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THE STORY OF A STAMP.

BY T. E. WILSON.

Reprinted from the New York World, December 12th, 1887.

SIX years ago, James Brown, correspondence clerk in a large importing house in New York city, at the earnest request of his wife, made his daughter Sylvia, aged twelve, a Christmas present of a stamp album and a packet of 200 miscellaneous stamps.

"Really, it is a waste of money," he said, "but if Sylvia has set her heart on such a present it will be no harm to give them to her.

Sylvia took them, studied them, and during the next year, with the stamps her father obtained from the firm's foreign letters, traded with her school friends for others she did not have. When the next Christmas came around she had 550 neatly arranged in her album, all on hinges, and was quite an authority among her schoolmates, who often brought stamps for appraisal. Her little whim had cost nothing and had given her much pleasure—her father some amusement.

September 15th, 1883, Brown was arrested and charged with robbing the firm of the sum of \$40,000. It was asserted that he was not the principal, but an accessory and sharer of the robbery, which had been committed in April, 1882, by the assistant cashier, William Waterman. Waterman fled to Canada, and from there to Cuba. At first it was thought that he had no accomplices, but in the early part of 1883 one of the members of the firm, the junior partner, received an anonymous letter saying that Brown was the instigator of the theft and a sharer in it, as would be developed in the course of time, if the receiver of the letter would say nothing and keep a sharp watch on the correspondence clerk.

Brown went on his vacation September 1st. The junior member of the firm took his desk while he was away, and, in ransacking it for a missing letter from

Santa Lucia, found in an unused drawer this note in an envelope bearing a Santa Lucia postage stamp:

CASTRIE, SANTA LUCIA, *October 28th, 1882.*

DEAR B: I am nearly strapped, Draw \$1,000 from Bowery and send to me immediately. Draw \$800 and send Nellie from the Hancock, and take the remainder. Thanks, old fellow, for the way you have stood by me. Direct R. R., in care of Mrs. Broadacre. Yours,
WILLIE.

The handwriting of the letter was instantly identified as Waterman's. Upon inquiry at the two savings banks, it was found that the day after the robbery \$900 had been deposited in one and \$750 in the other to the credit of James Brown; that subsequent deposits had raised these to \$2,300 and \$1,870; that \$1,000 had been drawn in May and another \$1,000 in November, 1882, from one bank, and \$800 the same day in November from the other. The handwriting on the envelope which was directed to James Brown, care of John Armitage & Sons, was that of a woman—the peculiar English triangular hand.

When Brown came in Saturday, September 15th, to report that he had a good time and would be at his desk Monday morning, he was arrested and lodged in the Tombs. There was a clear case against him, and he could not get bail. He had but little money saved, and when the case was called for trial, December 23rd, the outlook was black. He was not positively identified as the man who deposited the money in the savings banks, but it was a man "like him." There was still \$300 to his credit in one bank and \$1,070 in another. Waterman had been in Castrie, October 8th, 1882, and the letter was in his handwriting without doubt. To clinch this evidence against him there had been found, about a month after his arrest, in one of his old letter books, an unused five-cent stamped envelope directed in a woman's hand, "Roderick Random, care of Mrs. Broadacre, Castrie, Santa Lucia."

Brown's counsel did not believe his client innocent and strongly advised him to plead guilty; but this Brown refused to do. As the prosecution wove around him the net from which there seemed no possible escape, even Brown lost heart, for, when the District-Attorney rested, no stronger case of circumstantial evidence had been presented in the General Sessions for years. The prisoner went on the stand. He could deny; but that was all. As he was in truth innocent, there was nothing to explain. No alibi was possible. The prosecution conceded previous good character. No defence was possible.

His counsel took Waterman's letter from the envelope and handed it to the prisoner, asking him if he had seen it before. Sylvia and her mother were seated at the counsel's table, directly behind the lawyer, and, as he did so, Sylvia reached over and picked up the envelope from the table. A court officer touched her on the shoulder, and she put it down face up and continued to study it. Suddenly the lawyer took up the envelope and held it out.

"Did you receive this envelope at any time last year with any letter in it?"

(*To be continued.*)

A STAMP EXCHANGE.

NOW that the press in every section of the country is noticing the "Berlin Stamp Exchange," it is time that we established one in the United States. We have enough collectors and dealers in the United States to start such an exchange, and we have now decided to try to establish one in New York.

The first meeting we will have on February 8th, at 81 Nassau Street, at 6 P. M., where stamps can be offered at wholesale or retail.

At first of course we cannot make as big a show or invest as much money as would be necessary, but until then we will try and do the best we can. There will be no dues or other expenses to members but to pay a little toward the expense of gas, etc.—the exchange will deduct 5 per cent. from all sales.

The stamps may be offered by one, ten or one hundred in lots: they need not be shown, but the highest bidder secures the lot, for example if A should offer 100 Ecuador 5c blue, used, for 25c, and B offers 20c, if no higher offer is made, A can sell them or not just as he chooses. If a sale is made and B buys 500 the exchange gets 5 per cent.

Why could not an exchange be established? Have we not enough spunk, or is the average philatelist too slow to appreciate such a scheme?

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U. S. ENVELOPES AND HIGH PRICES.

IN reading the article, signed by Mr. J. J. Casey, in the November number of the Stamp Collector's Figaro, I consider it my duty to make a few explanations to the members of the A. P. A., and to all collectors interested in it. There are very few members yet in the A. P. A., who collect entire envelopes, and those that do not, cannot form an opinion as to the real value and purpose of Mr. Casey's article.

Let us look at the facts, Mr. Casey: There are four dealers (I must say respectable men, three out of the four being personally known to me) who

formed a pool, ordered envelopes, which were offered by the P. O. department in certain quantities, and were therefore open to all, at least at the time being. Now those dealers agreed on a price, which you and I call exorbitant, —nevertheless I paid the same.

These are the bare facts in the case, but your article tries to represent the matter in a light to suit you, but which does not exist. It is very kind of you to take care of the collectors' interests, but have you not found out yet that collectors of entire envelopes are nearly all men, who are able to look out for themselves, and for their pocket books? Your own experience, be it in private or in auction sales, must have proven you that, long ago. The second question is: are the A. P. A. members, for whom you show such a marked interest, really bound to buy those envelopes? I think not, more than any other collector.

Now we come to the question: shall these envelopes be collected as authorized issues? Most decidedly so. Not only can they be used for postal purposes, but are not 2 cents Jackson die D, and 3c die C, collected, without being special issues, or were not the 2c so-called Kellogg die issued on numbers 7 and 8, without ever appearing on the P. O. department's schedule? All these are recognized by advanced collectors, and to them there is no doubt of the collectibility of these high values. The only difference of opinion remains in their value, and this point each collector will settle for himself. All of us know that high prices have been paid for U. S. envelopes, which were never seen otherwise than with "specimen" on, and it will always remain with the collector's own ideas in this matter, and with his pocket-book, what he will accept in his collection, and what not.

Mr. Casey feels confident to be able to get these envelopes at schedule rates, if so, I am willing to subscribe for ten sets, and I hope he will not only be successful, but will also find many more willing to subscribe. Your article, Mr. Casey, was of course, prompted by some reason or other, but please do not take us collectors to be fools who allow themselves to be robbed, as you term it, in such an easy way.

HENRY CLOTZ.

NEW ISSUES.

CANADA.—It is reported that the plate of the 2c stamp has been re-engraved.

Ceylon.—The 4c is now rose-carmine. The new 15c stamp resembles the 25c and is green also.

Colombia.—There are two more stamps, same type as last month, 1c green and 5c blue. They are for use in the Colony of Panama.

Congo.—The 5 francs chronicled last month is 1fr.

Dutch Indies.—The numeral on the 1c stamp is now italic.

Haiti.—A new series has just been issued, the 1c, 2c and 5c. All bear the portrait of the president in an oval, with "Haiti" above and value below both in figures and letters. In the two upper corners are also the figures of value, 1c lake, 2c lilac and 5c green. Perforated.

Honduras.—New stamps are reported to be issued from 1-2c to 2 pesos.

Mexico.—The 3c and 10c now come printed in red. The official stamp is now olive-brown.

New Foundland—The 1-2c has been received; it is a small square stamp. A dog's head is in the center in a circular band inscribed "Newfound-land" above and "Half (1-2) Cent" below. It is a bright red. The 3c is now brown, the 10c black, and of a new design, similar to the 13c.

New Zealand—An official stamp, without value, black on white is reported. A crown and the words "Postage Free" are in a rectangular Greek frame.

Roumania—We have the 10b unpaid letter printed in green.

Salvador—It is stated that 500,000 stamps have been ordered here of the value of 5c. Design not mentioned.

St. Lucia—We hear of the 6d printed in lilac and blue, the 1sh in lilac and carmine. Two bands 1-2d dark green and 1d carmine, both on buff paper with a head in a circle.

Sweden—Wrappers are reported.

Uruguay—A new 10c stamp with numeral in the centre in a circle, and "Diez" four times repeated. "Republica Oriental" above and "Del Uruguay" below; violet on white, rouletted.

Venezuela—The 25c brown (Correos) and 25c orange (Escuelas) are now lithographed.

Victoria—The 6d orange, "Postage-Stamp" at side rouletted, has been seen used in 1858.

Virgin Islands—The 4d is now printed in vermilion on white paper.

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"El Avisador" entrara de llens, de todo corazon, en el "campo" filotelico, en Febrero, Ahora empieza; hay muchas dificultades que salvar, para esto necesitamos verestra ayuda. Una vez allanadoa todos los inconvenientes que se presentan al prin cipiarse una publicacion. Ofrecemos que "El Avisador" sera una hoja filotelica modelo, tendra la dicha, de unir en intimas relaciones a los coleccionistas del Sur con los coleccionistas del norte, a los del mundo viejo con los del mundo nuevo y hacer, si posible es un "Centro Filotelico Univerzal."

CRONICA.

CANADA.—Se ha repetido, segun nos avisan, el grabado en la plancha del sello de á 2c.

Ceylan.—El de á 4c es ahora color carmin-rojo. El de á 15c se parece al de a 25c. Su color es verde tambien.

Colombia.—Igual al sello que avisamos en nuestro numero anterior, hay dos mas 1c verde y 5c azul. Seran usados solamente en el Estado de Panama.

Congo.—El sello de a 5 francos, avisado el mes pasado ohoy sabemos que es de a 1 franco y no de 5.

India-Holandesa.—El numero en sello de 1c esta impreso en "italicas."

Hayti.—La nueva emision se compone de los siguientes valores: 1 2 y 5c. Todos traen el retratodel presidente: la palabra "Hayti" arriba, y valor del sello, en la parte inferior en numeros y en letras. En las esquinas superiores esta tambien el valor del sello en numeros. 1c "Lake." 2c Lila. 5c Verde. Perforados.

Honduras.—Dicen (ahora) que los valores de la nueva emision, son desde 1-2c a \$2.

Mexico.—Los de a 3 y 10 vienen en color rojo. El sello-oficial es ahora color oliva.

Terranova.—El sello de a 1-2c es pequeno cuadrado y color rojo viva "Newfoundland," encima, el dibujo en el centro una cabeza de perro ro-deada de una banda circular y Half (1-2) cent abajo.

Nueva Zeland.—Nos avisan ha aparecido un sello oficial en esta colonia. El dibujo es una corona. Lleva la palabra "Postage free" (franco en porte).

Rumania.—El sello "deficit" de a 10b lo tenems en color verde.

St. Lucia.—Hemos visitos reportados los siguientes sellos (nuevos) de esta colonia. 6d Lila y azul. 1sh Lila y carmin dos fajas. 1-2d verde oscuro. 1d carmin.

Suecia.—"Fajas" han aparecido. Avisremos al estar enterados.

Uruguay.—Tiene esta republica un sello nuevo de a 10c. Figura del sello: numeros en el centro "diez" cuatro veces repetido. "Republica Oriental ariba y Del Uruguay" abajo color lila.

Venezuela.—El de a 25c. Moreno (correos) y 25c naranja (Escuelas) son ahora "litografiados."

Victoria.—El sello 6d, naranja "Postage Stamp" se dice ha sido usado en 1858.

Islas Virgenes.—El sello de 4d. Viene ahora en color Vermellon.

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	" 30c orange	90	2.50	
1869	3c blue	3	8	75
1872	2c brown	2	8	75
	" 3c green			15
	" 6c pink			60
	" 7c red	60	1.80	
	" 12c purple	20	65	
	" 15c orange	5	10	
	" 30c black	8	25	
1875	2c vermilion	5		
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THE CELEBRATED STAMP ACT.

A PARTIAL HISTORY OF THE WAY IN WHICH THE LAW WAS TAKEN
IN NEW YORK. FROM "HISTORY OF CITY OF NEW YORK."

By "BUFF."

IN 1763 it was proposed by Lord Grenville, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, to raise a permanent revenue from the Colonies by direct taxation; to be accomplished by taxing various articles of foreign produce, and by establishing stamp duties in the Anglo-American possessions. The following year Lord Grenville became prime minister, and these schemes were brought before the notice of Parliament. It was decided that the mother country had a right to tax the colonies, and, although the passage of the Stamp Act was delayed for a season, other taxes were levied on articles hitherto free.

The news fell like a thunderbolt on the colonists, and they rose to a man in open opposition to this new tyranny. Meetings were held and petitions forwarded to Parliament, protesting against the proposed Stamp Act. New York was foremost in these demonstrations. On the 22d of March, 1765, the celebrated Stamp Act was finally passed. By the provisions of this act, all legal and mercantile documents and contracts, newspapers, pamphlets, almanacs, etc., were required to be printed or written on *stamped* paper, upon which a duty was imposed, and was to be sold only by agents appointed by the British Government.

The news reached New York early in April, where it was received with the deepest indignation. Copies of the Stamp Act with a death's head affixed were hawked about the streets under the title of "The Folly of England" and "The Ruin of America." The citizens assembled, and resolved that no stamped paper should be used among them. On the 21st of September a new paper,

called the "Constitutional Courant," made its appearance, having for its device a snake divided into eight pieces, with the motto, "Join or Die," and the device was caught up and repeated from one end of the country to the other.*

The first of November was the day appointed for the Stamp Act to take effect. The stamps were to be printed in England, then sent to the agents in the colonies accredited by Parliament to receive them. James McEvers was appointed stamp distributor for New York. The three papers† then issued in the city took up the cause, and editorials were very bitter against all stamp distributors. The "New York Gazette, or New York Post Boy" headed its editorial column on the 31st of October, the day before the obnoxious Act was to take effect, with the following prologue:

"A FUNERAL LAMENTATION ON THE
"DEATH OF LIBERTY,
"WHO FINALLY EXPIRES ON THIS
"31ST OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD MDCCLXV.,
"AND OF OUR SLAVERY,
"I."

On the 23rd of October, 1765, while Congress was yet in session, the stamps arrived from England, then it was learned that a few days before McEvers had resigned his commission.

Cadwallader Colden was then sworn in to carry the Act in effect.

In the next issue of the "Gazette and Post Boy" appeared the following notice:

The governor acquainted Judge Livingston, the mayor, Mr. Beverly Robinson and Mr. John Stevens this morning, being Monday the 4th of November, that he would not issue nor suffer to be issued any of the stamps now in Fort George.

(Signed)

ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON.
JOHN CURGER.
BEVERLY ROBINSON.
JOHN STEVENS.

To be continued.

*The appearance of this paper, which was circulated largely in the city, excited great commotion, and efforts were made by the governor and council to discover the author and publisher, but the efforts did not meet with success. It was a half sheet of medium size, with the imprint, "Printed by Andrew Marvel, at the sign of the Bribe Refused, on Constitution Hill, North America, and containing matters interesting to Liberty, and in no wise repugnant to loyalty;" and was dated Saturday, September 21st, 1765. The device occupied centre of the title. It was really printed at Parker's printing house, in Burlington, N. J., by William Goddard, the fictitious Andrew Marvel. But a single number was issued, a continuance was never intended.—See Isaiah Thomas' "History of Printing," Volume 2, page 322.

†The "New York Gazette, or Weekly Post Boy," the "New York Mercury," and the "New York Gazette."

THE STORY OF A STAMP.

BY T. E. WILSON.

Reprinted from the New York World, December 12th, 1887.

Continued from last Month.

"I do not think I did," Brown replied; "but I receive so many that I could not swear that I did not."

"I know you did not, papa," Sylvia said confidently, her sweet, clear, childish treble being heard in every part of the dusky room.

At this there was a slight ripple of confusion. The lawyer turned to her a chiding face and shook his head.

"That postage stamp was not used until July of this year. The design was only approved in April last; and, besides, that envelope never went through the mail," said Sylvia apologetically, but so that she was heard by every one.

The lawyer was quick. Like a flash came the thought that his client might be innocent, and, guilty or innocent, here was his only chance, even if it proved a broken reed. In another moment he had finished with Brown. There was no cross-examination, and Sylvia was put in the witness chair. She testified that the 2 1-2d. Santa Lucia stamp on the envelope containing the letter from Waterman had been engraved in April and not issued until July. When the letter had been dated no such stamp was in existence, and postage was paid by two or more stamps: that the stamp was cancelled by a buffer, which was not permitted in any English post-office, and that the envelope could not have passed through the mails, because it lacked the American counter stamp on the back.

When the Assistant District-Attorney asked if it might not have been delivered, he was a little vexed at her promptness in answering that then there would have been no fraudulent cancellation, as if at the Castrie office.

"Can you tell me when these stamps were issued?" he asked, rather curtly for he did not believe her testimony, handing her the American five-cent stamped envelope found in the book, addressed to Roderick Random.

Sylvia studied it for a moment.

"Yes sir," she replied, modestly. "They are the re-engraved stamps issued by our Government about two weeks after papa was arrested?"

"Are you sure my dear child?" the Recorder asked when the sensation had subsided. "These stamps have been in use a long time."

"The old stamps that were like them; but these are on different paper, and there are slight changes. Any stamp dealer will tell you that I am right. These are of the new issues in October—the retouched dies."

Brown's counsel had already sent one messenger to the Post-Office, and another to two stamp dealers in Nassau street. When Sylvia stepped down from the witness chair her place was taken by a clerk sent by Mr. Pearson, who testified that the stamps in question were issued October 13th, corroborating Sylvia in the fullest manner. After another clerk had sworn to the same effect three dealers in foreign postage stamps testified that Sylvia was perfectly right about the Santa Lucia stamp, that it had not even been proposed when the letter was dated, and that the envelope had never passed through the mails.

By consent, the case was adjourned until the next day, in view of the important bearing of this testimony, in order that the savings banks' autograph ledgers might be examined by experts, and produced in evidence for the defense.

The next morning experts testified that the signatures at the savings banks were not in Brown's handwriting; that they were in the handwriting of Benjamin Lynn, an entry clerk; and that the anonymous letter—which the firm had procured and put at Brown's service the night previous—had been written by the same person. The whole plot of the person really guilty to put the blame on an innocent man was laid bare, and at 1.30 P. M., Dec. 24th, Brown walked out of court without a stain on his name. The firm paid his lawyer and gave him back his place at an increased salary, with full pay for the time he had been in prison, and the junior partner that night sent Sylvia a check for \$500 and the handsomest stamp album money could buy.

The following Christmas the junior partner took Sylvia a packet of stamps, and, to cut the story short, last week compelled her parents to issue the following card to their friends and relatives:

Mr. & Mrs. James Brown

*Request the pleasure of your company at the Marriage
Of their Daughter*

Sylvia,

and

James Rimitage,

*11.30 A. M., Saturday, Dec. 24th, 1887, at the Church
of St. Matthias the Apostle.*

SOCIETY NOTES.

THE STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

54TH REGULAR MEETING. DECEMBER 21ST, 1887.

PRESENT : Mr. Augustus Dejonge, chairman ; Messrs. Clotz, Kaufmann, Neumann, Dr. Odendall, Schumann, Waltz, and Mr. C. H. Mekeel, from St. Louis, as guest.

The minutes of the 53rd meeting were adopted as read.

The following proposals for membership were made : Mr. T. Van Der Willigen [No. 54], proposed by Mr. August Dejonge ; Mr. G. R. Bach [No. 55], proposed by Mr. Dejonge.

It was moved, seconded and carried to withdraw the resolution passed in the 53rd meeting, viz : to draw up a petition asking the Postmaster General to have prepared, and to place on sale at the New York Post-Office, or elsewhere full sets of the U. S. stamped envelopes, of the various values, sizes and papers authorized, or permitted.

On motion of Mr. Clotz, it was resolved that the S. I. P. S. considers the U. S. 5c, 10c, 30c and 90c envelopes of the issue of October, 1886, and September, 1887, collectible, but discourages the practice of obtaining envelopes or stamps, from the U. S. Government for speculative purposes.

Mr. Clotz moved that it be resolved to express our thanks to the National Philatelic Society of New York for the pleasant entertainment given at the 13th anniversary. Carried.

The exchange manager reported favorably on the exchange business. The statements will be sent out January 15th, 1888, and the members are requested to be prompt with their settlements.

Mr. Kaufmann took the chair ; Mr. Dejonge proposed that the members of the Staten Island Philatelic Society should follow the example of the St. Louis Society, and give good essays upon the subjects assigned by the literary board of the American Philatelic Association, each month.

A letter of Mr. Tiffany, in which he accepts the honorary membership of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, was read, and followed by three cheers for Mr. Tiffany.

Mr. Mekeel presented the society with a copy of Mr. Tiffany's "History of the United States Stamps" with his compliments, and offered to send the first two volumes of the Philatelic Journal of America, to complete our file, for which a vote of thanks was moved, seconded and carried.

After the adjournment of the meeting a lively trading in stamps and entire specimens was carried on to a late hour.

Address all matter relating to exchange department to

E. L. SCHUMANN, Manager,

115 Broadway, New York City.

All other matter to

Dr. G. ODENDALL,

P. O. Box 529.

Stapleton, N. Y.

THE STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

55TH REGULAR MEETING. JANUARY 18TH, 1888.

PRESENT: Mr. Aug. Dejonge, Chairman; Messrs. Clotz, Guttzeit, Schumann, Kaufmann, Dr. Odendall, Neumann.

The minutes of the 54th meeting were adopted as read.

The Executive Committee reported favorably on Messrs. Vander Willigen and Bach, whereupon both gentlemen were duly elected (No. 54 and 55).

A letter from Messrs. Senf Bros., Leipzig, concerning the subscription to the "Illustrirte Briefmarken Journal" was read.

A resolution was passed that the Secretary will invite the members to said subscription and send their order to him. Members who have ordered already shall state so.

The same resolution was passed regarding the "Illustrirte Briefmarken Zeitung," published by E. Heitmann. Subscription for our Society, 2 marks per annum and postage.

A letter from the Club Philatelico Porte Alegrense in Porto Alegre, Brazil, was read and turned over to the Exchange Manager.

Resolved that the Secretary should write to the Literary Board of the A. P. A. asking to furnish this Society with a copy of the American Philatelist regularly for the library.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Librarian for his report and the arrangements of the library.

Through the influence of Hon. Perry Belmont the Society has received the report of the Postmaster-General and the Postal Rules and Regulations for 1887. A vote of thanks was tendered to Hon. Perry Belmont, and the Secretary ordered to inform Mr. Belmont of this resolution.

The Exchange Manager complained of two circuits being behind, one of November 22nd, the other of December 10th. The members are requested to be more prompt.

Mr. Guttzeit moved that the Staten Island Society should complain

against the high prices of the stamps on the sheets of the A. P. A., and that the Superintendent of the A. P. A. Exchange Department be requested to draw the attention of all the A. P. A. members to this point in his next report and that they should mark their prices lower than any standard catalogue, as otherwise we should be better off to buy our stamps from dealers. Carried.

Dr. Odendall made the motion to settle the accounts with Philatelic Societies in Augsburg and Frankfort, Germany. Carried.

Mr. Clotz moved to send in exchange sheets for the Amsterdam Society. Members who will send some must deliver their sheets at the next meeting to the Manager of Exchange. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

The communications relating to exchange address to Mr. E. L. Schuman, 115 Broadway, Room 33, New York City, and matters pertaining to the Society to be addressed to

Dr. G. ODENDALL, Secretary,

P. O. Box 520, Stapleton, New York.

THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

MEETING of Thursday, January 26th, called to order at 8.30 P. M. by Vice-President Gadsden. Minutes previous meeting read and approved. Mr. Abraham resigned from office of Librarian and Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. Messrs. W. C. Stone, A. L. Holman and T. F. Nelson were elected members of the society, the former as passive and the other two active. After considerable discussion had taken place regarding the making of the other local society here a branch of the A. P. A., the following motion was made and carried:—that "A committee be appointed to communicate with the Board of the A. P. A. on behalf of the Chicago Philatelic Society, protesting against a second branch society being formed in this city." Messrs. Huber, Pierce and Wolsieffer were selected as such committee. Motion also made and carried that "A committee be appointed to confer with the Chalmers Society regarding the establishment of a second A. P. A. branch in this city." Messrs. Bradt, McDonald and Cotton, committee. The exchange business of the society having grown to such proportions that one person could not attend to it unaided, Mr. Cotton, Exchange Manager, was given leave to appoint such assistants as he might require. Proposed by Mr. Bradt as a by-law that "Any member of the A. P. A. residing in Chicago, or its suburbs may participate in the exchange equally with members of the Chicago Philatelic Society." Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9.45.

MARK A. THOMPSON, Secretary.

THE BROOKLYN PHILATELIC CLUB.

THE second meeting was held on January 26th, and the following officers were elected for one year. Thos. F. Cuno, President; Chas. Gregory, Vice President; W. Rasmus, Treasurer; J. M. Sheridan, Secretary and Purchasing Agent; H. C. Needham, Superintendent of Exchanges.

The dues were fixed at two dollars a year. Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 7th, at 22 St. Felix Street. There is to be an exhibition of U. S. adhesives on that evening. All Brooklyn collectors should send in names. Address the Secretary, at 22 St. Felix Street, Brooklyn, New York.

A NEW DISCOVERY.

A FACT came to light last January that there are two distinct dies of the current two cent green, envelope stamp, one of which is common and the other is scarce to a rarity. The difference between the two dies is as follows viz:

1. The letters of the inscription on the scarce stamp are taller and narrower than those on the common one.
2. The "g" in "Postage" in the common die is thus: G, but in the scarce die is thus: G.
3. The head of Washington is tilted back, so as to look upward instead of straight forward.
4. In the common die "I" in "United" is directly above a point in the white inner serrated border, while in the scarce die it is over the depression between two points or teeth.
5. In the scarce die the stars at the sides (which divide the upper from the lower inscription) are larger and more circular in shape than in the common die; the contrast being stronger between the lefthand stars.

The scarce die has only been found on white envelopes, No. 5, and is printed in lighter green than the rest.

In March, 1887, a proof of a two cent envelope stamp was shown, to all appearances like the one now in use, but which we were told at that time, had been rejected by the government.

We now believe the scarce variety to be the rejected die, and there are good reasons for this belief, viz:

1. The head of Washington being out of plumb, and
2. There is a flaw in the outer serrated border in the "south-eastern" portion of the frame, where two of the teeth are run together forming one large tooth with two apices.

Either of these imperfections would cause the government to reject the die.

The scarce variety, though current, is very scarce, and the writer, who has examined several thousand envelopes, has found but nine, one of which was printed in GRAY, and is used. The owner was offered three dollars for it by a prominent dealer. The scarce variety was undoubtedly issued by mistake.

L. S. MORTON, 462 Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NEW YORK'S BUSY POST OFFICE.

A REVENUE OF OVER THREE MILLION DOLLARS FOR
THE YEAR.

POSTMASTER PEARSON reports that during the year ending December 31st, 1887, there were delivered through lock boxes and by carriers 276,483,580 pieces of mail matter, divided as follows:—Letters—Through boxes, 52,914,851; by carriers, 112,872,278. Postal cards—Through boxes, 8,427,642; by carriers, 36,907,959. Other mail matter—Through boxes, 29,728,557; by carriers, 35,632,293.

In the Registered Letter Department 1,226,900 pieces were delivered, and 781,048 of domestic and 472,856 of foreign origin recorded and distributed to other offices. The total number of pieces of mail matter of all kinds handled during the year was 797,778,145, a daily average of 2,424,857.

The ordinary mail matter handled was contained in 747,409 lock pouches and 2,193,158 sacks, including the foreign mail, of which there were 57,049 sacks received and 68,145 despatched, besides which there were handled 7,023 cases and 92,150 pouches of registered matter, and 6,423 pouches and 15,240 sacks of supplies. There also passed through the New York Post Office in transit from and to other offices 132,699 pouches and 275,852 sacks of mail matter, making a total of 3,469,954 pouches, cases and sacks handled at the office, a daily average of 10,547, exclusive of those which the sixteen branch offices exchanged with each other and with the general office.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS.

The money order business was as follows:—At the General Post Office 1,051,728 money orders were issued and paid, amounting to \$10,357,621 65, and 776,043 postal notes, amounting to \$1,355,260 84. At the sixteen branches the number of orders issued and paid was 213,054, amounting to \$3,281,804 53, and the number of postal notes 78,542, amounting to \$160,858.06. The aggregate business of the Money Order Department for the year amounted to

\$82,510,811 74, giving an increase in the business over the previous year of \$11,277,775 12.

THE TOTAL PROFIT.

The total receipts of the office were \$4,832,996 35, and the total expenditures \$1,758,994 68 (including \$693,536 55 expended for free delivery service) giving a net revenue of \$3,074,001 67.

The changes made for the promotion of the efficiency of the service were as follows:—Appointments, 487: promotions, 672: reductions, 71.

There were removed from the service for official delinquencies and offences, retired for failure in efficiency during probation and through deaths and resignations, 428.

The number of employes is 1,997, including 768 regular and 99 substitute carriers and 13 substitute clerks, but not including 100 licensed stamp agents.

The sales of postage stamps amounted to 170,092,425 during the year, equal in weight to twelve tons net; 33,156,175 government stamped envelopes and 44,344,000 postal cards were sold during the same period.

The total weight of mails received and dispatched daily during 1887 was 229 tons, showing, as compared with the figures for 1882 (135 tons), an increase in five years of over 69 per cent.

FOREIGN MAILS.

Foreign mails sent abroad averaged twenty-seven a week. Foreign mails, both inward and outward, frequently include as many as 700 bags, which require from seven to twelve two horse trucks for their transportation.

New York is divided into fifteen postal districts and one sub-postal district, central to each of which is a district post office. In addition to these depositories for mail matter there are 1,444 street letter boxes, placed with a view to the greatest public convenience, and from which mail is collected on each secular day at least six times in the suburban districts and twenty-six times in the more populous portions of the city.

NOTES.

OUR "WANTS."

WITH this number we start a "Want" column, open to all at the small cost of 3c a line. The only rules are that the "Wants" must be written on a separate piece of paper; cash must accompany the list; which must be written plainly. The advantages will be seen, as for a comparatively small sum collectors can reach many parties who have some of the stamps which they will be willing to sell below catalogue prices. Send your lists at once.

MERCHANDISE BY PARCEL POST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 28th.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has informed custom officers that the provisions of Department circular of October 3d, 1887, in regard to the collection of duties on merchandise arriving by parcel post from Jamaica have been extended to merchandise arriving by parcel post from Barbadoes and the Bahamas.

COR. VAN RINSUM.

MR. COR. VAN RINSUM'S address should have read "Diepenveen bij Deventer Holland" in the October-November number.

THE AMERICAN STAMP EXCHANGE.

WE have received many letters, the following speaks for the others. Mr. G. C. Lubitz is well known to the philatelic world, and his opinion is that it will be a great success.

A. M. WRIGHT,

81 Nassau Street, New York.

Dear Sir: In reply to a piece in the "I. P. A." of January about a Philatelic Exchange, I hereby ask you for a few circulars in regard to it. I think that it is a thing needed in this part of the World, and all philatelists should support the idea. Please answer by return mail.

I remain,

Yours Philatelically,

G. C. LUBITZ,

2915 Penn. Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

MANY subscriptions run out with this number; a renewal will be greatly appreciated.

The American Stamp Exchange.

WE desire all who favor this idea (as described in the January number) to write us, as we want to make a report at the next meeting, March 28th.

NEW ISSUES.

We shall be thankful for any information relating to new issues of Postage Stamps in all parts of the world, accompanied by at least two specimens.

To correspondents, furnishing us such information, we will refund their expenses and in addition send the "INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC ADVERTISER" for one year free of charge.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—"Der Philatelist" gives a new type of the "Official" surcharge. It is in compressed type and measures 27 mm. 8c red.

Bolivia.—An envelope inscribed in three lines, "Correos Porte Franco Colquechaca" with a dash between the first two lines and a fancy ornament between the two last. The last word is curved. No value, black on white.

Egypt.—New due stamps, with inscription altered, 2m green, 5m carmine, 1p blue, 2p orange and 5p gray. We have the 1m and 2m green issued January 1st, 1888, perforated.

Guatemala.—The 5c is now blue and the 1c red on blue.

Mauritius.—The post master issued on June 8th, 1887, 2400 gray-green stamps of 13c with a surcharge of 2c in red.

Mexico.—1c green now comes on ruled paper.

New Zealand.—There are two more official (?) stamps, black on white, perforated, and rose-violet on bluish-white unperforated.

Perak.—The 2c is now surcharged with a heavy P which is 8mm high.

Turkey.—The 2pia orange and blue has been cut diagonally and surcharged 1pia in black.

United States.—A new die of the current 2c green, envelope stamp has been discovered by Mr. L. S. Morton, a full description of which will be found on page 24.

THE PRESS.

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF AMERICA.

THE January number contains "A Weeks' Trip" describing the editor's trip from St. Louis to the East. Mr. Mekeel has a good way of always visiting everybody he knows when he travels and each person he

meets is glad to see him. "Teachings of Philately" should be read by every collector. The St. Louis Society has lost one of its most active members, Mr. Frederick Knocke.

THE WESTERN PHILATELIST.

THE January number contains an article on "Clark's Continental Express," by Victor Rosewater. The continuation of "The Emissions of China, Shanghai, Corea and Japan," by W. Alfred Warner. The Thirteenth Anniversary of the National Philatelic Society, of New York, containing in full the poem "Philatelia," by Wm. H. Mitchell, D. D. S. A review of Stamp Literature, and many other good articles.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST.

THE January number contains, List of Foreign Envelopes—Germany, by John K. Tiffany; Stamped Envelopes, by Major E. B. Evans; Philately and Its Relation to Heraldic Art, by A. Palette; New Issues, by W. E. Stone; Official Reports, and other good articles.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S FIGARO.

THE December number contains, The Stamps of 1887, being a complete list of all stamps issued in 1887; Our Philatelic Societies, by Stampepe; The Philatelic Publications of 1887 of the United States and Canada, by Henry S. Harte; The Binder, and many other articles.

THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST.

THE January number contains Official Decrees; Essays, by Edward H. Thorne; U. S. Envelopes and High Prices, by Henry Clotz, and a few other good articles.

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1877	" 50c lilac	15	40	
1863	* Costa Rica, 1/2r blue	5	12	75
1883	* " " 1c		15	1.20
	" " 2c		30	2.40
	" " 40c	60	1.90	
1887	" " 5c		10	70
1881	Ecuador, 1c		10	75
1886	Guatemala, 1c		15	1.20
	" 5c		20	1.30
	" 10c		25	1.50
1878	Honduras, 1-2r black		15	1.20
1884	Mexico, 1c green		5	40
	" 3c "		6	18 1.60
1885	" 3c yellow-brown	6	18	1.60
1886	" 3c lilac	6	18	1.60
1882	* Nicaragua, 15c yellow	35	1.10	
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	" " 6d violet		12	35
	" " 1s green		30	90
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1883	" 50k violet		30	75
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THE CELEBRATED STAMP ACT.

A PARTIAL HISTORY OF THE WAY IN WHICH THE LAW WAS TAKEN
IN NEW YORK. FROM "HISTORY OF CITY OF NEW YORK."

BY "BUFE."

Continued from last Month.

THE following letter was then sent by Cadwallader Colden to the Mayor :

"FORT GEORGE, November 5th, 1765.

"*Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Corporation :*

"In consequence of your recent request, and engaging to make good all such sums as might be raised by the destruction of the stamps sent over for the use of the province, and in consequence of the unanimous advice of his majesty's council, and the concurrence of the commander-in-chief of the king's forces, and to prevent the effusion of blood and the calamities of a civil war which might ensue from my withholding them from you, I now deliver to you the package of stamped paper and parchments which were deposited in my hands in this, his majesty's fort, and I doubt not that you will take the charge and care of them conformably to your engagement to me.

"I am, with great regard, gentlemen, your most obedient and humble servant,

"CADWALLADER COLDEN."

These packages were received by the Mayor and corporation, for which they gave the following receipt :

"Received from the Honorable Cadwallader Colden, Esq., his majesty's lieutenant-general and commander-in-chief of the province of New York, seven packages, containing stamped paper and parchments, all marked 'No. 1, James McEvers, I. M. E., New York,' which we prom-

ise in behalf of the corporation of the city of New York to take charge and care of, and to be accountable in case they shall be destroyed or carried out of the province.

Witness our hands:

(Signed)

"JOHN CURGER, *Mayor.*

"L. F. CAREY, *Major to the 60th Reg't.*

"JAMES FARQUHAR."

About November 20th, a ship arrived bringing a second shipment of stamps and a new stamp distributor named Petre De Lancy, Jr., who had been appointed in the stead of the recent McEvers. The same vessel brought the newly appointed governor, Sir Henry Moore, who declared he would have nothing to do with the stamps.

The stamps were deposited with the others, and De Lancy resigned his position.

On the 18th of March, 1767, the people met on the Commons, and celebrated the first anniversary of the repeal of the Stamp Act.

Through the whole of the eventful Stamp Act epoch, the Assembly of New York stood true to the interests of the country.

SOCIETY NOTES.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

MINUTES of meeting held Thursday evening, February 9th, 1888.

Meeting called to order at 8.10 P.M., by Mr Cotton, who was elected chairman for the evening, Messrs. Myers and Gadsden being absent. Present, Messrs. Bradt, Haskell, Pierce, Thompson, Gilbert, Abraham, Cotton, Hanson, Start and Holman.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The committee appointed at the previous meeting to visit the Chalmers Society was discharged.

The Exchange Manager made a report on the condition of business in his department, and read communication from the A. P. A. Manager of Exchange.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary notify the Chalmers Society and all A. P. A. members in Chicago and the vicinity that they could participate in the Exchange equally with members of the C. P. S. After a recess the meeting was adjourned at 9 P.M.

M. A. THOMPSON. Secretary.

THE AMERICAN POSTAGE STAMP EXCHANGE.

WE want all who would like to have such an idea carried out, to immediately send us their names. All should favor this, and try in every way to further establish confidence enough in their fellow philatelists to help this along.

Messrs. Krebs Bros. have kindly offered to stand all expenses at the next meeting, on March 28th, at 156 Second ave. We want all who are able, to attend this meeting; and those who are not, to write if they are willing to become members. As far as can be estimated now the dues will be \$1 a year and if there are members enough this amount will support the Exchange without an extra tax on the members.

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HAWAII	\$1.00 red	1883	5	40 ea.	40	30	40
"	"	"	45	35 ea.	30	30
CANADA	2c and 6c	1868	100	60	60	45	60
PERSIA	6 var. asst.	1877-85	100	1.00	75	60	....
TREASURY	3c brown	1873	1500	15	20	10	20
"	6c "	"	3000	20	22	18	22
"	10c "	"	110	75	75	45	....
"	1c "	"	42	50	45	15	....
N. FOUNDLAND	3c blue	1876	300	25	31	20	....
NOVA SCOTIA	5c	1860	50	....	50	25	....
UNITED STATES	3c	1861	100	....	....	5	....
PERU	*1c unpaid	1883	100	3.00	....	1.00	....
UNITED STATES	Common	....	50,000	5.00 lot	....	....	....
"	5c brown	1856	2	3.00	....	....	....
COSTA RICA	40c	1883	10	....	....	8	....
U. S.	Registered	1872	50	7c ea.	....	....	....
"	"	"	100	4.75	....	....	....
"	"	"	100	4.00	....	....	....
COSTA RICA	5c purple	1883	100	80	....	....	....
NICARAGUA	*15c yellow	1882	10	10c ea.	10 1-2	8	....
POST OFFICE	*3c black	1873	50	....	50	20	....
GUATEMALA	5c blue	1886	100	1.20	....	....	....
"	*1c	"	100	1.25	1.00	1.00	....
"	*2c	"	50	1.25	....	....	....
"	*1c	"	100	1.25	1.10	1.10	....
U. S.	*5c Periodical	1865	1	....	....	1.00	....
"	\$3.00 "	1875	1	....	....	....	....
"	5c yellow	1861	1	2.00	....	....	....
AGRICULTURE	*6c straw	1873	10	....	....	5c ea.	....
TREASURY	*24c brown	"	1	....	1.00	25	....
U. S.	*15c without diamond	1869	1	55	50	10	....
"	24c	"	1	....	....	50	....
"	30c	"	1	85	....	....	....
"	30c	"	10	65c ea.	....	50c ea.	....
MEXICO	1c green	1884	300	30	20
U. S.	2c U. S. I. R.	10,000	65	50
NICARAGUA	5c blue	1882	100	65
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PHILATELIC MONSTROSITIES;

OR,

THE OLD BOWERY MUSEUM.*

By "FRANK."

CHAPTER I.

THE OPENING NIGHT.

IT was the opening night of the Old Bowery Museum, and crowds were surging toward the entrance, each one in the wild hope of being the first one in. The ticket box held a girl with a face—well, you know that they always have a pretty face, and it was all she could do to hand out the tickets and take in the money. Person after person paid and entered, until the place was filled nearly to suffocation. One of these pushing and crowding pieces of humanity was a stamp collector—philatelists they call themselves.

This person, whose name was Joe Smith, had been collecting stamps for over ten years and his collection numbered about three thousand, among which he had many monstrosities.

The crowd were mostly in one end of the room, watching a mechanical toy, when a man entered from a door in the side of the room and in a loud voice called out, "right this way, ladies and gentlemen, right this way, all the curiosities will be presented to the public from the stage in the next room, right this way, right this way."

The crowd started, first slowly, then faster, then almost in a rush, as it became apparent that the first ones would have the pleasure of a seat. In ten minutes if you had looked into the outer room you would have thought that the place was deserted.

After all had entered the room a man appeared on the stage and told the vast audience that the professor would soon show and lecture on the curiosities. The crowd cheered him and then the curtain was drawn aside and there before the people stood the professor and a curious thing, this, the professor said, was the celebrated darktown twins.

CHAPTER II.

THE DARKTOWN TWINS.

The professor, bowing to the audience, began in a style not excelled by any other Joe had ever heard. The following are the words, as Joe afterwards told me :

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"Ladies and gentlemen, here before you, you see the greatest and most curious curiosity in the world, namely, the celebrated darktown twins. These children were born each separately, but being put in the same bed to sleep, in some unseen moment they conceived the idea of connecting themselves together, the result of which you see before you.

"They are connected together by an article in every day use, a shoe string."

Here the lecturer paused to see if his words were taken in, and finding he had made a big impression, he began again.

"There may be some within hearing distance who do not believe what I have said, but I assure you that it is the truth.

"Is it not?" he asked the twin nearest him.

"Yes sir," she replied.

"If there are any questions you would like to ask either of the girls do so," he then said to the audience.

Not one in that vast assemblage spoke, and after waiting some time the professor bowed himself off the stage, followed by the twins.

Tom told me that the speech he heard was almost as astonishing as what he had heard a collector say a short time ago, about a stamp he had shown at the last meeting of the Philatelic Club.

This collector had in his possession a common every day two cent green stamp, but he told the members that it was doubly perforated; that is, it had thirteen and a half perforations across the top, and above that, nine more. This, Tom thought, was a great curiosity, but on careful search he found that on most every sheet a few extra holes were on the top or bottom rows; not a mistake, but just where the machine caught the sheet as it held it for perforating.

He asked the collector if he had such a stamp in his album, and was much surprised when the collector said, of course he did. Tom then asked if he collected the Spanish stamps with the hole in the middle and his friend said, "No why should I collect such stamps as that?"

Tom said, "It is just about as sensible to collect the Spanish stamp as it is the two cent green doubly perforated."

But we are running away from our museum. After the professor had left the stage, a man appeared and announced that the next curiosity would be the man without arms.

(To be continued.)

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—New 5, 10 and 15c stamps have been issued, they differ only slightly in design, having "Correos" in place of "Republica," and in color, the 5c being light carmine, the 10c brown and the 15c orange. The 15c has a bust of Avellaneda.

Austria.—The W. B. Z. announces a change in the color of the current 20k, and also a surcharge for use in the Levant. 20k brown. 15 para on 5s red.

Azores.—The 5 reis gray has the surcharge "Azores" in small type in red. 5 reis gray.

British Bechuanaland.—The Jubilee 1-2p rose has been surcharged in two lines for use here.

British Honduras.—The Philatelic Journal of America has received the 6p surcharged "2 Cents" in type 3mm high. The surcharge is in two lines. 2 cents on 6p carmine.

Scott Co. report the following surcharges; 3c on 3p brown, 10c on 4p violet, 2c on 6p yellow and 50c on 1sh gray.

Congo Free States.—We are in error in stating that the 5 francs was a 1 franc. Both of the 5 franc stamps have been surcharged in blue in two lines "Collis Postaux-Fr 3.50." The first was issued in August and the second December 1st. 3fr 50c on 5fr violet, 1886; 3fr 50c on 5fr violet, 1887.

Costa Rica.—The 5 centavos with head of President Soto has been surcharged for official use. 5 centavos, lilac, Oficial.

Cuba.—There are 6 new stamps of the following values, 1-2m, 1m, 2m, 3m, 4m and 8m, all black.

Egypt.—There are four more values of the new issue: 5mil red, 1pia blue, 2pia yellow, 5pia gray, and three new values of unpaid letter stamps, 1pia blue, 2pia orange, 5pia gray; also reported a new envelope.

Hayti.—The 3c of the new design has appeared; color, blue.

Mexico.—Once more this obliging country fills our blank space by issuing all the stamps now in red. The 3, 4, and 10c have been seen.

St. Helena.—The color of the 6d is now gray.

Senegal.—It is reported that the 20c has been surcharged 5c, and the 30c has been also surcharged. 5c on 20c, red on green, and 5c on 30c brown.

Switzerland.—It is now discovered that the 1fr has been printed on paper without the watermark.

Tolima.—We see by the "Illustrated Briefmarken Journal" that a new type has been issued for use here, 10c green and 50c blue. In the centre are the national arms, with "Departamento del Tolima" arched around; "Republica de Colombia" above in a curve; "Correos (10 or 50) centavos" in three lines below.

Turkey.—Besides the one mentioned last month there have been four more "cut" 10 paras on 20pi rose; 20 paras on 1pi blue; 2 piastres on 5p green (surcharged in red); the others in black.

NOTES.

ALL the philatelic papers show an improvement this last month.

WE have not heard the last, it seems, of those speculative (?) envelopes. Let well enough alone.

MR. C. H. MEKEEL has investigated the well known charity stamp dealer game, which has been worked to a great extent in two ways. One was a swindle, and the other was an idea that was not only a success, but a grand way for obtaining a free school.

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1885 Dominican Republic 20c brown.....	10
1874 Dutch Indies 2gld 50c.....	5
1883 Great Britain, 6p on 6p violet.....	3
“ “ 9p green.....	30
1884 “ 2sh 6p.....	8
“ “ 5sh rose.....	15
“ “ 10sh blue.....	40
1886 Guatemala, 20c green.....	10
1867 India, Service, 2a yellow.....	5
“ “ 4a green.....	8
1863 Italy, 2l red.....	2
1874 Mexico, 50c green.....	5
1884 “ 50c.....	6
1886 “ 4c lilac.....	4
1888 “ 3c red.....	3
“ “ 10c red.....	3
“ “ Official, olive green.....	5
1876 New South Wales, 1sh black.....	2
*1882 Nicaragua, 15c yellow.....	12
1878 Panama, 5c green.....	5
1882 Persia, 5fr used.....	10
“ “ 10fr.....	25
1885 “ 1kr gray.....	3
1858 Peru, 1d red, large type.....	50
“ “ 1d red.....	35
1860 “ 1d blue.....	10
*1883 “ Unpaid Letter, 1c, sur. tria.....	8
1862 Roumania, 30 para.....	8
*1867 Salvador, 1-2r.....	5
1884 Uruguay, 10c.....	3
“ “ 20c.....	5
1865 Western Australia, 6p.....	4
“ “ 1sh.....	10

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1861 1c blue	5	10		" 5c lake	6	50	
" 12c black	20	65		" 5c blue	6	50	
1869 3c blue	3	8	75	1877 " 50c lilac	15	40	
1872 2c brown	2	8	75	1863 * Costa Rica, 1/2r blue	5	12	75
" 3c green			15	" " 1-2r blue, used	5	14	1.25
" 6c pink			60	1883 * " " 1c	15	1.20	
" 12c purple	20	65		* " " 2c	30	2.40	
" 15c orange	5	10		" " 40c	60	1.90	
" 30c black	8	25		1887 " " 5c	10	70	
1875 2c vermilion	5			1886 Guatemala, 1c	15	1.20	
" 5c blue	5			" 5c	20	1.30	
1863 Confed. States 10c blue	8	10		" 10c	25		
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1872 Registered Stamps, large green	20	60	5.00	1884 Mexico, 1c green	5	40	
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1885 Special Delivery	12	30		1886 " 3c lilac	6	12	1.00
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" " " " 30c	25	70		" 2c carmine	5	15	1.25
" " " " 50c	30	80		" 5c blue	5	12	75
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" " 3c "	2	5	35	1887 " 10c lilac	15	35	3.00
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" * " 6c "	20	60		1882 * Nicaragua, 15c yellow	35	1.10	
" * Treas. Dept., 10c brown	20	60		" 10c purple	6	18	
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"	15b red-brown	4						
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THE ARMLESS MAN.

THE professor again made his entrance, and with him came a man without arms, who, after bowing took a seat which had been conveniently placed on a raised platform at the right side of the stage.

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"Twenty-seven years ago but I am thirty-six years old," answered Senor.

"Thirty-six years old and only born twenty-seven years ago?" exclaimed the old man.

"Yes sir; I was *born* after my mother's *death*," replied the Senor.

This settled it; the Senor was crazy, and with an amazed look on his face the old man started back to his seat.

Joe had been a listener to this wonderful conversation and it suddenly dawned upon him that it was no more wonderful than that the twenty-four,

30 and 90 of the 1860 issue United States were found in 1887 to have been issued (?) in 1851 unperforated. Already Joe was amused that there should be such coincidences between the collection which he had been so fond of and the curiosities he had seen exhibited so far, but a more delightful (?) surprise was in store for him for in the meantime the armless man had disappeared and the professor was introducing the Mormon's family.

(To be continued.)

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"	15c orange	5	10	
"	30c black	8	25	
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THE MORMON'S FAMILY.

THE stage was crowded. Joe counted seventy-five persons besides the professor, who had just started on a long speech. "This vast family, have lost their originator; in fact it is not known if he be dead or alive; suffice it to say he is lost. He married in 1881 four women who had thirty-two children, and after having domestic troubles (?) he left home and immediately married five more women, who had sixteen children. Here he stopped. He now had fifty children and fourteen wives to help light the fires in the morning.

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"This family is large, I know, but it is not as large as some I have the pleasure of knowing; why, King Solomon's wives were much more numerous, and how did he keep them all? Can any one say by running away? No, he kept them in anticipation until he discovered his wonderful mines. So the husband of these women kept his wives; for in the latter part of 1886 he returned with ten more wives and one child."

Here the professor stopped, and Joe said that his mind was brought most vividly back to his dear old collection and the last purchase he had made, namely, a complete series of Guatemala."

He had found surcharge after surcharge, error after error (?), and wanted to know if he had them all when he bought them.

'Yes, sir' the clerk had answered.

Joe said he thanked his lucky stars for that, and had on his arrival home placed them all in his album.

But back again to the museum where the fat woman is bowing before the audience.

CHAPTER V.

THE FAT WOMAN.

There now stood before the public a most remarkable curiosity (?), a fat woman.

"She weighs four hundred and ninety-nine and nine-tenths pounds," said the professor, "does not know when or where she was born—thinks she grew-ed, a la Topsy.

"Her diet has been, and still is, gum, and as this is leap year she may stick you, so take my advice and don't wait outside afterwards for her.

"Your attention is called to the way in which her sides can be punched without hurting her. Any one who would like to practice boxing and will step up and use her as a punching bag may do so."

Joe had noticed away to one side a young man who had been sharpening his lead pencil ever since the beginning, and now this same one starts from his seat and slowly wends his way toward the stage, still holding his open knife in his hand. Mounting the short flight of steps leading to the stage, he advanced to the fat woman and without any warning punched her in the side; there was a report, a hissing sound, and the fat woman's sides had collapsed.

The auditorium rang with laughter, and the young man hurriedly left the place. For some time confusion reigned supreme, but at last all was quiet. Joe laughed with the rest, yet he could not help comparing the incident with the "bubble" of Hamburg locals which was pushed on the collectors a few years ago, and at last has been punched in the side and exploded. Now was young man any different in this respect? for how many after buying those locals, left in disgust with everything.

The professor had hurried the fat woman off, and in her place stood a bearded girl.

CHAPTER VI.

THE BEARDED GIRL.

The bearded girl was very pretty, she had fire-red hair all over her face, blue eyes, and her nose and mouth were too "small for anything."

She stood before the admiring "dudes" in the front row, and the professor was just beginning, when she suddenly turned to one side and expectorated on

the stage; this caused a murmur of astonishment to escape the "dudes," but the professor went right on.

"We now have a most wonderful curiosity—a bearded girl. She is eighteen (sweet eighteen) years old, and has had a beard of strawberry hue ever since she was twelve years old.

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With this the professor took a hold of her beard and gave it a yank. She made a great time, and began to cry, when all at once the professor pulled again; and lo! there was in his hand the beard—a common false beard, and the girl stood before the public now as a young boy not much over sixteen.

This explained all, and midst the laughter the boy and professor walked off the stage.

Joe said that his old collection was again brought to mind, and asked himself—how many perforated stamps have I bought for unperforated ones? how many were clipped? He decided to look into this on his return home, and in the future look very carefully at all unperforated stamps of the same design as the perforated stamps that he bought.

The stage now held the tattooed man.

NEW ISSUES.

We shall be thankful for any information relating to new issues of Postage Stamps in all parts of the world, accompanied by at least two specimens.

To correspondents furnishing us such information, we will refund their expenses, and in addition send the "INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC ADVERTISER" for one year free of charge.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—We now receive the 3c green, and the 6c red, also a new 10c brown envelope.

Austria.—The 15 on 5 soldi lately retouched has not been issued.
"W. P."

Bulgaria.—The new stamps have appeared.

Ceylon.—Another surcharge, 2c on 4c mauve.

Cuba.—A 20c lilac-gray similar to the last 20c. The low values are now out of issue.

Greece.—There are the following stamps, same design as the 25l of the last issue; 1l brown, 2l yellow, 5l green, 10l green, 20l carmine, and 40l violet.

Mexico.—We now have the 10c and 3c carmine on ruled paper, and have also received from Mr. B. F. Levy, the 10c on red faced paper.

New South Wales.—It is reported that a lot of 2p stamps were run off on "duty stamp paper." This paper is somewhat rotten and but few of the stamps are perfect.

EDITORIAL.

"April 21st, 1888.

"To the Public:

"This is to certify that we have this day sold out our entire interest, right and title of the INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC ADVERTISER, to Arthur M. Wright, who will continue the publication of the same.

"With thanks to our many friends for the patronage extended to us, and trusting that you will favor the present proprietor with a continuance of the same, we remain

"Yours truly,

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MR. DUNCAN S. WYLIE has bought the entire stamp business of Joseph Holmes, Jr., and A. Krassa the entire business from Krebs Bros., but will keep the old name above the door.

THE American Postage Stamp Exchange is still booming. Meetings are now every other Wednesday, beginning on May 9th.

As there has been some difficulty in obtaining my mail, all letters with advertisements or money will be acknowledged by return mail.

AN ENTERPRISING HOUSE.

A NEW department has been added to Brentano's Uptown Emporium, 5 Union Square, where stamp collectors will find the requisite necessities for indulging their favorite pastime. This enterprising firm having recognized the increasing interest in postage stamp collecting, have decided to add a Philatelic Department to their already magnificent store. Those who follow this entertaining and instructive pursuit will here find a large and beautiful assortment of stamps, and everything required by the collector. The famous reputation for square and honest dealing acquired by this house will suffice to guarantee the genuineness of every specimen sold in the establishment. Orders by mail will be filled by competent experts, and our readers are cordially invited to inspect their stock in person

CHESTNUTS.

BY "ONE OF THEM."

KEEP it up! Our esteemed friend *Stamp Collector's Figaro* seems so persistingly pounding away at the Envelope Syndicate that we begin to think those gentlemen are heavy stock holders in the paper.

Notwithstanding the severe belying that these "anomalies," "frauds," "essays" have received, they are nearly all sold, and if the government finally decides to discontinue making envelopes for private parties, there will be not a few collectors of sufficient means, who will regret that they did not patronize the venturesome dealers who risked their money on this speculation.

There is one thing absolutely certain—that the 90c carmine and the 30c black envelopes are things of the past, and just as likely to command a high price as the compound envelope of 1857.

Will any one tell us where the 90c purple envelope announced on the schedule of 1888 can be obtained? Unless some good natured person orders at least 1,000 they will never be made, and should the die be changed or color vary again, we will have the curious circumstance of a stamp officially announced and never issued.

It seems just now that no collector will ever have pluck enough to invest \$900, yet that very collector will be the most willing "dog in the manger," and write a venomous tirade against the dealer who puts up the cash that he was afraid to risk, and expects a profit.

We suppose that if the envelopes had been ordered by a coal-dealer, or a saloon keeper (the latter preferred) no fault would have been found at the

party turning his investment to a profitable account. If a baker believes flour to be going up in price he buys a hundred barrels and takes advantage of the rise.

We know a stamp collector who bought a dozen seats for the first performance of "La Tosca," at the Broadway Theatre, and sold them again at an advance. We know of a man who upon hearing that a new street was to be opened in an uptown district, immediately bought lots there. Another stamp collector having received a straight tip from a Wall street friend, bought shares of "M. O. P.," "H. C. O.," "D. L. W." and other cabalistic signs known to the Wall street fiend alone. Yet the baker, the real-estate dealer, the Wall street man are all right in covering whatever they can—and getting left sometimes—but no one seems to protest.

It is only speculating in 90 cents envelopes that appears to be a crime. But of course this is criminal only in the eyes of the man who was not *let in on the ground floor*.

We have conceived a grand scheme of revenge, by which we can make the syndicates wish they had left envelopes severely alone. *We propose the utter annihilation of the envelope syndicate.* It can be done in the Wall street style.

Let the gentlemen go ahead investing their money in 90c envelopes at face value and asking collectors \$5 each for them. Very well, what are the collectors to do in retaliation? Simply this; organize themselves as syndicate for the purchase of 10,000 or 50,000 90c envelopes, all shades and sizes of paper, and *flood the market* with them at an advance of only 5c on an envelope, or better yet, sell them at cost.

This would cost about \$50,000, and all discontented growlers who have the ready cash, may step up and enter their names upon a so far blank list.

This scheme will beyond doubt paralyze the syndicate. When may we expect the first philanthropic subscription?? We pause for a reply.

SOCIETY NOTES.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY IN CZERNOWITZ, BUKOWINA, AUSTRIA.

THE regular meeting was held on March 28th. Twelve members were present.

The president was re-elected, and the officers are now as follows:

President,	- - - - -	N. HOFMEISTER.
Secretary,	- - - - -	M. VENDER.
Exchange Manager,	- - - - -	H. MITTELMAN.
Treasurer,	- - - - -	JOSEF ALTMANN.
Comptroller,	- - - - -	L. FIGLER.
Librarian,	- - - - -	EMANUEL WENDER.

The following new members were taken into the society :

MR. I. HAUSER, in Sambor, Guetercassier, der K. K. Staatsbuen.

MR. LADISLANS TIGLER, Magister der Pharmacie.

MR. I. KLEIN, K. K. Postassestroot.

MR. MAX DIAMANT, in Candia (Creta).

MR. CAROL BOTTUSCHANI, Bucarest Roumania.

Also the following rules and regulations were adopted :

That the following papers would be sent gratis and post free to each member.

1. *Illustrated Briefmarken Journal* (German).

2. *Le Echo de la Timbrophile* (French).

3. *The International Philatelic Advertiser* (English).

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CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Minutes of meeting held Thursday evening, March 22nd, 1888.

Meeting called to order at 8.10 P.M., President Gadsden in the chair. Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Gadsden, Gilbert, Haskell, Hellwig, McDonald, Pierce and Wolsieffer present. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Abraham was appointed secretary pro tem. Reading of minutes dispensed with.

It was moved and carried that the appointment of our President by the President of the American Philatelic Association as member of the committee on exhibition be ratified. It was resolved to co-operate with the Chalmers Society in the matter of exhibit. Committee reported, suggesting an exhibit of the philatelic products of the State, which was approved, and individual members pledged their support to the committee.

It was moved that a committee of three be appointed to select candidates to be supported by the society in the ensuing election of officers for the American Philatelic Association. Moved to amend, by Mr. Bradt, that the society act as a committee of the whole to discuss the matter and select candidates; motion as amended, carried. Mr. McDonald made chairman of committee.

After considerable discussion the society returned to regular session and offered the following names as candidates: Mr. J. K. Tiffany, for president; Mr. R. C. H. Brock, for vice-president; Mr. S. B. Bradford, for secretary;

Mr. H. B. Seagrave, for treasurer; and Mr. Jos. Rechert, for international secretary. The report of committee accepted, and nominations endorsed by the society.

Secretary pro tem. instructed to forward report of this meeting to the *American Philatelist* for publication in the April number.

Committee on printing letter heads reported. Report accepted, and committee instructed to have the work done with the least possible delay. After recess, auction sale was held, and meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

B. ABRAHAM, Secretary pro tem.

Minutes of meeting held Thursday evening, April 5th, 1888.

Meeting called to order at 8.05 P.M. President Gadsden in the chair. Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Gadsden, Gilbert, Hanson, Haskell, McDonald, Pierce and Wolsieffer present. The secretary again being absent, Mr. B. Abraham was appointed secretary pro tem. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. W. J. Peeke, Jr., was proposed for membership, and duly elected. Several communications were read, among which was the resignation of Mr. M. A. Thompson as member and secretary, which was referred to the executive committee, who reported favorably, and the resignation was accepted. An election to fill the vacant office being in order, Mr. Abraham was nominated, but declined. Messrs. W. J. Clark and C. H. Hanson were nominated, and W. J. Clark was elected. The secretary pro tem. was instructed to notify him of his election, and to be present at the next meeting to take charge of his office.

It was moved and carried that the committee on printing be empowered to draw on the treasurer for sufficient funds to pay for printing the letter heads.

The committee on exhibition reported that he had written to Mr. Hener, of the Chalmers Society, with a view to having both societies co-operate in the exhibition, but that he had not received a reply. The secretary pro tem. was instructed to confer with the Chalmers Society, asking if they wished to co-operate with us in the exhibition.

It was moved and carried that the secretary be instructed to re-draft the by-laws in regard to auction sales, and to present same for consideration at the next meeting. It was moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to look up the manuscript of the revised constitution and by-laws, and to ascertain what has been done by the exchange manager, and request his attendance at meetings. Messrs. Hanson, Wolsieffer and Haskell appointed.

It was moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to attend to the printing of the constitution and by-laws. Messrs. Bradt and McDonald appointed.

The secretary pro tem. instructed to furnish copy of the minutes of this, and the previous meeting to the *International Philatelic Advertiser* for publication.

After recess auction sale was held, and meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Next meeting April 19th.

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WHAT I LEARNED IN A NIGHT.

By "KNOWLSON."

I am the traveling agent of a large implement house in Kansas City. A few months ago I was in Western Kansas, and having to reach Rosedale, a small town about twelve miles from where I was staying, by six o'clock the next morning, I went to a livery stable and hired a saddle horse to go there. It was about seven in the evening when I started, and the sky looked as if it would storm before morning.

I rode very slowly along, and before I had gone four miles a storm came up, and I found I would have to seek shelter. Unfortunately for me, however, there was no house within three miles, so I made up my mind to take a wetting. I whipped my horse up, but he could not make very much progress on account of the thick mud. By this time it was dark, and I had difficulty in keeping the road.

At last I drew rein in front of the farm house I had seen. From the road I could see through the windows into the house. At the large table in the sitting-room I saw a boy bending over a book in which were a great many colored pieces of paper. I dismounted from my horse and knocked at the door and asked the man who came, if he could accommodate me over night. He said, "Certainly, walk right in. I'll have my boy put up your horse." He then said, "Fred, come and put this gentleman's horse in the barn, and give him some hay and grain." Fred Ellis, for that was his name, came out and said, "All right, father," and took the horse and started towards the barn.

Mr. Ellis told me to come into the kitchen with him and dry myself and get warm. By this time the boy had got back from the barn, and he immediately took up his book again. Mr. Ellis and I drew up to the fire and commenced talking about the chances of a good crop, etc. While thus talking I observed Mrs. Ellis getting a meal for me. After I had eaten my supper, and been thoroughly dried, I entered into conversation with Master Fred, who was about fifteen years old, and whom I found very well posted on everything.

He opened the book he had been looking at and shoved it over to me, and said, "That's my stamp collection." Now, I had heard of stamp collectors, but had always thought they were foolish. I asked him, however, if he would explain the stamps to me. He said, "All right." His album was called Scott's American Album, with blank spaces in front, and a catalogue in back. He opened the book, and the first kind in it were United States stamps, over 150 different United States postage, and about 70 revenues. There were complete sets of Treasury, Interior, War, etc., and old 5c brown stamps, 10c green, and 90c, etc.—so many, in fact, that it made my head swim—I had never seen so many different kinds before. He had Confederate stamps, stamps from Mexico, from all the Central and South American republics, from Europe, and Asia, and Africa, and Australia, etc., etc., in all about 1,600 different.

He told me that stamp collecting where one studied about the watermarks, perforations, etc., was philately, and the collector a philatelist. By the time I had gotten through his album, I had made up my mind to be a philatelist, or a stamp collector, or whatever it was called. To return to Fred: I found that he could read and write German pretty well, and intended to take up French in a few months. He had, however, grammars and dictionaries of the French, Spanish and German languages. He said he got stamp papers and price-lists and catalogues in those languages often, and had to use the dictionaries to translate them.

Next he showed me his stamp library, which consisted of stamp papers, pamphlets, and bound volumes. Among the stamp papers were complete volumes of *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *Philatelic Herald*, *Philatelic Gazette*, *Stamp*, *International Philatelic Advertiser*, and lots of others. Among his pamphlets were "Cyclopædia of Philately," "Philatelic Annual," Hubbard's "Stamp Dealers of the World," and sundry dictionaries of stamp collectors and of "frauds." Also some "black lists." The bound volumes were the "Revised List" and Tiffany's "History of United States Stamps."

He then took me over to a corner of the room and showed me his cabinet. There were three drawers in it. In the first was his collection of minerals, in the second his *good* duplicates, and in the third his envelope and postal card collection. He had postal cards from San Salvador, Russia, Canada, France, Angola, Australia, and South America, etc., and envelopes addressed to himself from Turkey, Mexico, Norway, Germany, France and Egypt, and others from England, Russia, etc. He also had his collection of entire United States envelopes in there. He then showed me price-lists from Denmark, Greece, Norway and Germany, and stamp papers from England, Austria and Germany.

After I had gotten through looking at his collection, his cabinet, and his library, I expressed to him my determination to become a collector, and asked him if he would have a talk with me about how I should commence. He assented and commenced:

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You can easily find where to purchase stamps by consulting the advertisements in your stamp papers. You ought to commence with a blank album. I wouldn't advise you to commence with an International album. That's about all the advice I can give you now."

I found by questioning that he was going to join the A. P. A. soon, and intended getting an "Improved" album from Mekeel of St. Louis. As it was nearly ten o'clock, he bid me good-night, and retired to bed. I soon went to bed, but couldn't get asleep for a couple of hours. Everything seemed stamps to me, I dreamed of stamps all night!

I saw Fred when I got up in the morning, and asked him to correspond with me. He saddled my horse for me and brought him around to the house, and after bidding Fred and his father and mother good-bye, I started towards Rosedale. I transacted my business at Rosedale, and returned to my hotel where I had been stopping, returned the horse, and left for Kansas City.

By the next day I was home. I immediately purchased an album, subscribed to the papers Fred had recommended, and am now as enthusiastic a collector as any in Missouri. I intend to join the A. P. A. soon, and now have a collection of 1,200 varieties, which I have collected in less than three months.

 EDITORIAL.

April 21st, 1888.

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P. T. Barnum, the great showman, states to-day that his success has been *only by his vast advertising*. "Pear's soap" would not be known to the world if a page in almost every monthly magazine did not contain an illustrated advertisement.

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And now you should begin, for "its never too late to mend," and if you do not begin now, you will in a very few months be asking yourself this question, "What is the matter?" Any publisher will tell you.

"A man never knows it's too late until *it is too late*."

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S FIGARO.

We are glad to be able to contradict the report that the *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* has suspended publication. The circulating of these untrue reports seems such petty warfare as to call forth the contempt of everybody on the mean originators. Owing to the formation of the new company, the *Figaro* appeared a few days late, but if possible better and healthier than before. This is one of the papers that deserves to prosper *on its merits*, and we are glad to see it thrive.

THE OUTLOOK.

Stamp business is getting dull. The small boy and the adult patronize the base-ball games; the school boy is on the alert for vacation, and the stamp album is neglected.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." A singular effect of the recent blizzard, was the impetus given by it to the stamp business. Hundreds of collectors being forced by the elements to remain in doors, and, lost for something to while the time away, hunted up their albums and set to work arranging and classifying their loose stamps.

The stamp fever is like malaria, it is intermittent, off and on, like sunshine and rain in April. It rages most fiercely during the cold, damp, disagreeable February and March months, when the inclement weather keeps us indoors, and dies at the budding of those "flowers that bloom in the spring—tra-la."

The stamp business in New York for the past season has been excellent, the best in many years. The accelerated interest awakened by the New York Society and the A. P. A., combined with the indefatigable zeal of the officers and their many friends have given a push to stamp collecting that will be felt for a long time to come. The dealers in New York are all smiling and happy, and out-of-town merchants are not complaining, either.

A few professional and chronic growlers are not satisfied, of course; but these few would never be pleased, even with a shower of gold dollars. Some people must growl whether or no, and we think it only fair to let them enjoy themselves in their own way, provided they go off into an end lot with a high fence, and do not disturb us with their croaking.

The large dealers report a good, sound, and profitable business; some of the "guerrillas" (scalpers) are sour, but we are not to be frightened so easily. We predict for the fall and winter the best trade in stamps that has ever been done in the United States, and all indications are that our prediction will be fully verified. Nor will the summer be as dull as usual for the red-hot months; many collectors have signified their intention to take their albums into the country with them. One of our friends, a large collector, is going to employ his two months vacation in the mountains, in preparing a new album of his own design in which to arrange his collection; so that with this gentleman, at least, philately will remain a household word.

Philately has become more than a pastime for silly boys, and hundreds of new converts are every month added to its ranks. For this prosperity and encouragement we have to thank the A. P. A. and its branches, and particularly the officers and friends of our own—the best, of course—the New York Society.

HUS, POOR YORICK.

De profundis, de profundis! Poor thing, so young, so full of hope, so fair! To die so soon! We shall miss the interesting *Western Philatelist*. It is no more. Unlike those well-known flowers, philatelic journals droop and

die in the spring time. Why has this noteworthy enterprise gone overboard? Want of patronage—of subscribers, of encouragement? Who can tell? Some of each, probably. For our own part we are sincerely sorry. This was a representative journal—“and if the approaching dog-days wilt so strong and great, what may be our treatment at the hands of cruel fate?” Will history repeat itself with us as it has with others? Are we to illustrate again the fable of the oak that broke and fell and of the reed that bent to rise again? We are entering our second summer, that critical time for all infants, but we are robust in health, pure in blood, have a strong constitution, and our friends need have no apprehensions as to our safety. Like the turtle, we have adopted the wise course of hurrying slowly, while our neighbor the hare rushed with the noon-day sun before its eyes could bear the twilight, and started a foot race before it had learned to creep. We are modest in ourselves, but we have before us the fact that while storms will sink great ships they spare straws. We are sorry to record the disappearance of our elaborate brother, and drop a tear upon the early grave, with the comforting thought that “they whom the gods really love die young.”

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A Philadelphian has collected, sorted, and filed away enough cancelled postage stamps to reach, if placed side by side, from the Delaware River to Cobb's Creek, the extreme western boundary of the city. In this extraordinary collection there are 1,000,000 stamps. These stamps, if used as wall paper, would be sufficient to cover the walls of a medium-sized city house, and if spread over a space one yard wide would reach nearly 800 yards. The patient collector of this million little bits of engraved paper is Paul des Granges, a retired merchant, who began the task February 6th, 1882. Mr. Des Granges says of his work: The plan adopted for the preservation and actual counting of the stamps was to remove them from any adherent paper by soaking in water, and after drying, to tie in packages of 100; these were then made into bundles of 1,000, then into 5,000, and ten of these into parcels of 50,000 stamps each, weighing five pounds and five ounces. Having much unoccupied time, and the assistance of numerous friends and acquaintances, the first “brick” or package of 50,000 was completed on October 12th, 1882. Others followed at irregular intervals, varying from nine months and twenty days to fourteen months, until finally 1,000,000 was completed on October 8th, 1887, in a period of five years, eight months, and two days. Of one-cent United States stamps there are 118,900; of two-cent stamps, 665,900; of three-cent 99,000; of miscellaneous stamps, 85,400; of foreign stamps, 30,800; total, 1,000,000.—*Philadelphia Record*.

This is not such a great feat as the *Record* seems to think. A million postage stamps can be bought for fifty dollars, or at the rate of five cents per thousand. The gentleman noted above has wasted a great deal of time accumulating these stamps, and a labor of five years seems but poorly paid that realizes only fifty dollars. Moral: It doesn't pay to save trash.

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1874	5 cents brown	.03
	10 " black	.03
	25 " blue	.01
	50 " green	.06
	100 " carmine	.10

1880	5 cents red	.10
	10 " orange	.03

1884	1 cent green	.02
	2 cents "	.03
	3 " "	.04
	4 " "	.03
	5 " "	.03
	6 " "	.05
	10 " "	.02
	12 " "	.10
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1885	1 cent "	.02
	2 cents carmine	.05
	3 " yellow-brown	.05
	4 " vermilion	.08
	5 " blue	.03
	6 " brown	.06
	10 " yellow	.02
	12 " brown	.10
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1886	1 cent green	.03
	2 cents carmine	.03
	3 " lilac	.05
	4 " "	.05
	5 " "	.03
	6 " "	.06
	10 " "	.02
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1887	3 " carmine	.08
1887	4 cents, carmine	.08
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1887	1 cent, green	.10
	2 cents carmine	.15
	5 " blue	.10
	10 " lilac	.10

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1875	10 cents on yellow paper	.10
	25 " " "	.30
	35 " " "	.30
	50 " " "	.30
	60 " " "	.50
	75 " " "	.60
	85 " " "	.60
	100 " " "	.70

	2 " on white paper	.05
	5 " " "	.10
	10 " " "	.10
	12 " " "	.10
	20 " " "	.10
	25 " " "	.12
	35 " " "	.12
	50 " " "	.40
	60 " " "	.20
	75 " " "	.20
	85 " " "	.20
	100 " " "	.30

1880	2 " brown	.06
	5 " yellow	.06
	10 " red	.06
	25 " blue	.06
	50 " green	.06
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"	3b green	"	8	50				
"	5b bistre	"	8	50				
"	10b blue	"	8	50				
"	15b red-brown	"	4	25				
"	25b orange	"	5					
"	50b rose	"	13					
1876	5b bistre	"	5					
1878	1 1-2b olive-green	"	4					
"	10b blue	"	3					
"	15b red-brown	"	4					
"	25b orange	"	5					
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And that by chance a sample free
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A small "ad," it would been the caper,
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A little,
Can you see the reason why?

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Can you see the reason why?
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CHAPTER VII.

THE TATTOED MAN.

Yes, there now stands before the audience the tattooed man, and a queer looking object *it* was.

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The author and Joe each jointly and severally desire to thank the public in general who have spent the time to read this story, and trust that the morals which have been depicted will be carefully considered.

And now we come to that which every living creature must eventually come—

THE END.

EDITORIAL.

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business cares. Returning at last to New York, we started to push our weary way through this pile of manuscript, and can now say with joy—yes, joy—that at last we see the sun on the other side.

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