legend, economics and finance they touch upon. W. Dwight Burroughs, "stamp sharp" of Baltimore, has written a book on the subject, which he calls "The Wonderland of Stamps." It is published by Frederick A. Stokes Company, and contains two hundred illustrations of some of the rarest and most interesting stamps. The book is not technical; on the contrary, it is written in an entertaining style that will attract the older as well as younger readers. One learns much that is good to know in the reading of a single chapter, and as the information is, as it were, accented by the pictures of the stamps discussed, a lasting impression is made upon the mind."

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H. E. Morey's mail auction No. 165 will be held on October 25 at 41 Washington St., Boston, Mass. The catalog lists 157 lots of desirable numismatic literature, coins, almanacs and curios.

Chronicle.

United States:—

—Initial Perforated:—

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The International Stamp Co. inform the Philadelphia Stamp News that the current 15c has been issued unperforated.

The new reply cards are reported to have been issued.

EARLY MONEY.

left Egypt to return to Canaan and the 1,000 pieces of silver that Abimelech gave Abraham for Sarah's use. Abraham bought the cave of Machpelah and weighed to Ephron 400 shekels of silver. Achen stole a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels.

In the east in all ages jewels have been regarded as a convenient method of transferring and holding wealth. Prior to the first coining Egyptian and perhaps other "money" was made into rings for the sake of convenience, and the bundles of money carried by the sons of Jacob when they went into Egypt to buy corn were doubtless strings of gold or silver rings of a fixed weight.

Fortunately it has been the custom from earliest times to date coins in some manner, and by their aid it has been possible to prove the truth of legends and traditions even after centuries, and the finding of a single coin has often served to throw a great light on a dark page of history.—Emmett Campbell Hall

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Mr. Jenney reports to the Stamp Journal the discovery of three copies of 1903 U.S. stamped envelope of 2¢ type 39, size 13 on buff, hitherto unchronicled. They are used and are quite a rarity.

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Study Stamps in Schools.

Newark, (N. J.), Sunday Call.

FOLLOWING close upon the decision of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy to incorporate the study of postage stamps in the public school work, educational authorities elsewhere, including some in this country, have taken the matter up for serious consideration. Some teachers in America have already begun to "teach the young idea how to shoot" with the aid of the stamp, and there is every prospect that the little mail carrier will before long be a potent factor in the educational systems everywhere.

The action of the Austro-Hungarian board of education was prompted after a careful investigation of the stamp as a medium of instruction. The matter was gone into with exquisite care and the net result was the promulgation of an order that every school reading book should contain at least one chapter devoted to the postage stamps of the world, illustrated by fac simile reproductions.

It was learned that almost every field of study is covered to some extent by stamps or that the study of them leads the scholar thru a pleasing and entertaining method to extensive fields of valuable information that would otherwise have to be approached by more prosaic and arduous paths. Geography, history, literature, mythology, theology, natural history, world politics, science and the fine arts, astronomy and other branches of learning are opened up to the student of the postage stamp with a facility and readiness that is surprising.

Leonard H. Goldsmith, an instructor of note, declares he has for years successfully employed postage stamps as an aid in teaching his classes. He contends that aside from the "book learning" the student acquires in his application to stamps there is exerted a wonderful influence in character building thru the necessity of exercising care and neatness in stamp study.

It is interesting to know that there is a little book of stories based on postage stamps the reference in each to which shows that no less than a thousand historical facts

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S. P. A. Convention.—The annual convention of the Southern Philatelic Association was held at the Kupper Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. The meeting was called to order Monday morning, Oct. 3d. A number of members and visitors were present. Business was transacted and the assembly adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

The report of the committee on credentials and the address of the president were read at the afternoon session. Several motions were made and adopted, after which the session adjourned until 10 a. m. Tuesday. A social session was held Mon[illegible] many rare stamps and covers were exhibited. Tuesday at 11 a. m. the meeting was called to order. The dues were fixed at 50 cents. Canvass of ballots, motions and resolutions were adopted and the meeting adjourned.

The photo was taken in front of the postoffice building. A 40 mile auto ride over the city was enjoyed. Galveston, Texas, was mentioned as the convention seat in 1911.

International Congress of Esperantists.—The International Congress of Esperantists was held recently in Washington, D. C. There have been five such congresses held in Europe, but this, the sixth, is the first American congress. Various governments were invited to participate. In response to this invitation, nine foreign countries sent official representatives, and delegates from 19 different countries were in attendance. The formal opening address was made on Aug. 15, by Dr. Zamenhof, of Poland, the author of Esperanto. The secretary of the American Federation of Labor was present. The morning sessions were devoted to important discussions. The afternoons were spent in sightseeing and various entertainments were enjoyed during the evenings.

On Thursday the attendants witnessed a ball game between Washington and Cleveland. The rules of the game were translated into Esperanto. A service on Sunday in St. Paul's Episcopal church was conducted exclusively in Esperanto.

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The Philadelphia Stamp Club Bulletin.—Volume one, number one of the Philadelphia Stamp Club Bulletin has been issued. It is a work of art in every particular. It contains twelve pages and is ably edited and neatly printed. The magazine is well worthy of support and the Club deserves credit for its enterprise.

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Bulletin, the editor, Mr. Green, has prepared an attractive design. In the center of the design is a reproduction of the stamp "with the man stepping over houses." This stamp was a Philadelphia local issued by D.·O. Blood & Co.

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Funeral Medals of Edward VII.

His Majesty King George V has been pleased to present medals to the soldiers and sailors specially concerned in the late King's lying in state and funeral. The medals are duplicates of the medal of the Royal Victorian Order, created during the reign of King Edward. On the obverse they bear the effigy of the late king, and on the reverse the emblematic design of the Order. The medals are struck in silver and bronze; the petty officers of the navy and the non-commissioned officers of the army receiving the silver ones, and the seamen and privates the bronze ones —Philatelic West.

The Oldest Libraries

The oldest libraries of which we have any certain knowledge are those brought to light by excavations among the ruins of the east. Among these are the Babylonists books inscribed on clay tablets, supposed to have been prepared for public instruction about 650 B. C. It is said by Aristotle that Strabo was the first known collector of books and manuscripts. This was about the year 330 B. C.—The West.

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Philadelphia Stamp Club Bulletin.

A Review; Continued from Last Issue.

On the first page of the Bulletin is a likeness of Mr. J. A. Steinmetz.

From the pen of Mr. Steinmetz is an article entitled "Stamp Collecting with Reference to the Limitations of the Printed Album and the Inconsistencies of the Standard Catalog."

The article is to the point, and is so well written we have decided to reproduce it in part.

It follows: * * * Few of us are fortunate in possessing the Post Office Mauritius of which but a scant score are known to exist, yet each of a million collectors is daily reminded of the hopelessness of ever even setting eyes on a specimen, by these two eternally vacant spaces. Yet historically and sentimentally these spaces in the album are justified!

Not so, however, should be shown spaces for the postage-revenue issue of South Australia of the impossible postal values of the 1880-90 issue, running up to £20 face, nor of Rhodesia No. 14, 15, 67, 68.

The same may be said of Natal No. 99 and 100 and should include the rejection of the recently announced Straits Settlements of $500 face. ✦

The three spaces showing U. S. imperf. 1851-56, 24c, 30c and 90c, should be omitted . . . never issued by the department, . . . likely imperf. samples and printer's waste fell into eager hands of early collectors.

✦ By eliminating these fake spaces, an interval would be created between the line of 1851-6 imperforates and the 1857-60 perforates. These spaces could then be used at pleasure by the museum collector for the three so called imperforates or by the home collector for shades and minor varieties of the cheaper stamps or to show quaint and interesting cancellations.

In such a space could be shown the 30c black, No 38, or No. 53, Franklin head design, which was printed first in black, July, 1860, and quickly superseded by the stamp in orange buff about a month later.

The 30c black has been verified as a real stamp printing, and not in any sense a proof. * * The sudden recall of the issue when about ready for sale was due to the fact that the black canceling ink was indistinguishable on the somber shade of this beautiful stamp. * * .

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The First United States Mint.

OUR FIRST mint at Philadelphia was naturally a very unpretentious business. The material for coinage was secured from abroad. Much difficulty was found in securing persons of experience to operate the mint. The following was the salary list of the first employes of the mint: "David Rittenhouse, director, $2,000 per annum; Tristram Dalton, treasurer, $1,200; Henry Voight, coiner, $1,500; Isaac Hugh, clerk, $312.

The following are a few of the rules and regulations of the mint of old:

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"The alllowance under the name of drink money is hereafter to be discontinued.

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The second number was Vol. I, No. 1, Whole No. 2. It contained 14 pages and was paged 15 to 28.

Vol. I, No. 2, Whole No. 3, To Antigraphon (The Transcript), devoted to SN, June, 1903, 16 pages, paged 29 thru 38.

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*No. 1 contained the ritual of the Fraternity and is omitted in copies to non-members.

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Instead of continuing the good work by plain business policies, the postmaster general now proposes a remarkable scheme. Periodicals, he says, should be required to pay one rate of postage on their reading matter and a much higher rate on their advertising matter. Each magazine will be required to send a copy of each issue to the postoffice department. At the department, the magazine will be cut up and all its reading matter and advertising matter will be separately weighed. The amount of postage to be paid will be computed on the number of copies sent thru the mail.

What an amusing sight it would be to watch the clerks, armed with scissors, clipping out ads and piling millions of them upon the scales! What a field for ingenuity it would be when a clerk came to a page of a magazine on one side of which was an advertisement and on the other side of which was an innocent love story or a vigorous editorial on the postmaster general's system of patronage!

When it comes to carving up a magazine just as a butcher sells steaks and chops, the plan is certainly modern.

Why should a higher rate be charged for advertisements? Advertisements are one of the greatest sources of postal business. They stimulate trade. They are the cause of millions of dollars' worth of stamps being sold. Thousands of letters frequently pass thru a single mail, as the result of a single advertisement. To raise the postage on the advertising portion a publication would tend to lessen one of the greatest sources of revenue of the postal department.

Increase business. Do not decrease it. That is the solution of the postal deficit. For instance: There are

about 40,000 rural free delivery routes. Each of these routes costs the government an average of about $72.16 a month. The average monthly income of each of these routes is about $15.00. The average rural route wagon carries about twenty-five pounds a day. On the other hand, by carrying 2,500 pounds a day in each of its wagons, one of the big express companies declares an annual dividend of $300.00 on a share. The difference is that the private corporation seeks business, while the government ignores business.

Literature Notes.

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Vol. No. 1, Whole No. 4, *Herald series, No. IV, No. 1, The Transcript, Tahlahnekah, devoted to North Georgia Agricultural college at Dahlonega, Ga., June, 1903, 16 pages, paged 39 thru 52.

*The Transcript absorbed the Students' Herald and some numbers bear the numberings of that magazine.

Vol. I, No. 2, Whole No. 5, (Herald Series, Vol. iv, No. 2), The Transcript, Tahlahnekan & Herald, June 22, 1903, 16 pages, paged 53 thru 66.

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Philadelphia Stamp Club Bulletin.

(Continued from last issue).

The 90 cents imperforate accredited to the dates of 1851-56 is an absurd claim on its face for the reason that the postage value of 90 cents was not considered until early 1860, and my private records show that the Trumbull design was not even accepted until after June of the same year. **

Another unnecessary and exasperating defect of the printed album is the combination of different countries on the same page.

A notorious example of such stupidity being shown by an English album made for sale in this country where the two stamps of the United States 1847 issue occupy the undignified lower part of the page headed by Uganda.

It is needless to say that this blunder, which seemed almost like a studied insult to American collectors was quickly resented. This niggardly saving of a quarter page, thereby relegating to the tail end of a miserable uncivilized African Protectorate the greatest stamp series of the world, our own United States, saved the publishers a few cents worth of paper and lost them the sale of thousands of albums. ✦ ✦ *

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The U. S. 13¢ 1902 is not really a scarce stamp. Until the advent of the 1909 issue, these stickers were commonly quoted in quantities at very reasonable prices, but when the new stamps made their appearance the old 13's dropped out of sight and at present $2 per hundred will not bring many from their hiding places. The 13c 1909 is not very common but it is not as scarce as we might be led to believe.

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Vol. 1, No. 6, July 6, 1903, preliminary number of the Stampman, 4 pages, paged 67 thru 70.

Whole No. 7, vol. I, No. 1, The Transcript, Spy In the West, devoted to secret orders, July 13, 1903, 8 pages, paged 73 thru 80.

No. 8, (Herald series, 4, 3), The Transcript, The Herald & Tahlahnekan, July 20, 1903, 8 pages, paged 81 thru 88.

No. 9, the Transcript, July 27, 1903, 8 pages, paged 89 thru 96.

⊙No. 10, The Stampman, (volume I, No. 1), devoted to Stamps and Stamp Collectors, August 3, 1903, 8 pages, paged 97 thru 104.

No. 11, The Spy In The West, (No. 2), August 10, 1903, 8 pages, 105 thru 112.

No.12, The Transcript, August 17, 1903, 4 pages, 113 thru 116.

Pages 117 thru 122 and 127 and 128 of No. 13 were not printed.

Herald series, vol. 4, No. ■5, October 12, 1903, paged 175 thru 192.

Herald series, No. 6, October 19, 1903, (P 191 thru 208.

Herald series, No. 7, November, 1903, (P 211 thru 218.

Herald series, No. 8, December 14, 1903, (P 241 thru 250.

Herald series, vol v, No. 4, March, 1904, (P 49 thru 68.

Herald series, No. 7, March 28, 1904, (P 69 thru 72.

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No. 1, vol. vi, 4P, May 13, 1909.

No. 2, May 27, 6P, 6x9.

No. 3, June 3, 8 pages, non-philatelic.

No. 4, June 10, 24 pages.

No. 5, June 17, 8 Pages.

No. 6, June 24, 8 Pages.

No. 7, July 1, 8 P; No. 8, July 8, 4 P; No. 9, July 15, 8 P; No. 10, July 22, 8 P; No. 11, July 29, 8P; No. 12, Aug. 5, 4 P; No. 13, Aug. 12, 4 P; No. 14, Aug. 26, 4 P; No. 15, Oct. 7, 4 P; No. 16, Oct. 15, 20 P; No. 16a, Oct. 21, four pages.

About 75 copies of No. 15 were printed. Our press was broken during publication and the issue was withdrawn.

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⊙Only this number and the preliminary number contained stamp news, but a few other numbers contained an announcement of the Stampman.

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Post Cardist. May, 1910, 7c.

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Vol. VII, No. 1, Whole No. 36.

No. 2, (37), February 24, 1910, 4 pages.

No. 3, (38), eight pages; No. 4, 5, 6, 4 pages, No. 7, 16 pages, Vol. VIII, No. 1, Whole No. forty-three, April 7 to Ix, 2, four pages, No. 3 to 7. eight pages.

Vol. x, No. 1, Whole No. 54, June 28, to Whole No. 57, 4 pages.

Vol. 10, No. 5, (58), Extra, July 21, 2 P.

No. 6, (59), 4 pages, Paged 83 thru 86.

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There are forty pages of volume ten.

There are only three complete files of The Transcript up to Vol. VI.

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Mr. Eugene Klein writes of the reprints of U. S. stamps.

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Probably one of the most interesting side lines of stamp collecting is the collecting of paid permits.

A permit is the printed inscription of value on the envelope or wrapper in place of the stamp. It has no postal value until it has been accepted in the mails. It is simply a time saving device. It saves time in placing the stamp on the articles and saves time in canceling the stamp.

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The same operation would take place, should the piece of mail require less than the printed amount.

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There are just thousands of varieties and some. Even if there are so many of them, they would not be as hard to get as stamps, as there are so few collectors. Yet, if one does not care to collect generally, he can specialize, taking New York, Chicago, or any of the large cities as his specialty.

Of Chicago alone, there should be over 750 major varieties, as we have No. 761. This number was obtained some time ago, and doubtless by now the numbers run up to 1000. We think Chicago is the largest mail order city in the United States, having the largest number of permits, as well as having recently received the larg-

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The Philadelphia Stamp News and the Philatelic Gazette have got into a Cook-Peary wrangle. Both claim to be the first to announce the new watermark, and a few other things. Let the University of Copenhagen settle it.

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(To be continued.)

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U. S. R. S. Year Book

The United States Revenue Society has favored us with a copy of their 1910 Year Book, the fouth annual publication. The book is a work of art and is in every way a credit to the society. It contains twenty-eight pages and includes the constitution and by-laws, the proceedings of the fourth annual convention and the list of members. The report of the secretary at the convention showed a membership of 143—a gain of one member over the previous year.

Besides the year book the society has published another book entitled "State Revenues of the United States," by J. Delano Bartlett. We have not seen the book but it is said that it is a production of importance and worth and reflects credit upon the author.

The society has reason to be proud of its able and efficient officers who are devoting their efforts to its advancement.

Although many journals will not exchange with us, we are going to "do a good for an evil," by giving them a little boost. Because they do not exchange with us, doesn't mean that they are not good magazines.

Scott's Circular for January contains its usual quota of information.

The January Stamp Journal is another one of those big 50-page editions.

Redfield's contains a goodly amount and a good quality of reading matter but the make up and general appearance of the paper is not so good.

Chronicle of New Issues.

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Cincinnati, O. 1c No 231.
No 112 red.
Decatur, Ill. 1c No 8 black rubber stamp.
Endicott, N. Y. 2c No. 1, ochre and black.
Findlay, O. 1c No. 1, red.
Richmoed, Va. 1c No 1, type VI.

The Philadelphia Stamp News of January 13, revives some formerly frequent predictions in U. S. Mr. Steinmetz says that higher values of Postal Savings Bank stamps are to be issued. It is proposed to utilize the 50c and $1 current stamps and the $2 and $5 remainders of the 1902 series, by overprinting them with "Postal Savings Official Mail," in four lines, as provisionals pending the preparation of new dies. The P S N states also that the department has decided to issue the new 12c stamp which has been held up so long. Another rumor is that the new watermark is likely to be changed. Still another rumor is that 16 copies of the 4c experimental paper have been found in a small town out west.

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Two great expositions are announced for 1915. Besides the Panama exposition in celebration of the "big ditch," there will be held at London the All-British Imperial exhibition to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the Magna Chart.

No foreign countries will be invited to participate; it will be exclusively British. Only British ships and railways will be used in assembling the exhibits.

It is much to be regretted that New Orleans was not chosen for the site of the Panama exposition, tho San Francisco, to be sure, is fully capable of conducting this great enterprise.

Let us add another great event to the year 1915 by holding the A P S and the S P A conventions in San Francisco in that year.

There will doubtless be a great many collectors in attendance upon the Panama exposition and there will be many of whom would not care or would not be financially able to make the three separate trips. Therefore, if the exposition and the A P S and S P A conventions were all held at the same place there would in all probability be a larger attendance.

Let the slogan be San Francisco 1915!

Canada-New Zealand Mail

The commonwealth has declined to re the Vancouver and Australia mail service. Canada has decided therefore to enter into a contract with the Union Steamship Co. of New Zealand, for a 5 years' service between Canada and New Zealand.

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Australia has long been classed as the least of the continents and not as an island. The largest islands are graded downward in the order of their size, as follows: Greenland, 850,000 square miles; New Guinea, 312,000; Borneo, 280,000; Madagascar, 230,000. In the absence of exact surveys these areas are rough estimates and must be considered only as approximations, but it is not likely that careful measurements will introduce corrections so large as to change the order of the four. Australia is but slightly smaller than the continental United States excluding Alaska.

Old Postal Rates.

The high postal rates that prevailed in the earlier years of the last century made the transmission of a letter or parcel a matter of serious moment.

"A packet weighing thirty-two ounces was once sent from Deal to London," writes Mrs. Eleanor Smyth in her life of Sir Rowland Hill. "The postage was over £6, being * * * four times as much as the charge for an inside place by the coach. Again, a parcel of official papers small enough to slip inside an ordinary pocket was sent from Dublin to another Irish town addressed to Sir John Burgoyne. By mistake it was charged as a letter instead of as a parcel and cost £17. For [illegible] between the two towns with places at seven [illegible] to their destination might have been hired."

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VOL. XII, NO. 6. GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, FEBRUARY 28, 1911. WHOLE NO. 80.

THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE

The division of dead letters was established as a branch of the post office department in 1825 No record of its work was kept until 1860. The business of the dead letter office has increased so enormously that this division has become one of the busiest portions of the department. 176 persons are employed continuously. Fifteen persons are engaged in opening the dead letters. Each person opens an average of about 2500 letters per day.

Last year there were 13,145,172 pieces of mail received at the dead letter office. The first effort of the department is to deliver as many of these stray missiles as possible either to the addressee or more frequently to the sender.

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Last year 85,000 misdirected pieces of mail contained photographs.

Each year the articles that have accumulated at the dead letter office are sold at auction. Twelve clerks are engaged six months in cataloging the articles. About five articles are put in into a package and are listed with their contents and auctioned to the highest bidder. The results of these auctions average $10,000 yearly, which is turned into the treasury.

Bargain fiends generally find it worth while to attend these auctions. Some things are valuable while others are practically valueless. Just think on anything that is small enough to go into a mail pouch and you have a practically complete list of the things that reach the dead letter office. Even snakes and other live things are sent through the mail. A tarantula was sent thru the mail, which for some reason failed to reach the person for whom it was intended and found its way into the dead letter division.

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OUR TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

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Honduras: —

Mr. Malings reports to the Fortnightly the 5 on 20 ctv. with double surcharge and states that now that the new 5 ctv. stamp has been issued, the sale of these surcharges has ceased.

Auction News.

We respectfully solicit any news for this column. Priced or unpriced catalogs will be appreciated.

The following prices were realized at a recent Hussman sale:

Fredericksburg, Va.,	No 41, cat. 50.	24.20
Lenoir, N. C.,	No. 69 cat. 100 00,	33.00
Tellico plains,	No 136, cat. 150 00,	66.00

Part IV, the remainder of the Stanton collection will be sold April 6, 7, 8.

Big Steel Bank on Wheels Hauls Money and Stamps

A big steel motor wagon is used to haul certificates, bank notes and stamps from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the U. S. treasury in Washington. The wagon is accompanied by seven armed guards.

Last year $12,000,000,000 in stamps and $3,000 000,000 in certificates were transported from the Bureau to the treasury without the loss of a single stamp or certificate.

A CORNER FOR PERMIT COLLECTORS

St. Louis, 1c No 141 dark green.
St. Augustine, Fla., 1c purple rubber stp. over 2c No 1
Portsmouth, O., 2c No 1.
Peoria, Ill., 1c No 37.

Daffydillyflowers.

"Phil is a popular guy these days."
"Phil who?"
"Philately. Haw! Haw!"
"Phil is the whole cheese."
"Phil who?"
"Stamp Collecting. Hel Hel"
Don't shoot 'im in the head; it 'll bounce (the shot).

A prominent collector said that if A. C. Roessler would not collect precancels F. Percy Collingwood.

A. M. TRAVERS DISMISSED FROM POSTAL SERVICE AND ARRESTED

Unlawfully Disposed of Certain Rare Stamps of Great Value and Falsified the Records of His Office.

Philatelic Value of Stamps So Disposed Said to Exceed $10,000.00

Government Suffers No Pecuniary Loss As He Substituted Current Stamps of Equal Face Value

PHILATELY THE SUFFERER

A. M. Travers, a clerk of the third assistant postmaster general, was dismissed from the Postal service on March 6 and was later in the day arrested on the charge of violating the postal laws which provide that no officer of the department shall sell postage stamps for more or less than face value.

The following statement was issued by Postmaster General Hitchcock:

"In his official capacity Mr. Travers caused to be delivered unto himself, certain rare stamps of great value and falsified the records of his office by certifying that a portion of these stamps were legally destroyed after condemnation. Instead of having them destroyed, however, he withheld them and substituted stamps in current use to an amount equal to those condemned, disposing of the obsolete issue at a very large profit."

It is said that the philatelic value of the stamps so disposed of exceeded $10,000.

Three Little Brown Jugs Come High in New York

Three specimens of early German stoneware, dated 1573 and 1591, brought $38,000 at auction in New York recently.

Literature Notes.

An exchange of two copies with all publications devoted to collecting will be appreciated.

The second number of the Precancel Monthly has appeared, but oh, that change of size in the middle of a volume! The first number was three columns wide, but the second number was changed to two columns—6x9, and is a great improvement, both in size and quality of matter.

Another paper that changed its form in th middle of a volume was the *Philatelic Atoz*.

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Why You Should Collect Stamps

That stamp collecting is both educative, interesting and profitable, is a thoroughly established fact.

After a careful investigation of the stamp as a medium of instruction, the Austro-Hungarian board of education has promulgated an order that every school reading book should contain at least one chapter devoted to the postage stamps of the world, illustrated by fac-simile reproductions.

It was learned that every field of study is covered to some extent by stamps, or that the study of them leads the scholar through a pleasing and entertaining method to extensive fields of valuable information that would otherwise have to be approached by more prosaic and arduous paths.

Geography, history, literature, mythology, theology, natural history, world politics, science and the fine arts, astronomy and other branches of learning are opened up to the student of the postage stamp with a facility and readiness that is surprising.

Many years ago stamp collecting was considered mere child's play, but it has grown to such an extent that now even some of the most prominent men of the world are actively engaged in studying the little stickers.

Ministers, doctors, lawyers, kings, queens and men and women in all walks of life are numbered among philately's ranks.

King George V, of England, is an ardent philatelist, having paid $7,500 for a single used postage stamp.

Thus it will be seen that the stamp collector is not found among the lower or uneducated classes. He is found with the educated, the scientific and the best thinking persons of the present day.

The boys who collect are not the spendthrifts, the idlers or the young hoodlums that we see among every population.

Stamp collecting keeps the married man at home in the evening with his family. He is not away at the club spending his money drinking and gambling. He is much better employed.

Stamp collecting is entertaining and amusing. It affords a pleasant relief from the cares of life. It teaches art. It develops literary and artistic taste. It has trained the powers of observation, induced habit of neatness and accuracy, promoted the study of printing, engraving, manufacture of paper, etc.

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Aluminium Coins For Use in Africa

It is stated that Africa has adopted the aluminum coin and nearly 32,000,000 of the one cent and two mills value have been struck from the royal mint for circulation in Uganda and the Nigerian protectorates. The coins are perforated in the center like Chinese coins.

Foreign Parcels Post Expanding

Geo. W Wanamaker, appraiser of the port of New York, has made public facts which show the rapid growth of the foreign parcels post mail received in New York.

The number of packages received from abroad rose from 90 297 in 1906 to 199,410 in 1910.

The receipts for January of this year aggregated 31.62. Should this rate be maintained thruout the year the packages would approximate 379,464. The receipts for January as compared with the same month in 1906 show a gain of 315 per cent.

Millions Go to Hungary

The records of the Hungarian postoffice show that $37000000 were sent to Hungary during 1910 by Austro-Hungarians living in America.

Six and a half Million Postals Sent To Brunswick in One Lot

A carload of postal cards for distribution thruout this state and Florida was received in Brunswick, Georgia on Mar. 4. There were six and a half million in the lot.

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Coins Command High Prices at Auction Sale

Coins continue to bring good prices at auction. The Woodin sale at the Collectors' Club recently realized the following prices:

Quarter eagle, 1797, 6 *'s before head and 7 *'s behind head, brought $310. Previous price $285.50.

Quarter eagle, 1834, "E P. U.," band over head of eagle, $300.

Two hundred quarter eagles listed brought $2.696.

78 gold dollars, 1849-89, brought $1,215.

T. L. Elder paid $170 for an 1861 Dahlonega gold dollar—one of the finest examples extant, 'tis said.

A ½¢ restrike proof, 1845, went for $84.50

Irridescent proof restrike, 1846, $67.

A record of $280 was paid for a proof restrike quarter dated 1827.

$1 silver, 1994, considerably worn, $100.

1852, proof silver dollar sold for $87 and a Gobrecht design, 1836, realized $22.

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"Precancels" are selling high. 50 rare ones mixed for 15c

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A stamp for use on official mail has been issued. The stamp is large, oblong, with design of national shield and a star. It is inscribed "Republica de Cuba—Sellado Ducialmente—Servicio de Correos" in three lines. The stamp is rouletted and is printed in dark blue.

Ecuador:—

10c black fiscal of 1907-8 and the 5 ctv. of same series overprinted "Correos Cinquo Centavos" in red.

Philippines:—

The 20 ctv. and the 30 ctv. are reported to have been changed to yellow and gray respectively.

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A COLUMN FOR PRECANCEL COLLECTORS * * * * *

ST. LOUIS LETTER

From The Precancel Monthly

Only seven copies of the 2c Alaska Yukon Precancelled Cincinnati have been reported to date. What a fabulous price this would bring if a stamp of interest to general collectors!

Now that a new and quite attractive type of Cincinnati has appeared it is interesting to note that the two preceding types were used on all values of Postage Due stamps as high at least as the 10c. The older type of the two occurs reading both up and down and the just dismissed type both normal and inverted on all values to the point stated.

An unexplained freak is the 1c 1909 Cleveland bearing in addition to the regular Precancellation the vertical legend reading up at extreme right of stamp "1 CLASS MAT." Who can explain?

Numerous interesting varieties of spacing are to be found by careful search among your duplicates of Ashland, Attica, Aurora, Brockport, Chattanooga, Clintonville, Dayton, Indianapolis, Lockport, Warren, Westgrove and others having overprints of similar design.

A freak 1c 1902 Cincinnati in "italics" has been noted.

Many collectors fail to notice the very distinct difference which exists in length of the name "Kentucky" on the 1902 issue of Covington. A search in your duplicates may disclose two new varieties of this type—normal and inverted.

CHESTER MYERS.

The Philadelphia Stamp Club Bulletin has reached the seventh number and seems to be prospering. When we saw the first number it did not remind us of a publication that would last only for one or two issues. Long may it live and prosper.

LETTER FROM ABE LINCOLN PREVENTS LOSS OF JOB

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Miss Susan Dugger, Aged Woman About to be Dropped from Pay Roll, Produces the Letter and is Retained

On April 13, 1864, Abraham Lincoln wrote a personal letter to the Postmaster General, asking him to employ Miss Susan Dugger, a young belle of Carlinsville, Ill., who was the sole support of her brother, a Union soldier crippled at Shiloh.

Miss Dugger got a position and preserved the letter religiously.

When an employ of the treasury has been absent without pay for more than a year, it is customary to strike their names from the pay rolls.

Miss Dugger has been ill more than a year and was about to be dropped from the rolls, when she produced Lincoln's letter, which, tho yellow with age and the ink is dim, was read by Secretary McVeagh who promised that she may have her old position back if she is ever able to work again. She is now 70 years old.

Miss Dugger was transferred from the postoffice to the treasury soon after President Lincoln's letter secured her employment and became an expert in detecting counterfeit money. She has handled millions of dollars—both good and bad—during her 45 years of service.

Do not make a promise if you do not expect to fulfil it.

Six interesting clippings thankfully received from Mr. Alfon Stark, Brooklyn, New York.

SEA SURRENDERS OLD COINS AND RELICS

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Early Saxon Ornaments Washed Up on Suffolk Coast

London.—The extraordinarily high tide along the Suffolk coast on April 3 washed up hundreds of gold, silver and bronze coins of early Saxon times in the neighborhood of Aldeburg.

Large quantities of antique bronze rings and ornaments, supposed to be relics of the submerged city of Dunwich, also were cast up by the sea

NEW TOWNS TO BE STARTED IN CANADA

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Railroad Compa ies will Start 170

Wiinnipeg.—170 new towns will be started in Western Canada this year.

The C. P. R. R will start 50 communities, the G. T. P. twenty-four and the C. N. 96.

Surveys have been made for most of them and some have already been named.

$8,500 STAMP SHORTAGE IN CHICAGO POSTOFFICE

Head of Wholesale Department Missing

Following the discovery that $8,500 are missing from the wholesale stamp department of the Chicago postoffice, Federal detectives have started a search for John J. Daly, head of the wholesale department, who has disappeared.

The discovery of the shortage came in the regular routine of business, and not because Daly was suspected.

TRADE COLUMN

75 words or less, 25c. 400 words, to be used at any time, $1.04. 800 words, to be useb at any time, $1.98.

Twenty-five var. 2c. Fifty var. 4c. 100 mixed, 3c. Five hundred mixed 8c. Post extra. Junior Stamp Co., 2 Commercial Pl. Lynn, Mass.

MAY PUT MAIL BOXES IN TROLLEY CARS

A dispatch from Washington states that the postoffice department is to experiment with the installation of mail boxes in street cars.

The boxes will be installed in Washington cars for a test and if the popularity of the service warrants it will be extended to other cities.

THREE CARRIERS OF BUTTS DELIVER MAIL ON MOTORCYCLES

Make Schedule in Four Hours Instead of Seven

The carriers on rural routes Nos. 3, 6 and 7 of Butts county are now carrying the mail on motorcycles and make their schedules in four hours instead of seven and eight hours as formerly.

1,311,319,607 STAMPS STORED IN VAULTS OF THE BUREAU

Alleged Irregularities Caused Count

Disclosures of alleged irregularities in the postoffice department caused a count of all the postage stamps stored in the vaults of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to be made.

Inspectors working day and night for a week found that there were 1,311,316,607 stamps stored away in the vaults.

Muskets and Canteens Found Under Old House

A number of old muskets and canteens were found under the old Blount home on Courtland street in Atlanta recently.

When the hallway floor developed a most annoying crack a member of the family thought that it might be remedied from beneath and went under the house, where a cavity was discovered, and upon investigating the hole, the old guns and canteens were found.

The guns were queer old fashioned looking weapons and were deeply eaten away with rust.

$10,000 FOR A CHARLES II SILVER GILT PORRINGER

London.—A Charles II silver gilt porringer and cover weighing 104 ounces brought $10,000 at a sale at Christies on April 6.

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"Formerly Frequent Predictions"—From Philadelphia Stamp News, Feb. 10:

"Our Commerce, Georgia, friends, publishers of the Transcript, must be careful when they say we published "some formerly frequent predictions" because we are not aware that our predictions had formerly been given. They also make a vague quotation at the base of one of their pages: 'It was the intention of the postoffice dapartment to issue the Omaha stamps in colors, but—' Now what we want to know is what the Omaha stamps were printed in, if they were not printed in colors? A word was left out, it should have read 'two colors.' And we want to tell our readers right now that they are missing some good matter when they miss getting the Transcript."

In order to correct a misapprehension or rather a misconstructed sentence of our own, we think a little explanation is necessary.

While the 12¢ stamp has doubtless been predicted more than any other U. S. stamp of late, we did not mean that the predictions as published in the Weekly were exactly the same as those that had been published formerly. What we were getting at were the general predictions of the press. When the 12¢ stamp was first announced and for weeks, yea months, afterward, the philatelic press contained something like the following: "The new 12¢ stamp will be issued soon," "The plates for the new 12¢ stamp are ready and the stamps will be issued soon," etc.—and we suppose that at least two-thirds of the papers had not a bit of authority for the statement. Papers that get information from the inside are justifiable in giving out their information.

Thanks Brother Mann for the "color" correction. Frequently when we need just a few lines to fill up our form we set a little item and do dot read a proof of it and sometimes errors creep in.

Thanks also, for the last sentence and "same back at you, Cap."

Why Is This Thus?—What do some dealers think we are?

We can't answer this question, so we put it up to you.

Some few weeks ago a prominent Washington dealer requested a sample

copy of the Transcript, stating that he would be glad to consider our advertising advantages. The sample copy was sent and a few days later we received the following reply: "I received your papers, but what I wanted to do was to advertise a medicine proposition. I dont think it would pay for that and I am carrying all the ads I can in stamp matters at present."

Wonder where he got the idea that we were running a medical journal?

We think he thought right when he thought a medicine proposition would not pay as we are not publishing a patent medicine sheet.

But, it might have paid. Some of our subscribers might have been sick and wanted relief.

Or, probably he might have had a medicine to cure stampitis or chronic de specialist or some similar disease.

A short time ago we received a letter in which the writer stated that if we would insert the enclosed ad he would distribute 50 or more copies of our paper. "Hypnotism that Works" was the subject of the ad.

We supposed that none of our readers wanted to be hypnotized, and besides, we thought we could distribute our papers to a better advantage.

We frequently receive such letters as the above—most of them wanting to advertise something for nothing—or rather nothing for something.

Better save your 2-cent stamp. You might need it some day.

Leave the invention of countless new words and phrases in your advertising to the professional ad writer. Good, homely English is the kind for you to use; avoid the kind that is inclined to be "smarty."

New York to Build Biggest Postoffice in the World

An Associated Press dispatch states that the contracts just awarded for New York's new general postoffice assure the metropolis the largest and finest postoffice building in the United States, if not in the world.

The total cost will exceed $5,250,000. The structure will be the largest government building in New York. It is to be completed in February 1913, and will have a frontage of 375 feet with a depth of 335 feet. The site adjoins that of the new Pennsylvania station at 8th Av. and 34th St. The Pennsylvania will run its trains directly into the basement of the new postoffice.

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NEW naughty song! Bold bad ballad: "Her Name Was Mary Wood; but Mary Wouldn't. Boys! send 20c. Find outWhat MaryWoulnn't do. R.Rodgers, Temple, Texas.

Daffy dillyflowers.

If McGee McGraw McMann sold his collection what would H. S. Rotzell?

If Columbus landed in America where did Newfoundland?

If Charlie Nast should hoe Charlie Mekeel's garden what would Idaho?

If Leon C Grosjean were seen in Louisiana where was kerosene?

Should Delaware Georgia's new dress would William Tell? What would R. E. Ramsay?

A CORNER FOR PERMIT COLLECTORS

Atlanta, Ga.
2c No 24 black rubber stamp.
green

Baltimore.
No 36 type II.
17c over 16c No 1.

Boston.
1c No 20 red.
No 148 black and brown.

Mr. Alfon Stark sends us Brooklyn, 1c No 43.

Camden, N. J. 2c No 5.

Chicago.
1c No 686.
No 114, type II
No 492.
red on manila No 577
green

Columbus, O. 4c No 9 brown

Detroit.
1c brown No 6.

Memphis, Tenn. 1c No 80, purple rubber stamp.

New York.
1c No 15.

Philadelphia. 1c No 136 on orange.

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THE POSTAGE STAMP

Its History and Its Advantages

Stamps tell wonderful stories! Each stamp has a meaning! What do the characters and emblems on our stamps denote? Learn all you can about the objects and great men represented on our postage stamps and you will find that stamp collecting is what it is claimed to be.

When and where did the postage stamp originate?

In January 1840, Sir Rowland Hill, an Englishman, introduced the postage stamp into the British Postal System.

Three years later, Brazil issued her first postage stamps.

In 1847, the first regular postage stamps of the United States were issued.

Other countries soon pursued the course of Great Britain—

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France in 1849, Spain in 1850, Italy and Canada in 1851, Germany in 1852 and other countries later.

The early stamps were crude productions and reflected the state of the art of printing and engraving at the time of their emission.

In the early days of our Postal System and during the life of the Confederate States, postmasters issued stamps good only at their offices for transporting mail to its destination. Many of these provisionals are almost priceless today.

Among the cities that issued these provisionals were Alexandria, Va.; Annapolis, Md.; Athens, Ga.; Atlanta, Ga.; Baltimore, Md.; New Haven, Ct.; New York, N. Y.; St. Louis, Mobile, Ala., and in all about one hundred towns and cities in the Southern States.

A stamp of the first mentioned city, Alexandria, Va., sold several years ago for something near $5,000.

A used, but uncanceled copy of the Annapolis stamp was sold at an auction sale on February 23d for $240.

A used 5c New York stamp sold for $15, which was $5 more than the market value.

The provisionals of the other cities are worth anywhere from $5 up into the thousands.

There were two values of the first regular issue of United States stamps—a 5c and a 10c.

The 5c stamp bore the portrait of Benjamin Franklin, and was printed in red-brown on bluish paper. The market value of an unused specimen of this stamp is $8.50. The market value of used specimens is $1.25, though copies have sold for as high as $3.20. Last year the market value was 75¢. Thus it can be seen that stamp collecting is profitable. Money invested in good stamps is as safe as a bank account and the profit derived therefrom is very frequently more than that which accrues from a share of bank stock.

But let us describe other stamps.

The 10c stamp of the first issue is worth $35 in unused condition and $5 used.

On March 3, 1851 congress reduced the letter rate to 3c and the old series of two stamps gave way to a new series of five denominations—1c, 3c, 5c, 10c and 12c. The 1c was printed in blue and bore a picture of Franklin. The 3c, 10c and 12c each showed the visage of Washington. The 5c stamp showed a portrait of Thomas Jefferson. The 3c stamp of this series is the commonest and can be bought in used condition for two cents. Hence you

will see that it is not the age, but the scarcity that makes a stamp valuable. Some of the oldest stamps are not as valuable as some that were issued a year or two ago. Several stamps that were issued very recently—less than a year ago—are selling for as much as $20 each.

Before 1857 our stamps were not perforated, i. e, they did not have the little round holes between the stamps so they could be easily torn apart. But in 1857 stamps of the same designs and colors of the former set with three high values—24c, 30c and 90c—added, were issued perforated and they no longer had to be cut apart with scissors.

When the civil war broke out there were large quantities of United States stamps in the hands of Confederate postmasters and in order to keep them from using the stamps, the federal government issued a new set of stamps in August 1861 and notice was given that all preceding stamps would be unavailable for postage after November 1, 1861.

But, in October, 1861, the Confederate States issued a stamp of their own of the denomination of 5c. The stamp was printed in green and bore a likeness of Jefferson Davis, the first and only President of the Confederacy.

A ten cent stamp bearing the portrait of Thomas Jefferson was issued. Other stamps bore pictures of Andrew Jackson and George Washington. A 2c and a 20c stamp were issued and used, but in 1864 a 1c stamp bearing the portrait of John C. Calhoun was printed but never used.

These stamps tell the story of a great conflict.

Every loyal southron knows, or should know, of this great struggle between the North and the South—brothers and brothers—fathers and sons.

We here introduce an editorial clipped from the New York World in February which reflects the best sentiment of the North:

THE CONFEDERACY—FIFTY YEARS AFTER

Fifty years ago today the Constituent Convention of the Confederate States of America was in session in Montgomery, Alabama. Delegates representing six Southern States in proportion to their electoral votes met on Feb. 4, 1861. They adopted Feb. 8 a temporary Constitution. Feb. 9, voting by States, they elected Jafferson Davis President and Alexander H. Stephens Vice-President.

Mr. Stephens called the Montgomery Congress "the ablest, soberest, most intelligent and conservative body I was ever in." The eminent delegates approached the breach with becoming gravity. They were honorable men,

most of them deeply religious, who believed themselves in the right. Not for one moment did they consider their movement revolutionary. They believed that they upheld the true theory of the Federal Union.

Many constitutional students still hold the Southern view of the right of secession under the Constitution of the United States. To defend one's constitutional rights as one sees them is not subjectively a rebellious act. Even the term "civil war" is in that view equally inaccurate, though less objectionable. As defined in the South, it was "the war between the States."

For a schism based avowedly upon constitutional grounds the Confederacy as a government was little changed from its Northern model. The Montgomery Congress combined lawmaking with Constitution-drafting and the election of a President by adopting the whole body of Federal statutes as it then stood, including the tariff of 1857. The slave trade was forbidden in the provisional Constitution, though to this there was some objection. Afterward under the stern compulsion of war the draft was as harshly enforced in the South as in the North. The doctrine of secession from secession arose and was vigorously if inconsistently combated.

By the close of the war there was little logical difference in the frame or conduct of the two governments. Both had arbitrarily grasped dangerous "war powers." The South had gone even further in this than the North. It fixed prices for produce, ran railroads, passed sumptuary laws. Its need was the more imperative. With slavery gone beyond hope of recovery there was nothing in the nature of the theoretical dispute to prolong the conflict. A more generous and far-seeing reconstruction policy might have sooner healed the remaining causes of ill-feeling. But healed they are now and we may turn to glance at the place of the South in the reunited country.

Had the south achieved freedom in 1865, impoverished, exhausted, weighed down by a great war debt, hampered in industry and in international relations by the incubus of slavery, what would have been its history? We may only know what its history has been. Its population has nearly trebled, the whites increasing more rapidly than the negroes. Texas has grown since 1900 more than its entire population in 1860, and has jumped from the twenty-third State to the fifth. Florida's people have more than quintupled.

So deficient in mining and manufactures as to hamper it greatly in the war, the Sonth has now flourishing industries. Its agriculture has become far more diversified, yet its great staple crop of cotton has more than tripled the five-year average of 1856-60, and the "Cotton States" are growing far more rapidly than the Middle West. No city of its rank has paralelled the marvelous increase in ten years of Birmingham, Alabama, a town which in 1860 did not exist. In education, white immigration, railroads, the South has been transformed within two decades.

And the Nation as a whole has grown in fifty years far more truly a Nation. Socialism is less mischievous, prosperity is more diversified, rancor has all but departed from political discussions. And perhaps there has not been a time since the war when the statesmanship of the South was so needed in Washington as now, or so likely to win the gratitude of the North.

Not as a response from our sunny clime, our beloved Southland, but as a true expression of our feeling, which is in perfect harmony with that which comes to us from the rigorous realms of New England's shores, we reproduce a part of an editorial clipped from the Atlanta Journal this week:

THE AMERICAN EPIC, DAY BY DAY

It was just fifty years ago that Fort Sumter boomed its iron omen of war and the Iliad of the American people began. Before the verdure of that long-gone April had deepened into autumn gold, a great family of the Saxon race—brethren of one lineage and household—was torn asunder with civil strife. No struggle in history was ever more tense with meaning or more dramatic in human interest.

Half a century has gone and the returning springtime finds the grim ravages of that war repaired. The once crimsoned fields are green with the promise of rich harvests. The embers of fallen cities have grown into contented homes and towering structures of business. Most wonderful and blessed of all, the hearts of this dissevered people have lost their bitterness and are reunited.

The time has come when the south and the north alike look back upon their era of storm and feel a common pride in its valor and a common grief for its woes. As the white rose of York and the red of Lancaster are the glory of all England today, so are the deeds of the gray and the blue, the heritage of all America.

The time has come when we may read the story of the civil war for its heroism and its throbbing interest rather than for its partisan aspect.

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J. E. R., Hanover, Pa.

The Transcript, published by John A. & John K. Howard, is a very promising weekly, devoted to stamp collecting. We have received several copies from the publishers and are favorably impressed with its general make-up and class of reading matter. This publication is well worth the subscription price of 25c a year.—National Boy.

The reason for perforating the 1882 issue of British Guiana with the word "Specimen" was to prevent fraud, the stamps having been printed by a private firm and the government adopted this method of marking the stamps which were good for postage. However, a few of them were used without the perforated word.

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St. Louis, 1846, 5¢ on grayish, 23, unused 360.

U. S. 1847, five cents, twenty-eight a, unused, o g., cat. $8½. Ten and a half.

1851-56, upper diagonal half of 12c used as 6c on cover, cat. $35. 27.00

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CANADA REJECTS NEW KING GEORGE STAMP

Postmaster General Rudolphe Lemieux Turns Down Design Submitted by the English Government

The design for the new postage stamps, bearing the picture of King George, intended for the use of all the English colonies, has been submitted to Postmaster General Rudolphe Lemieux of Canada, who promptly turned it down and voiced his disapproval of the design on the ground that it was not distinctively Canadian.

Mr Lemieux insists that Canada's stamps shall be separate and distinct from those of the other colonies.

With the exception of when they were first engraved and printed in New York, Canada's stamps have always been engraved and printed in Canada.

A FEW CURIOUS PRE-CANCELS

By Donald F. Lyebarger.

An odd pre-cancel issued in 1903 is that of Northampton, Mass. The name of the city is enclosed in a circle, and if well centered, has a very nice appearance.

The Jackson, Miss., pre-cancel is on the same order, although its frame is much larger and is an oval.

Another odd variety is the Scranton, Penna., pre-cancel of 1902 printed in blue ink.

—From The Precancel Monthly.

For Sale—A Brownie No. 2 camera. Good condition. First M. O. for $1.00 takes it. Ross Rodgers, Temple, Texas

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Postmaster General Rudolphe Lemieux Turns Down Design Submitted by the English Government

The design for the new postage stamps, bearing the picture of King George, intended for the use of all the English colonies, has been submitted to Postmaster General Rudolphe Lemieux of Canada, who promptly turned it down and voiced his disapproval of the design on the ground that it was not distinctively Canadian.

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