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## Comparative Scarcity of the United States Department Stamps.

GUSTAVE J. LUHN, JR.

(This article appeared in the *Philatelic Fortnightly* a short time ago, but there were so many typographical errors that we do not think it out of place to reprint it.)

It is strangely noticeable that in each set of U. S. Department Stamps there are one or more rare stamps. This is the case in every set except the Interior and the Executive, and in the latter it may be said that each stamp is worth as much as the next. Considering the number of Stamps issued by each Department, this is the order in which they come, in regard to scarcity:

Executive.....	5,150	Agriculture	275,000
State.....	60,495	War.....	446,500
Justice.....	65,400	Interior....	1,058,475
Navy.....	247,230	Treasury..	7,842,500
Post Office.....	10,054,660		

In the Executive Department there is no particularly rare stamp, but all are quite rare to the average collector.

In the State Department the 90 cents is the most valuable, and close upon it comes the 24 cents. All are comparatively scarce. In the \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20 of course the \$2 is the least rare, and the others go up according to face value. There were about 360 of each of the three higher values issued. This makes them pretty scarce, when there are about 200,000 collectors in all parts of the world for them to be divided among.

In the Department of Justice, as usual, the 90 cents is the rarest. Next comes the 30 cents. The 3 cents is the commonest.

In the Navy Department the 90 cents is the rarest, and is closely followed by

the 7 cents. The 3 and 6 cents are the commonest.

In the Department of Agriculture, the higher values are the rarest, although there was a smaller number of the 12 cents issued than any other value. The 3 cents is the commonest.

In the War Department the 90 cents is the least easily obtained. It is followed by the 7 cents. The other values are quite common.

In the Interior Department there is no particularly rare stamp. All are quite easily obtained.

In the Treasury Department the 24 cents is the predominating stamp, then comes the 7 cents. It is followed by the 90 cents. The remainder are not worth much.

In the Post Office Department, among the stamps with the white surface, the 10 cents is by far the most valuable, and with the bluish surface, the 90 cents is worth most. The 24 cents of each comes in after the 10 and 90 cents. The 3 cents is worth least. The reason of this is that generally very few of the higher values were supplied to the smaller offices, and in some cases only the 3 cents was, thus making a greater demand for the low values than the higher. It is very much the same way with the out-of-the-way values, such as the 7 cents, &c. As it is, the 7 and 90 cents are generally the rarest, and the 3 and 6 cents the commonest.

It is always best to buy Department Stamps in complete sets, as they are gotten cheaper, and when you have bought a set that Department is finished with, and there is no more bother about what you have and what you have not; but there are some collectors whose means are limited and are not able to spend much money at once; then I would say, buy them as best suits your pocket.

### FAULTS OF JUVENILE COLLECTORS.

When a small boy begins to collect stamps he commits faults, both many and ludicrous, such as placing stamps of one country on the pages designated for those of others; in the pronunciation of the names of the different countries; in the values (calling everything cents) and in the colors. These, however, are as nothing compared with some of the greater faults.

One of the many faults of the Juvenile Stamp Collector is perpetrated in pasting stamps in books, instead of fastening them in with hinges. A certain young friend of mine, about two years ago, received a new \$2.50 stamp album and set about to transfer his collection. He proceeded all right until he got to Mexico; he had a two cents green of the issue of 1884, and seeing a place in the book in the first issue he cemented the stamp in the place of the 2 c. The stamp remains there yet, having refused to be coaxed out by fire or water.

The young collector always aims for quantity and not quality, and by this another great fault is committed. It is this: When a youth begins to collect stamps he generally begins at the top of his house and goes all the way down to the cellar searching for old letters. He very often finds some, and perhaps some very rare stamps on them; not knowing the value of these, he shows them to somebody who does, and who (if he does not possess them already) immediately sets to work to try to get them by offering about 100 varieties of foreign stamps for the lot.

To a beginner 100 varieties is a large number, and he says to himself "What? 100 different foreign stamps for a few 'old' United States? Why certainly I will swap, I can get a plenty more like these." There is where he commits the fault, although unintentionally; he may never see another like those which he has just given away; he does not realize what he has done until it is too late, then he wishes he had not been so anxious to get rid of his "old" United States stamps.

All collectors like to buy as many stamps as they are able for as little money as possible and consequently they get "taken in" with counterfeits, as they are cheaper than genuine stamps but young and inexperienced collector cannot tell the difference, and most of them would rather invest twenty-five cents in stamps than in a standard catalogue, by which they would be able to find out some idea of the value of the stamps which they buy, and when they see a stamp catalogued at \$1.00 and somebody offers it for five cents then they might know that it is a counterfeit. The only other way to remedy this fault is for them to buy their stamps from respectable dealer and although they may have to pay a few cents more they will be sure of getting genuine stamps only.

Another fault is that young collectors (and some old ones too) are not observant enough. A stamp collector should be always wide-awake, so that he will observe everything, whether the stamp is perforated or imperforated, used or unused, gummed or ungummed and should notice every detail in watermark, color and size of perforation, these features are useful in distinguishing the date of issue, and very often make a big difference in price. The way to avoid many of these faults is to subscribe to stamp papers, and if possible join some Philatelic Society. A great many Societies refuse to admit any collectors under eighteen years of age, a fact which shows lack of sense of the managers. But now since the American Philatelic Association has been firmly built and admits collectors of any age, there is no excuse for collectors of any age placing stamps in the wrong places, buying counterfeits, &c.

The history of the Postage Stamps of the United States, by J. K. Tiffan is the finest work ever written on U. S. Stamps. It should be in the hands of every Philatelist. The price is \$2.00. It can be bought from the publisher of this paper.

## THE SOUTHERN MAIL.

### FUMIGATING FLORIDA MAILS.

B. M. TURNER, of the railway mail service, tells the Jacksonville *Times-Union* of the method of fumigating Tampa mails. He says:

To begin with, the mails from Tampa are brought out by our bob-tail train, which runs to the quarantine station with the mails in charge of the clerk from that postoffice. He opens the pouches and spreads the mail out on the shelves in the fumigating room, so as to get, in the most effectual manner, the full benefits of the sulphur fumes. The box in which the mails are placed is about 10 by 12 feet, and is made practically airtight. The roof is about seven feet in height. Along each side of this box is arranged three shelves of wire net work, with wide meshes; on the first of these, from the floor, is placed the paper mail, spread out so as to give the greatest surface area; the second is used for the letters, while the upper one is utilized for receiving the bags and pouches. Situated in the centre of this fumigating room is a large iron kettle, which holds about twenty-five gallons. The clerk when he comes out with the mail, which is early in the morning, opens all the pouches and spreads the mail out on the shelves. He then fills the kettle with live coals from pine wood and covers the top with sulphur, which is taken from a barrel just inside the door. After making these preparations he goes back to Tampa on the returning train. The attendants keep the fire renewed and the supply of sulphur replenished for twelve hours, which the Department thinks entirely removes all danger of infection.

"How do you manage about registered matter, which goes through in locked pouches?" asked the scribe.

"I have just received a telegram from Mr. T. E. Nash, general superintendent," said Mr. Turner, "which will obviate all trouble from this matter. He has instructed the postmaster at Tampa to send all registered letters in unlocked

pouches to the fumigating station, where they will be given exactly the same treatment, including the bags, as other mail receives. When they have received the full force of the sulphur fumes for twelve hours they are then locked in the through registered pouches and go as they do in ordinary times."

"Mr. Turner," said the reporter, "there has been some alarm felt about letting the postal clerks come into Jacksonville, owing to their coming in contact with the clerk running out from Tampa. Do you think there is any danger of their contracting the disease?"

"I am perfectly satisfied that there is not the slightest danger," said Mr. Turner. "Let me explain the manner of transferring the mails and you will, I think, coincide with my views. The postal clerk who leaves Jacksonville at 11.30 o'clock each day runs with the mail to Seffner, which is as far as that train goes. The bob-tail train from Tampa comes to that place to meet the fast mail train, and at this place the mails are transferred. The clerk from Jacksonville throws the mail from the door of his car to the door of the other mail car, standing on an adjoining track. The only point of contamination, if it might be given that name, is where the clerk from this place gives to the other clerk the registered letters with a book containing records of them. The one from Tampa simply writes his name across the book, which is then tossed back. The clerk from here then returns to Lakeland, where he spends the night and the next day, going down on the train the next evening to the fumigating station, where he gathers up the mail, puts it in the pouches, and is ready to take the train that night for Jacksonville."

Mr. Turner showed that in bringing the mails from Tampa the clerk leaves that place in the early morning with the outgoing mail. He goes to the fumigating station where the mail is arranged in the manner named, and it is only after being subjected to the strong fumes of sulphur for twelve hours that any one else handles it.

These precautions preclude the remotest possibility of any of the germs of the disease being carried through the agency of the mails, clerks or paraphernalia to outside places.

### American Philatelic Association.

THE A. P. A. now has between three and four hundred members.

If you are not a member send your application to S. B. Bradt, Secretary, Grand Crossing, Ill. The dues of voting members are \$2.00 per year and of non-voting, (under 17 years) only \$1.00. The benefits of membership are very great.

Write for a sample copy of the *American Philatelist*, which is sent free to members.

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A BRANCH of the A. P. A. will be established in Charleston very soon. It must not be confounded with the Charleston Philatelic Society.

### Philatelic Society of America.

THIS is a new venture in its line and it is to be hoped that it will be a success. One of the aims for which it has been started is to enable collectors to get stamps at wholesale prices and also to exchange their duplicates readily and it should certainly fill a long felt want. Another great advantage which it will have over other Societies is that one member has the same rights as another, which is the key-note of our success. While you have the chance of becoming a charter member you should join. The dues will be 75 cents or \$1.00. The election is expected to take place this month. All applications should be addressed to E. W. VOUTE,

307 Webster Ave. Chicago, Ill.

### Canadian Philatelic Association.

THE C. P. A. has now nearly 75 members. The election of officers will soon take place so those who intend to join, should send their applications to the Secretary at once and have a hand in the management.

Address: JOHN R. HOOPER,  
124 Slater St. Ottawa, Canada.

THERE is a tight pull between the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* and the *Niagara Falls Philatelist* for the office of Official Organ. We are in favor of the N. F. P. as we think that the Official Organ should be a Journal devoted exclusively to Philately and not to Philately and Numismatics.

IF you think this paper is worth it, send 10 cents for one year's subscription. If you do not, we will give you a subscription—(for 10 cents).

BROTHER MEKEEL has been doing a big thing. He has offered to send the *Philatelic Journal of America* for 16 months at the regular yearly rate. Everybody should have taken advantage of this offer.

BROTHER VOUTE, of the *Stamp Collector's Figaro* will get out a big Christmas number containing nearly fifty pages.

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THE circulation of this paper is guaranteed to be 1,200 copies. Advertisers will find it a good paying medium. Give us a trial.

Two copies of this paper have been mailed to the publisher of every Philatelic Magazine known to us. Each one is requested to send two copies in return every month.

WE will insert a one page advertisement for the small amount of \$3.50 for one insertion.

VERY recently a collector of this city received a letter from a party in New York which had been sent to Charleston, California, instead of South Carolina. About two days after, he received a letter from the party who sent it asking him why he had not made returns. The whole trip only took about two weeks.

## TO OUR READERS.

THE CHARLESTON PHILATELIST was first issued about November 1st, 1887, without any previous advertising or trumpeting. About 800 sample copies were mailed to collectors, and, we are happy to say, a great many favored us with subscriptions. On page 3 the following promise was made: "Our next issue will contain **8 pages** and **probably** a cover." Also, "The circulation of this paper is guaranteed to be 1000 copies per issue." True to our promise we have **8 pages** and have mailed **1,200** copies instead of 1,000. The cover will be added shortly. We have mailed a great many sample copies of this issue, and respectfully but earnestly request everybody who receives one to send **10 cents** for one year's subscription.

WE have received the following: the publishers will please accept our thanks: *Philatelic Journal of America, Western Philatelist, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Curiosity World, The Collector, Buckeye State Collector, Mohawk Standard, Niagara Falls Philatelist, Philatelic Gazette, Plain Talk, Philatelic Fortnightly, American Philatelist, Philatelic Herald, Witch City Philatelist, Youth's Ledger, Stamp Collectors' Figaro.*

ON the 14th of December, we received a letter from Montreal, Can., bearing a two cents U. S. Stamp. On removing the stamp we found that a Canadian Stamp was there originally, but had been removed. As this is not the first time such a thing has happened, we promptly reported the facts to the Postmaster, who promised to do all in his power to have it stopped.

### The Charleston Philatelic Society.

This Society has now fifteen members and a bright prospect of getting at least five more before January 1st. At a meeting held on December 9th, the following resolutions were adopted:

*Whereas*, It is reported that certain stamp dealers and others have petitioned the United States Post Office Department to reprint some of its obsolete postal issues, and

*Whereas*, Such reprinting and reproducing (being ostensibly for the aid of collectors) are entirely uncalled for by any Philatelic Student worthy of the name, but can only result mischievously and to the detriment of those engaged in preserving original specimens of rare and obsolete stamps and envelopes, and

*Whereas*, Such reprinting would lower the United States to the level of such governments as Antioquia, Baden, Bergedorf, Roman States, etc., whose officials have adopted this means of increasing their revenues, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That The Charleston Philatelic Society strongly protests against all reprinting by the United States Post Office Department, as tending to throw discredit on collections already formed, and as destroying the interest and pleasure which all true collectors feel in gathering the postage stamps of the different governments; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the *News and Courier*, *American Philatelist*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Western Philatelist*, and *Stamp Collectors' Figaro*, and that a

marked copy of the official organ of this Society be sent to the Third Assistant Postmaster General.

The prize drawing, which was to have taken place on the 30th of December, has been postponed to January 13th, at 8 o'clock P. M. The election of officers for the ensuing year will also take place. All members are requested to attend. This paper is sent free to members.

All communications relating to this Society should be sent to

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65 Vanderhorst St., Charleston, S. C.



### NOTES.

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Recently, as one of the letter carriers was opening the box at the corner of King and Beaufain Streets, a canary bird flew out. How the bird got there is still a mystery.

Mr. Wm. P. Brown, of New York, has issued the seventh edition of his priced catalogue. It contains 32 pages closely printed.

The other day a small boy was heard to remark that he used to keep stamps once, and had one stamp from every *City* except *Africa*.

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“ Postal Card 1c.....	03
Shanghai, 20c. Green.....	04

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Since the last edition was issued, the following stamps have been found

2 cents, Brown.

10 cents, Green.

The 2 cent is like the 5 cent blue; but in the 10 cent, the numerals are smaller, and between the I and O is a palmetto tree.

There is also a 10 cent envelope; having the same shape as the 5 cent but with the palmetto tree between the numerals. It is on buff paper.

The writer has also seen a buff envelope having on it two impressions of the 5 cent blue, envelope stamp.

Thus making two different 10 cent envelopes.

The Charleston Locals are all very rare, the commonest being worth about \$6.00

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Because the more you lick it, the more it sticks.

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## Stamps on Colored Paper.

The following is a complete list

of all stamp issuing countries, who use or have used colored paper for stamps.

- United States. (envs)
- Corrientes.
- Baden.
- Belgium.
- Bergedorf.
- Bremen.
- Bulgaria.
- Chili.
- Cuba.
- France.
- French Colonies.
- Germany.
- Great Britain.
- Hanover Honduras.
- Mauritus.
- Mexico.
- Modena.
- Roman States.
- Saxony.
- Spain.
- United States of Colombia.
- Victoria.
- Wurtemberg.

## Notes.

The 2 cent rate for postage in the U. S. came into effect on the 1st of October, 1883.

The law against counterfeiting postage stamps of any country was passed in the United States, in 1872, and in Great Britain in 1884.

Mr. L. W. Durbin's death is one of the saddest on record. In him, we lose one of the supports of Philately.

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## Stamps on Colored Paper.

The following is a complete list

of all stamp issuing countries, who use or have used colored paper for stamps.

United States. (envs)  
 Corrientes.  
 Baden.  
 Belgium.  
 Bergedorf.  
 Bremen.  
 Bulgaria.  
 Chili.  
 Cuba.  
 France.  
 French Colonies.  
 Germany.  
 Great Britain.  
 Hanover Honduras.  
 Mauritius.  
 Mexico.  
 Modena.  
 Roman States.  
 Saxony.  
 Spain.  
 United States of Colombia.  
 Victoria.  
 Wurttemberg.

## Notes.

The 2 cent rate for postage in the U. S. came into effect on the 1st of October, 1883.

The law against counterfeiting postage stamps of any country was passed in the United States, in 1872, and in Great Britain in 1884.

Mr. L. W. Durbin's death is one of the saddest on record. In him, we lose one of the supports of Philately.

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1 cent.	to light blue.
2 " "	Green.
4 " "	Caromine.
5 " "	Dark blue.
30 " "	Brown.
90 " "	Purple.

The design is the same, except the One cent.

We have also seen the new 2 cent envelope stamp. It is longer and not as broad as the old one. The inscription "United States Postage" extends about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  around the stamp and the numeral "2" is on a shield at the bottom, with "Two" on the left, and "Cents" on the right of it. It is much more attractive stamp than the old one.

The Quaker City Philatelic Society is the only American Society which has passed resolutions unfavorable to Mr. James Chalmers, as the inventor of the Adhesive Postage Stamp.

The Chicago Philatelic Society proposes Mr. H. B. Seagrave for Treasurer of the A. P. A., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Durbin.

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### The Charleston Philatelic Society.

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Was organized on Jan. 21st. '87, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, J. H. Mensing Jr.

Secretary, G. J. Luhn Jr.

Treasurer J. H. Klinck.

The only change made was that on May 30th, the office of Secy. & Treas. were combined and the Treas. was elected Vice-President and Librarian.

This society was among the first to endorse the claims of Mr. P. Chalmers.

The Library is getting into fine shape; having the History of the

U. S. stamps, Patrick Chalmers' pamphlets, all standard catalogues and receives copies of nearly every stamp paper published.

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**Frauds.**

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sending approval sheets to the following parties, I have sent sheets to them, and failed to receive any answer.

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James G. Martin, Bridgeton, N. J.

Fred North, Luther, Mich.

Geo. Walkworth, Jr. Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Ed. Montjoy, Wilder, Kan.

The last three names are believed to be fictitious: as the letters requesting them to return the stamps were returned "uncalled for."

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"That having had under consideration the pamphlet lately published on the subject of the Adhesive Stamp, the Council are of opinion that it has been conclusively shown that the late James Chalmers, bookseller, Dundee, was the originator of this indispensable feature in the success of the reformed Penny Postage scheme, and that such be entered upon the minutes."

"In the course of his career Mr. Chalmers served in many positions of importance in the Town Council of Dundee, and in the public institutions of the town. Early in life he married Barbara Dickson, eldest

daughter of Bailie Dickson, Montrose. He died in August, 1853, aged 71 years, and lies buried in the Howff."

Extract from the letter of James Chalmers handing his plan of the Adhesive Postage Stamp to the Mercantile Committee of the City of London, and now in the South Kensington Museum Library, bequeathed by the late Sir Henry Cole:

"4 CASTLE STREET, DUNDEE,  
"8th February, 1838.

"I conceive that the most simple and economical mode of carrying out such an arrangement (that of prepayment of letters) would be by slips (postage stamps) prepared somewhat similar to the specimen herewith shown.

"With this view, and in the hope that Mr. Hill's plan may soon be carried into operation, I would suggest that sheets of stamped slips should be prepared at the Stamp Office, on a paper made expressly for the purpose with a device on each for a die or cut resembling that on newspapers; that the sheets so printed or stamped should then be rubbed over with a strong solution of gum or other adhesive substance, and, when thoroughly dry, issued by the Stamp Office to town and country distributors, to stationers and others, for sale in sheets and singly. \* \* \* Merchants and others, whose correspondence is extensive, could purchase these slips in quantities, cut them singly and affix one to a letter by means of wetting the back of the slip with a sponge or brush. \* \* \*

"Others requiring only one or two slips at a time could purchase them along with sheets of paper at stationers' shops, the *weight* only regulating the rate of postage in all cases, so as a stamp may be affixed according to the scale determined on.

"Again, to prevent the possibility of these being used a *second* time, it should be made imperative on post

"masters to put the Postoffice town stamp (as represented in one of the specimens) across the slip or postage stamp."

This statement is accompanied by several specimens of a suggested stamp about an inch square. A space divides each stamp for cutting off singly. One of the specimens is stamped across with the quasi-postmark "Dundee, 10th February, 1838," to exemplify what Mr. Chalmers states should be done to prevent the stamp being used a second time.

Brought forward in the House of Commons the 5th July, 1839. After plans had been called for from the public and nothing better found, adopted by Treasury Minute of date 26th December, 1839.

Mr. Chalmers lodged his claim as originator of this plan, but in a letter of date 18th January, 1840, Mr. Rowland Hill, then in despotic power at the Treasury, put Chalmers aside on a mere pretence, and himself assumed the merit.

PATRICK CHALMERS.

*Wimbledon, February, 1838.*

### U. S. Stamps of 1869.

Much wonder has been expressed among collectors as to why the stamps of 1869 were not in use longer. They certainly were the prettiest stamps ever issued by any Government. Some papers objected because they were too small, others because the gum was bad, and others because they had a very un-American look. The comic papers exhibited caricatures in which the people were looking for their stamps in their pocket-books with powerful microscopes. One paper says: "The greater part of the stamps sold at the Postoffice in this city are worthless, and have not sufficient gum to make them stick to letters. One

can be amused or become indignant, in watching people who buy stamps, demanding a little mucilage from the clerk, in order to fasten the stamp on their envelopes. It appears that the invention of embossing which is continued in this emission, while it spoils the stamps, does not increase their adhesive properties as was pretended." Other papers kicked in the same way. Why better gum could not be used, without changing the stamp is a problem we would like to have solved. One paper goes so far as to call the 3 cent stamp a "miserable, confused looking thing, with its wretched printing, that the Postoffice has given us for the present three cent stamp." We certainly do not agree with this paper. In our humble opinion, the whole set was a work of art and a triumph of the engraver's skill, and the man who wrote the above was either a fool or had no sense of the beautiful. It is very probable that some papers "kicked" because others did, or because they wanted something to fill up empty columns with, as some papers are doing now in the case of the 2 cent green.

### Stamp Duty.

Recently we received the following letter from Mr. E. F. Gambs, of San Francisco, Cal.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10th, 1888.

MR. EDITOR—DEAR SIR: I have a question to place before your readers, that I consider of great importance for all philatelists' consideration, and that is: "Ought stamps imported from foreign countries to be dutiable?"

I suppose that most of your subscribers are aware that a Baltimore dealer has had his foreign mail held, and I believe, made to pay duty;

and that of late, things philatelically speaking, are also assuming a complicated state of affairs in San Francisco.

The fact is, we (both dealers and collectors) are in an embarrassing situation, having considerable trouble with the U. S. Customhouse officials in securing our foreign mail, upon which they are demanding duty. The law stating that stamps are dutiable, I believe is an old one, but it seems has never been generally enforced. In 1876, when in business at St. Louis, I had all my bulky mail matter from foreign countries seized by the St. Louis authorities, and for a long time I was obliged to pay 25% duty *ad valorem*.

Through strenuous efforts on the part of my esteemed friend, Mr. John K. Tiffany, and myself, we finally succeeded, after considerable delay and trouble, in securing our foreign mail matter without further difficulty.

One great objection I found at the time was, that Eastern dealers were not obliged to pay any duties, as the law was not generally enforced by their P. O. officials. Had I therefore been obliged to continue paying duty much longer, I would never have been able to compete with my rivals.

Now I am convinced that there is a law to the effect that all used and unused stamps imported from foreign countries are subject to 25% duty at the present time; but why is this law not made general and only partially put in execution?

Where it is *not* enforced I have observed dealers prefer to remain quiet, as they probably think it better for their own interest to do so, fearful that in expressing their views they might possibly call the attention of the P. O. officials to a law that really exists, but which they are negligent of; and, on the other hand, where it is a strict law, one can not blame a person who is having Customhouse difficulties, in pro-

testing against something, that to every intelligent dealer, must prove to be as preposterous as it is unjust. Why should we be made to pay a tax of 25% duty on foreign stamps, which have only a fictitious value, when foreign coins which have an immediate marketable value are *free of duty*; when it is almost an impossibility to get any Fire Insurance on a stock of stamps, owing to the difficulty of adjusting; and lastly, when the new ruling mentions that stamps are *dutiable as printed matter*, (such a decision having been established in July last) and, at the same time, the Government reject the identical stamps admittance in the mails as *printed matter*?

Does not this add one more to the list of postal absurdities?

Yours respectfully, E. F. GAMBS.

Our answer to Mr. Gambs' question, is that they ought not, and our reason is because it is unjust. We learn with surprise that foreign coins are *not* dutiable. Why stamps, which only represent the *printed* value, should be dutiable, and coins, which represent the *actual* value of the metal, are not, is more than we are able to understand. Foreign bank notes are imported free of duty, and there is not a particle of difference between unused stamps and bank-notes. In the case of *used* stamps, the bank-notes are the more dutiable. The following is a very good plan to get around the difficulty: Tell the Postoffice officials that you will get somebody else to import your stamps, but do not tell them who it is. The consequence will be that they will be compelled to seize everybody's mail. When the business men see that their mail is being searched, there will be a great deal of "kicking" done and the law will have to be repealed. Try this, we do not charge anything for the suggestion.

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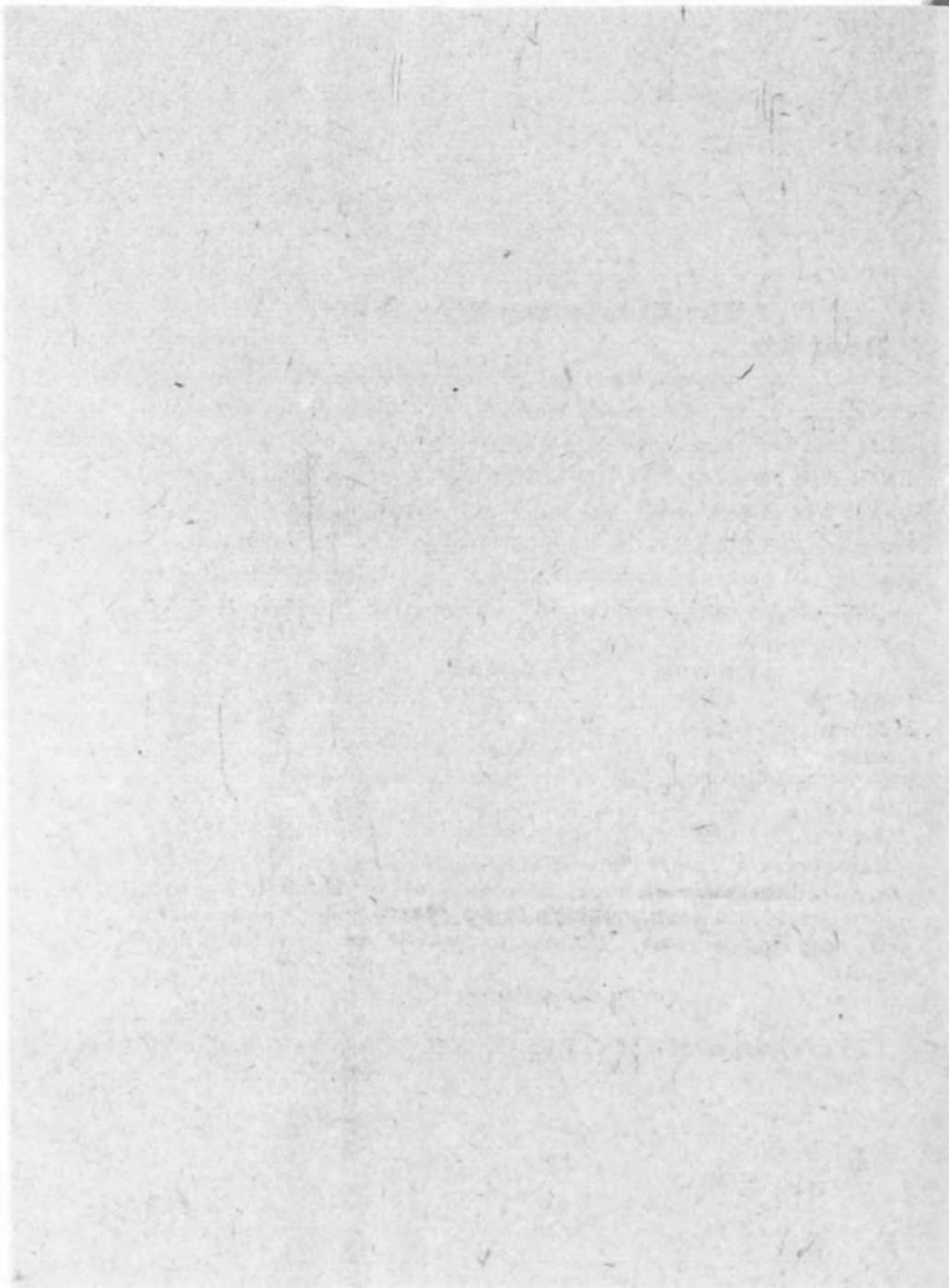
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This paper is the *Charleston* and not *Charlestown* PHILATELIST, as some people seem to think.

The Stamp Collector's *Figaro* has just completed its first volume. Accept our congratulations, Brother Voûte.

We advise every one of our readers to steer clear of the Mocking Bird Pub. Co. We were advised once and now wish we had taken the advice. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

If the United States Government wishes to make itself popular with stamp collectors, let it issue a jubilee set of stamps in 1892, at the anniversary of the discovery of America.

It makes us smile to think that certain papers have just found out that they do not like the green color of the 2-cent stamp. They have been using a green stamp for nearly eighteen years, since 1870, and yet they have just discovered that they do not like it.

A very comical incident occurred at the Richmond Postoffice in February. The official who closes the safe locked a cat up in it. The next morning when the safe was opened a fine brood of kittens and about \$300

worth of destroyed stamps were found. This is the latest plan for decreasing the surplus.

**Hints for Collectors.**

If collectors would follow these rules, it would save dealers much trouble and annoyance:

Always send return postage for orders under 25 cents.

For orders of over \$3 it is best to have the letter registered.

Always send your full name and address every time you send an order.

Always return approval sheets within the given time.

Always pay cash for stamps; if you have not the cash, wait until you get it; stamps never spoil by age.

It is always best to send a supplementary order of at least 50%, when ordering stamps.

All amounts over 50 cents may be sent by postal note at dealer's expense, under 50 cents in unused stamps of lowest denominations.

Never buy a stamp from a person who once sold you a counterfeit. Counterfeits are a disgrace to any album, and also to its owner.

**Constitution of the Charleston Philatelic Society.****ARTICLE I.****TITLE.**

This Association shall be known by the name and style of the CHARLESTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

**ARTICLE II.****OBJECTS.**

This Society is formed for the purpose of encouraging and promoting:

*First.*—The collection and preservation of stamps employed for postal or fiscal purposes, whether issued by National or State Governments, corporations or individuals.

*Second.*—The study of such characteristics of design, paper, engraving, printing and other details of such stamps, the procuring of such information relating thereto, and to the history and purposes of their use as shall serve to establish their true character, to distinguish the genuine from the false and determine the proper classification and arrangement.

*Third.*—The exchange of duplicates between members under such regulations as may be provided by By-Laws.

*Fourth.*—The under taking of any such matters as may contribute to the attainment of the above objects.

### ARTICLE III.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Society shall be composed of three classes of members:

1. Active members.
2. Corresponding members.
3. Honorary members.

The first class shall constitute the governing body of the Society, from which all officers and committees must be chosen. No qualifications are required of members of this class, except an election by the Society and the observance of the rules thereof.

The second class shall comprise those who desire to ally themselves with the Society and aid in promoting its objects by contributions or information, and enjoy the privileges of membership, but by reason of residence abroad or distance from the place of meeting, cannot attend to the duties of active members.

The third class shall comprise those who the Society may desire to recognize as having rendered exceptional service to the cause of Philately by conferring upon them the distinctive title of honorary members.

SEC. 2. Proposals for membership in either of these classes must be made in writing by an active member of the Society, at a regular or called meeting, and shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall report thereon the next regular meeting, and the Society shall proceed at once to ballot thereon. The ballots of three-quarters of the members present shall be requisite to elect, and no candidate shall be balloted for upon whom the Executive Committee may have made an adverse report. The member mak-

ing the nomination may, however, withdraw the candidate at any time prior to the casting of the ballot, but no rejected candidate can again be proposed until after the expiration of one year.

SEC. 3. Any member whose connection with the Society shall be deemed by the Executive Committee injurious to the interest of the Society, may be excluded or otherwise dealt with as the Society may resolve, but no action shall be had upon any such case, unless a full month's notice shall have been given to such member by the Executive Committee that they propose to submit the matter for action, stating the character of the charge and the time when action is proposed to be had. No member expelled by the Society shall be readmitted, except by a unanimous vote, notice having been given of the proposed action at the preceding regular meeting.

SEC. 4. Any member in good standing who may desire, may withdraw at any time by giving written notice to the Secretary.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary and Treasurer, who, with two other members, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. The terms of all officers shall be for one year from the date of the annual election, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the society and on all committees.

SEC. 4. The Vice-President will assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence conduct the meetings of the Society. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President a temporary Chairman shall be appointed.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all transactions and proceedings of the Society. He shall conduct all its correspondence. All letters received by him in his official capacity shall be filed among the archives of the Society. He shall give due notice of meetings to all members. As Treasurer he shall receive and disburse all moneys; provided that no moneys shall be expended by him, except by resolution therefor, duly adopted by the Society. He shall keep a strict account, in writing, of all moneys which he may so receive and disburse, and his books of accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the Society or any of its members.

SEC. 6. The Executive Committee shall act as a Standing Committee for the transaction of any business that does not require the action of the whole Society; or which may be duly referred to it by the Society. It shall inquire into the merits of all persons proposed for membership and report thereon. It may at any time submit any matter for the consideration of the Society, taking precedence of all other business. Three members of this Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 7. The Secretary and Treasurer shall turn over at the termination of his office all letters, moneys, documents or other papers belonging to the Society to his successor.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The annual election for officers shall take place at the last meeting in December. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any of the offices, the same shall be filled at the next regular meeting.

SEC. 2. The election of officers shall be by ballot, a majority of a whole number of votes cast being necessary for a choice.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the second and fourth Friday of each month, from October to June, and on the second Saturday of the remaining months, at such time and place as may be designated by By-Laws.

Special meetings shall be called by the President, at the written request of three members, due notice of which must be given by the Secretary.

SEC. 2. Four active members shall constitute a quorum to transact all the necessary business of the Society.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### SUBSCRIPTIONS.

SECTION 1. The annual subscription for active and corresponding members shall be \$1.00 per year, payable in advance at the first meeting in January, and no assessments shall be made at any time, except by the consent in writing of two-thirds of all members of the class to be effected. Any member who joins after January 1st, shall pay proportionally.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

From time to time, as occasion shall require, By-Laws may be passed for the management and direction of the affairs of the Society and the good government thereof.

#### ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be altered, modified or amended, except at a regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and no action shall be taken or valid unless the amendment proposed, or the substitute or amendment thereof shall have been submitted to the Society, in writing at least one month previous to such meeting, but adjournment may be had to any time, and such proposed amendment made the special order of business.

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PROMINENT PHILATELISTS. I.



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MR. ISADORE B. COHEN, the subject of our sketch, was born in Charleston on the 27th of January, 1867, and is therefore a little over 21 years old. He became interested in stamps about 1875, and 7 years later, being desirous of making a name for himself, went into the business. Until the year 1885 he made a speciality of rare foreign stamps, but at that time sold out his stock and gave all his attention to Confederates. In 1887 he again took up foreign stamps, but put them in charge of his younger brother, Mr. I. S. Cohen, while he managed the Confederates.

One never tires looking over Mr. Cohen's stock. Among the rarities it contains may be mentioned the following:—Kingman's "City Post," used on original envelopes; several

Honour's "City Post," used on envelopes; Beckman's City Post; Charleston stamped envelopes (1861) on three (3) colors of paper, used and unused; Columbia stamped envelopes on three (3) colors of paper, used and unused; scores of New Orleans Locals, singly, in pairs, and in triplets, all used on original envelopes; Mobile Locals, used on the original envelopes; Petersburg Locals on original envelopes; Charleston adhesives, used, unused, and on original envelopes. In fact, nearly every local stamp that has ever been heard of is found in this valuable collection. Besides these, there are many of the general issues, used, unused, on original envelopes, in pairs and entire sheets.

Mr. Cohen advertises constantly in the local papers, and is prepared

to furnish everything in the way of Confederate stamps. He has quite an extensive business, stretching over the whole of this country and Europe. He is a charter member of the Charleston Philatelic Society.

Last year, having occasion to travel in the West, he spent two days in St. Louis, and while there, Mr. C. H. Mekeel so clearly explained the advantages of becoming a member of the A. P. A., that in less than one month after his return, Mr. Cohen had persuaded the number requisite to forming a branch, to send in their applications for membership.

Mr. Cohen is employed in the dry goods house of Louis Cohen & Co., where he has been ever since he left school.

### Confederate Postal Rates.

We clip the following from the Charleston Mercury, March 4th, 1861:

#### RATES OF POSTAGE IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

[From the Montgomery Advertiser.]

For the convenience of our readers and the public generally, we have prepared the following simplified statement of the rates of postage under the Act of the Congress of the Confederate States of America, adopted on the 21st February, 1861. It must be borne in mind that the Act is to go into effect "from and after such period as the Postmaster-General may, by proclamation, announce."

#### RATES OF POSTAGE

*between places within the Confederate States of America.*

#### ON LETTERS.

Single letters not exceeding a half ounce in weight.

For any distance *under* 500 miles, 5 cents;

For any distance *over* 500 miles, 10 cents;

An additional single rate for each additional half ounce or less.

Drop letters 2 cents each.

In the foregoing cases the postage to be prepaid by stamps or stamped envelopes.

Advertised letters 2 cents each.

#### ON PACKAGES

Containing other than printed or written matter—money packages are included in this class:

To be rated by weight as letters are rated, and to be charged *double* the rates of postage on letters, to wit:

For any distance *under* 500 miles, 10 cents for each half ounce or less.

In all cases to be prepaid by stamps or stamped envelopes.

#### ON NEWSPAPERS

Sent to regular and *bona fide* subscribers from the office of publication, and not exceeding three ounces in weight:

*Within the State where published.*

Weekly paper 6½ cents per quarter;

*Semi* weekly paper 13 cents per quarter;

*Tri*-weekly paper, 19½ cents per quarter;

Daily paper, 39 cents per quarter;

In all cases, the postage to be paid *quarterly in advance*, at the office of the subscribers.

*Without the State where published.*

Weekly paper, 13 cents per quarter;

*Semi* weekly paper, 26 cents per quarter;

*Tri*-weekly paper, 39 cents per quarter;

Daily paper, 78 cents per quarter;

In all cases, the postage to be paid *quarterly in advance*, at the office of the subscribers.

#### ON PERIODICALS

Sent to regular and *bona fide* subscribers from the office of publication and not exceeding 1½ ounces in weight;

*Within the State where published.*

Monthly, 3 cents per quarter, or 1 cent for each number.

*Semi*-monthly, 6 cents per quarter, or 1 cent for each number.

An additional cent each number for every additional ounce or less beyond the first 1½ ounces.

Bi-Monthly or Quarterly, 1 cent an ounce.

In all cases, the postage to be paid *quarterly in advance* at the offices of subscribers.

*Without the State where published.*

Not exceeding 1½ ounces in weight Monthly 6 cents per quarter or 2 cents for each number.

Semi-Monthly 12 cents per quarter, or 2 cents for each number.

Two cents additional for every additional ounce or less beyond the first 1½ ounces.

Bi-Monthly or Quarterly, 2 cents an ounce.

In all cases, the postage to be paid *quarterly in advance* at the offices of the subscribers.

ON TRANSIENT PRINTED MATTER.

Every other newspaper, pamphlet, periodical and magazine, each circular not sealed, hand bill and engraving not exceeding 3 ounces in weight, 2 cents for any distance; 2 cents additional for each additional ounce or less beyond the first three ounces.

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His Chief Clerk.

Auditor of the Treasury for the Postoffice Department.

Deputy Postmasters.

To whom it may concern.

As I did not have the co-operation of all parties, I was unable to carry out my plan. With permission of the owners, I will retain the photographs sent me.

Charleston's City Post.\*

So little has been written about these interesting stamps, that we are lead to believe that no one knows much about them. We are indebted to Mr. J. C. Beckman for the following information:

The Penny Post System was established in Charleston, S. C., in the early days of 1850, by Messrs. J. H. Honour, Jr. M. D. and E. J. Kingman. Dr. Honour had charge of all the territory East of King street and Mr. Kingman, that West of the same. The stamps used were very small (15x12 mms.) type-set stamps of the value of 2 cents, printed on lilac paper as follows:

HONOUR'S CITY POST, 2 Cents.	KINGSMAN, City Post Paid—2 cts.
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In 1851 Mr. Kingman retired and Messrs. J. G. Martin and J. F. Steinmeyer were appointed, who had their stamps worded as follows:

MARTIN'S City Post. Paid—2 cts.	Steinmeyer's City Post. Paid—2 cts.
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In this same year Dr. Honour had his stamps changed to read:

Paid,  
HONOUR'S  
CITY POST  
2 Cents

The city was now divided into three districts.

In 1856, Dr. Honour again had the wording on his stamps changed. This time to:

HONOUR'S  
Penny Post.  
PAID.

He also changed the size to 18x13 mms

In 1859 he had the wording changed to

HONOUR'S  
CITY POST.  
PAID.

and the size to 17x13 mms.

Dr. Honour retired in 1860, to take a position in the Bank of the State. He was succeeded by Mr. John C. Beckman whose stamps were as follows

CITY  
2  
POST.

In 1861 Mr. Martin retired to take the place of Route Agent on the S. C.

R. R., and the business was continued by Messrs. Beckman and Steinmeyer until the close of the war, 1865.

Mr. Beckman issued 500 stamps which were 17x18 mms.

Mr. Sterling says in the 6th edition of his catalogue that Mr Beckman had charge of the entire city. This is not so. Mr. Beckman himself says that one of the principal reasons for his discontinuing his post was because some merchants were accustomed to put his stamps on letters to be delivered in the Western part of the city, and as he was obliged to pay Mr. Steinmeyer 2 cents each, for delivering them, he made nothing.

G. J. LUHN.

\* We had intended to illustrate the different stamps but the cuts did not arrive in time.

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### A New Local.

We notice in the Stamp Collector's Figaro, a cut of a new local stamp issued by Mr. E. W. Vonte for use between his house and the grocery store, two squares away. Not to allow our friend to get ahead of us, we have decided to have a local post of our own. It will run from our office table to the waste basket, and will be used exclusively for sending such stamps as Jays, or Richwood's to the aforesaid place. We shall reprint the Charleston locals on about twenty-five different colors of paper, in red ink and besides have about fifty sur-charges, and the same number of errors. Of course we shall have a large number for sale.

Some of the members of the A. P. A., marking their stamps sent out in the Ex-sheets, place the prices way up almost beyond catalogue prices many times, and are consequently disappointed when their sheets are returned to them, to find so few taken. Experience is a good teacher, and such things will not occur many times after they once "catch on" to it.

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### The Stamp Collector's Figaro.

Since our last number was issued, we have received 2 numbers of Vol. 2 of the Figaro. No. 1 came out in an entirely new dress, and with the Chronicle fully illustrated. No. 2 came to us in the same form, but with a company to back it. The following are the officers:

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L. H. DRURY, *Treasurer.*

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## Editorial.

For the fourth time we make our bow before the philatelic public, and we are happy to say, we have completed our first volume. We started this paper last October with only four pages, and even those were not on good paper. No. 2 was issued on January 1st., with eight pages, and we are conceited enough to say that, no neater paper was ever issued. No 3 had also an improvement, in the way of a cover. We have never made a promise which we did not keep, and we have done many things which we did not promise. Volume 2 No. 1 will be issued October 1st., We shall continue to publish the portrait of some "prominent Philatelist" in each issue. Our subscription price has remained the same, notwithstanding our many

improvements, and our subscription list has been steadily increasing. We send out an unusually large number of sample copies of this issue, and we hope to receive ten (10) cents from every person who receives one, who is not already a subscriber.

We would like to receive two copies from each of our exchanges.

It will repay you to look carefully over our auction catalogue on third page of cover.

In June 1867, there were only 160 Post Offices in South Carolina. Now there are over 1000.

A cross opposite this notice means that your subscription has expired. A prompt renewal is requested.

We can vouch for the correctness of the article headed, "Charleston's City Post." It was revised by Mr. Beckman himself.

When you have finished reading this paper through, send ten (10) cents for a years subscription. You can surely afford it.

Our contract rates for advertising are much lower than those published on page 5. We advise all dealers to send for them. Our terms are very easy.

We regret to announce the suspension of the following publications:

Buckeye State Collector;  
Witch City Philatelist;  
Western Philatelist;

We intend to publish the portrait of some prominent Philatelist in each succeeding issue, and as our subscription price is only ten (10) cents, they will cost you the small sum of two and a-half (2½) cents each.

We learn from Valcin in "The Stamp" that the "Kalmariac Chronicle," which were published in the Quaker City Philatelist some time ago, were meant to ridicule the Chalmer's invention of the adhesive postage stamp. We certainly are pleased to know they mean *something*.

We have a few back numbers of this paper which we will sell at, the following prices:

No. 1—.05

No. 2—.20

No. 3—.10

We have a few of No. 2, so you had better order early.

It is rather queer what stubborn people we have in the world, for instance; those (cranks) that are continually bunting against the envelope deal. Why not consider the thing fairly, and then see if you have any right to kick about it. If some Collectors can't (or won't) pay the amount asked, by the persons holding them, then let them hold their tongue, and not have so much to say.

All members who are unable to attend the A. P. A. convention in Boston next August, should hurry and send in their photographs to the Librarian, so that they may be used as substitutes at the A. P. A., convention next August, which will prove better than nothing as a representative of the members.

We would like to call the attention of our readers, to the advertisement of the Chicago Postage Stamp Co., on the last page of cover, and also to that of Mr. N. E. Carter on the 2nd. page.

The Canada Stamp and Coin Journal, is a new one from Halifax, No. 1 contains a story which may amuse a child, but it is of little use to a philatelist.

## A Stamp Auction of 1881.

BY "UNCLE SAM."

We find that auction sales of Stamps were quite frequent during earlier years. The collection of Mr. C. S. Paeth, of La Porte, Ind. was sold at auction on the 12th and 13th of Dec. 1881 which netted about \$1,500.

From a list of stamps sold we select a few of the most valuable, and prices paid for the same. Comparing the prices with those of now-a-days, we find many changed (mostly on the decrease) as the following will show:

New York 1842 3c buff.

Brought but \$29.00 which to day will be cheap at \$75.00 and 1849 1c yellow bringing but \$1.25 to 3 or 5 dollars at the present day. A Providence entire sheet of eleven rarities of 5 and 10c stamps bought at \$6.00 which would now be cheap for one alone.

The St Louis 10c unused black bringing \$12.25 to \$50. now-day, and a New Haven first issue blue signed by a E. A. Mitchell, brought but \$1.

One of the thirty original New Haven brought \$3.12. A carriers stamp of 1851 1c red sold for \$4.50 and a black of the same denomination \$1.25, while a 1 "Sent" (error) brought \$3.77½ a blue 1c two thirds eagle used, was sold for 10c, a blue on pink 1c brought \$13. This was the highest price paid for any one stamp during the auction, excepting the New York 1882 gem.

An 1851 set unused and complete only brought \$2.

A 5c. blue 1865 blue border unused sold for \$1.10 and a complete set of the 1865 issue, used, at 17c and an Executive set 5 sold for \$1. A set of 10 Justice for \$1. and 11 State bringing but \$1.92. A 20,00 State sold for \$9.25.

A specimen carriers eagle and Franklin brought 23c. each. A set of

24 specimens Newspaper stamps 1875 complete (face value over \$200) sold for \$1.05, and an 1870 complete for \$2.20.

A large number of envelopes and Post-cards were also sold at exceedingly low rates, but space does not allow us to give a complete list of what was sold, but this list shows some increasing values of the U. S. stamps and the necessity of buying before too late. Ten years from now some of the above mentioned stamps will command seemingly large prices and some may be unobtainable. We would advise our readers to obtain full sets of all the Department stamps, or at least, all their purse will allow and you will NEVER regret it.

### The 1889 Convention.

When "The National Philatelist" mentioned Washington as the place for the 1889 Convention, we thought it a very good idea, but did not think it would work. However, when "The Philatelic World" "seconded the motion," we thought there was more chance, and we do not see why it cannot be so. The second convention was held in the West, the third in the extreme East, and we think it only just that the fourth should be held a little way down South. This would give a great many, who would not have any other, a chance to visit the National Capital. It would also give those members who live in the South a chance to attend at least one convention, and it would awaken the former interest in stamps which has lately been *waning*. We can count on at least five members from Charleston alone who will attend if it is held at Washington.

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### Our Contemporaries.

The Philatelic Journal of America is one of the best papers now in existence.

The Philatelic Advertiser hails from England, and contains some very interesting reading matter.

We have received a copy of the California Philatelist, and complement Mr. Gambs on the "get up."

The Quaker City Philatelist contains a little reading matter and a great many advertisements.

The American Philatelist is without doubt the best paper in the world.

The Ohio Philatelist contains some very interesting reading matter, but it will come out in its shirt sleeves.

The Halifax Philatelist is by far the best philatelic paper which Canada produces.

The Philatelic Monthly contains a notice to the effect that Durbin & Hanes have moved.

The Philadelphia Philatelist is a very neat paper, but it needs a cover sadly,

The Eastern Philatelist is as fine a paper as can be found, and yet it promises to enlarge.

The Stamp contains a portrait of Mr. S. B. Bradford, the popular candidate for Secretary of the A. P. A.

The National Philatelist is a very nice paper, but it would be better if it would add a cover and use better paper.

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5c Dark "	25	
5c Light Blue "	25	
5c Dark "	25	
10c "	35	
10c Light "	35	
10c Rose, large	1 50	1 50
2c Green, "	2 00	2 00
1c Yellow, small	75	
2c Red, "	25	1 00
5c Light Blue, small		05
5c Dark "		10
10c Light "	03	05
10c Dark "	03	10
10c Blue Slate, "		20
10c Green, small	10	10
TEN. Blue, "		2 00
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2, " 5c. unsevered pair un env. used ..	2
3, " 5c. dark brown, rare.....	1
4, 1853, env. 3c. red on white, cut square die 2c. square label, rare, used.....	1
5, 1861, 30c. unused, fine.....	1
6, 1861, 30c. unsevered pair unused.....	2
7, Newspaper, 5c. blue, unused.....	1
8, Interior dept. 2, 3 and 10c. all unused...	3
9, " " except 90c. " " .....	9
10, Treasury " except 24 and 30c. " .....	9
11, War dept. complete set, unuse.....	11
12, The same.....	11
13, The same.....	11
14, Post Office 24c. unused.....	1
15, Navy dept. 6 and 15c. Agriculture 3 and 6c. all used.....	4

## REVENUES.

16, Curtis & Brown, 2c. black, rare.....	1
17, The same.....	1
18, The same.....	1
19, C. N. Crittenton, 2c. black, used.....	1
20, The Centaur Co. 1c. red, used.....	1
21, The same.....	1
22, Conveyance \$2.00, red, unused, fine.....	1
23, Fleming Bros 1c. blue.....	1
24, The same.....	1
25, The same.....	1
26, Hall & Ruckel, 3c. black, block of 4.....	4
27, E. T. Hazeltine, 4c. " used.....	1
28, S. D. Howe, 4c. blue, used.....	1
29, Moreheads Magnetic Plaster, 1c. black ..	1
30, The same.....	1
31, The same.....	1
32, Proprietary 50c. green and black, large slightly damaged, used.....	1
33, The same, badly cancelled.....	1
34, N. Y. P. A. Lactopeptine, 4c. black.....	1
35, S. N. Smith & Co. 4c. black, fine, used..	1
36, The same.....	1
37, H. H. Warner, 1c. brown, unused.....	10

## CONFEDERATE STAMPS.

38, 1861, 5c. green, corner torn.....	1
39, " 10c. blue, " " .....	1
40, 1862, 2c. green, a little defaced.....	1
41, " 2c. " perfect, used.....	1

42, 1863, 2c. rose, perfect, used.....	1
43, " 5c. blue, pair on original env.....	2
44, " 10c. " on env. used.....	1
45, " 10c. green " " .....	1
46, " 10c. blue, block unused.....	18
47, " Ten cut close, used.....	1
48, " 10c. blue, used with postmark on envelope, made of fancy wall paper, Fine.....	1
49, 1863, 20c. green, perfect, used.....	1
50, 1864, 1c. yellow, perfect unused.....	1
51, Charleston local, one corner torn, but very good copy, used.....	1
52, Charleston local, 5c. blue, corner cut, used. Good copy.....	1

## FOREIGN STAMPS.

53, China, 1884, 1 and 3c. unused.....	2
54, Greece, unpaid, 1 to 40; 1 and 2, unused	6
55, Guatemala, 1871, 1c. unused.....	1
56, " 1882, complete, unused.....	5
57, The same.....	5
58, Hawaii envelopes entire 3-1c. 1-2c. all unused.....	4
59, Japan, 1c. green, 2c. carmine, 3c. orange and 1 sen postal card. All unused.....	4
60, Japan, 1 sen postal cards, unused.....	7
61, New South Wales, 1854-61, 6d. and 1sh. used.....	2
62, Prince Edward Island, 1872, complete, unused.....	6
63, Salvador, 1861, $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1 and 2c. all unused..	3
64, Sweden, official complete, used.....	11
65, Switzerland, 1882, unused.....	6
66, The same.....	6
67, The same.....	6
68, envelopes, 5, 10 and 25, all entire, unused.....	3
69, " 5c. entire unused.....	6
70, " 10c. " " .....	7
71, Persia, 6 ch. envs. entire unused.....	3
72, Shanghai, 20c green sheet entire unused	50
73, Collection containing a few U. S.....	500

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74, U. S. 1853, env. 3c. red on buff, entire, used, die 2c. perfect.....	1
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" 6c., ".....	20
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# The Charleston Philatelist.

VOL. II. CHARLESTON, S. C., OCTOBER, 1888. No. 1.

## Prominent Philatelists—II. Gustave J. Luhn.

IT is a well-known fact that it requires cheek to get along in this world. It also takes cheek for a fellow to put his own picture in a paper edited, published, managed and owned by himself. However, as it was at my suggestion that it is done, here goes for the usual supply of "chestnuts," which are thrown in *free* with each chromo.

Mr. GUSTAVE JAMES LUHN was born in Charleston, S. C., on the 23d of February, 1872, and by a peculiar arithmetical calculation, known only to us Charleston fellows, I find him to be just sixteen years of age—sweet sixteen.

He started school when he was but five years old, and has been going steadily until last July, when he finished up his course at the High School of Charleston. He commenced to *keep* stamps when he was two years old (more or less), but did not start to *collect* until about three years ago. His present collection numbers about 2000 varieties of adhesives, although he has been continually selling out and starting over again. It contains no very rare stamps, but I may here mention that it *does* contain a 5 cent Charleston local, which he offered me 50 cents for before I knew what it was worth. However, as I saw that the Carson Stamp Co offered \$2.50 in exchange for it, I let Gus have it for \$2.00 cash, as he was a friend. His collection also contains some old issues of the United States and U. S. of Colombia.

His business career began in the fall of 1886, when earthquakes were numerous, but as he had a very small stock and no money to advertise with, his first year was not much of a success. On January 21st of the next year he called a meeting of the Charleston collectors, with a view of forming a philatelic society, but the call was only responded to by five. However, nothing daunted, the Charleston Philatelic Society was organized, and he was unanimously elected president. Refusing to accept that office, he was content with being secretary for one year. At the expiration of his term he was again elected president by a unanimous vote, and this time he accepted.

He commenced the publication of this paper last October, but the first number was a miserable looking affair. However, it was better than Jas. C. Jay's (?) Philatelic (??) Midget, but as it was not accompanied by three or four sets of local stamps, it did not receive one-half the free advertising which the latter magazine (?) did. Not being content with such a small paper, he doubled the size with number two, and made it as neat as the best of 'em. Number three had two improvements—one, a cover; and the other,

one single solitary picture, and that a portrait of James Chalmers. Although the picture was a very common one, nobody objected, as one always likes to see things improving. Number four was the beginning of what we call the "Chromo Series," as it contained a portrait of I. B. Cohen, and a promise of more like it to follow. Although this paper is only published every three months, the Charleston collectors are proud of her, as this is the first attempt made at anything in this line.

Mr. Luhn is again about to try his luck in the stamp business, and this time he has some stock and a little money to advertise with. He is at present in the employ of the Charleston and Savannah Rwy. Co., and has a plenty of time to devote to business. Thus endeth the narrative. J. H. KLINCK.

### **The Stamp Act Excitement in Charlestown, S. C.**

FROM AN OLD MANUSCRIPT.

♦♦ **F**ATE in the evening of October 18th, 1765, there arrived and came to anchor under the cannon of Fort Johnson, the ship Planter's Adventure, Captain Miles Lawley, from London. It having been some time before reported that a Distributor of Stamps for this Province was coming over in this ship, and it being suspected, from the circumstance of its not coming up to town that night, that there was on board either a stamp officer, stamps or stamp paper. Early in the morning of the 19th, in the middle of Broad Street and Church Street there appeared suspended on a gallows twenty feet high, an effigy designed to represent a distributor of stamp paper, with a figure of the devil on its right hand, on its left a boat, with a head stuck on it distinguished by a blue bonnet, to each of which were affixed labels expressive of the sense of a people unshaken in their loyalty, but tenacious of just liberty, who had conceived 'that all internal duties imposed upon them without the consent of their immediate or even virtual representatives, was grievous, oppressive, and unconstitutional, and that an extension of the powers and jurisdiction of Admiralty Courts in America would subvert one of their most darling legal rights and privileges, that of trial by juries.' On the gallows, in very conspicuous characters, was 'Liberty and no Stamp Act,' and on the back of the principal figure these words, viz: 'Whoever shall dare attempt to pull down these effigies had better been born with a mill stone about his neck, and cast into the sea.' In this situation the effigies continued the whole day without one person offering to disturb or take them down, the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer, Assize and General Jail Delivery, sitting all the while, or was there the least riot or disturbance; though a great concourse of people incessantly resorted to the place of exhibition."

[To be continued.]

**Philatelic Trade Review.**

**I**N August we mailed 150 circulars to the most prominent stamp dealers in this country, but only those below responded. The amount of money invested by those is \$57,070. The business done is about \$71,645, and the amount spent in advertising per year is about \$2,786. Of course these figures are not exactly correct, as it would be impossible for any man to say exactly what he has invested, what his annual business is, and what he spends on advertising. We hope to be able to have our next "Review" more complete than this, as by that time the dealers will know how to appreciate it. We sincerely thank those who have replied, and hope it will prove of some benefit to them.

GUSTAVE J. LUHN.

W. S. ALDRICH,

P. O. BOX 576.

PORTLAND, ME.

Mr. W. S. Aldrich started his business in 1883, with a capital of \$350.00; from which his sales amounted to about \$450.00 per year, of which over \$50.00 is spent in advertising in the various philatelic papers. He does business principally with young collectors, for whom he sends out approval sheets containing stamps ranging from 1 to 10 cents, of which he has an extremely large stock.

GUSTAV AUE & CO.,

BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

This firm started business in December, 1885, and at present have a stock worth over \$1,000. They do an annual business of about \$1,000 per year, and spend about \$50 in advertising. Their specialties are philatelic literature, gummed hinges, and approval sheets. They issue a price-list every 3 months, and supply stamps for agents and advanced collectors. This firm publishes the Collector's Ledger, a newsy monthly devoted to collecting in all its branches.

C. H. BOGART,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Mr. C. H. Bogart commenced business in 1876, but discontinued in 1880, and started again in 1884. At present he has about \$4,000 invested, from which he does an annual business of about \$2,000, and spends about \$103 in advertising. His specialty is South and Central American and Oceanian stamps. He issues a price-list and sends out approval sheets of stamps for agents and advanced collectors.

C. E. HASTINGS & CO.,

P. O. BOX 509,

HARTFORD, CONN.

Messrs. C. E. Hastings & Co. commenced business in 1882. They make a specialty of Ceylon postage and revenue stamps, and supply all kinds of stamps to advanced collectors. They also send out approval sheets of stamps to agents at 25 per cent. commission.

WM. P. BROWN,  
ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. Wm. P. Brown commenced business in 1860, and at present has about \$4,000.00 invested, from which his sales average about \$6,000.00 per year. He makes a specialty of Foreign and United States postage, revenue and local stamps, and is therefore prepared to supply both the advanced collector and the beginner. He issues an annual catalogue and an occasional price list, and send sheets of fine stamps on approval. Mr. Brown has a one inch advertisement in every Philatelic paper of any consequence, at a cost to him of about \$150.00 per year. He is one of the most reliable stamp dealers in the United States.

HENRY GREMMEL,  
109 2ND STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Mr. Henry Gremmel commenced business in 1884, and at present has about \$1,500.00 invested, from which he does an annual business of about \$3,000.00. He makes a specialty of South and Central American and South African stamps, and sends out approval sheets of stamps for advanced collectors and agents at 33½ per cent. commission. Every fall he issues a price list of over 200 different sets and packets. He spends about \$200.00 per year on advertising.

E. F. GAMBS,  
234 MONTGOMERY ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Mr. E. F. Gambs commenced business in 1872. At present his capital is about \$7,500.00 from which he does a business of about \$5,000.00 cash and over double in exchange. He makes a specialty of approval sheets of stamps for agents and advanced collectors, and issues a 40 page price list semi-occasionally and gratuitously. Mr. Gambs has published two editions of the Young America Stamp Album, which are well adapted to the needs of young collectors. He advertises very extensively at a cost to him of about \$500.00 yearly.

W. S. KINZER,  
WOOSTER, - - - OHIO.

Mr. W. S. Kinzer commenced business in 1883, with a capital of \$200.00, from which investment he does an annual business of about \$750.00, of which he uses about \$40.00 in advertising. He makes a specialty of United States stamps, for the sale of which he issues a standard United States catalogue, also a monthly price list. He also sends out approval sheets for advanced collectors and agents.

A. LEHMAN, JR.,  
635 MAIN STREET, PATERSON, N. J.

Mr. Lehman, Jr., commenced business in 1882, and has at present nearly \$1,000.00 invested. He supplies stamps for agents and advanced collectors and issues an occasional price list.

GUSTAVE J. LUHN,  
CHARLESTON, S. C.

Mr. G. J. Luhn commenced business in 1886, and at present has a capital of about \$250.00 invested. He intends to do a large business and will spend about \$50.00 in advertising. He sends out approval sheets of stamps, marked from 1 to 25 cents, to agents, and allows 25 per cent. commission, if sales reach 25 cents. Instead of a reference, he only requires applicants for agencies to send their full street address and there will be trouble in store for the agent who does not make returns promptly.

D. H. MILLER,

1309 PINE STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Mr. D. H. Miller commenced his business in 1885, with a capital of \$1.00, from which amount he does an annual business of over \$50.00 per year, of which \$15.00 is spent in advertising. He supplies agents with approval sheet of foreign stamps at 25 per cent. commission.

C. H. MEKEEL,

TURNER BUILDING, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel commenced business in April, 1877, and at present his capital amounts to between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00. His specialty is North, South and Central American stamps, of which he has the largest stock in the world. He issues a complete catalogue every year, and a price list every three months. Advanced collectors and agents are supplied with fine selections of stamps on receipt of a good reference. His approval sheet business deserves special mention, as last year the gross value of sheets sent out was over \$100,000.00. He does an annual business of about \$40,000.00, of which \$1,000 is spent in advertising.

Mr. Mekeel is President of the Philatelic Publishing Co., which publishes Mekeel's Blank Album, the History of the Postage Stamps of the United States, the Philatelic Catalogue, by Major E. B. Evans, and the Philatelic Journal of America, all of which publications are very popular and are meeting with a large sale.

E. W. VOUTE,

SUCCESSOR TO CHICAGO POSTAGE STAMP CO.,  
P. O. BOX 233. CHICAGO, ILL.

The Chicago Postage Stamp Co. commenced business in 1882, with a capital of \$600.00, but was succeeded by Mr. E. W. Voute in the early part of the present summer. Mr. Voute does a business of about \$1,000.00 per year, of which about \$150.00 is spent in advertising. He makes a specialty of Approved Books, in which he sends out stamps for beginners, advanced collectors and agents. To the latter he allows a commission of 20 to 40 per cent. Hereafter he will issue a price list two or three times a year. Mr. Voute is perfectly reliable in every respect and is recommended to the public generally.

FREDERIC NOYES,  
COLLINS, TEXAS.

Mr. F. Noyes commenced business in 1885, with a capital of \$900.00, from which he does an annual business of about \$1,250.00. His specialty is Mexican stamps and exchange trade. He issues a price list of varieties every three months and a list of packets once a year, and supplies rareties for advanced collectors and packets and assortments for the young ones. He spends about \$125.00 per year in advertising.

F. C. SAWYER,  
BEAULIERC, FLORIDA.

Mr. F. C. Sawyer commenced business in 1882, with a capital of \$300.00. He supplies stamps for agents and advanced collectors, and sends out approval sheets of U. S. stamps at 25 per cent. and foreign stamps at 33½ per cent. commission. He issues a catalogue of stamps and curios every November, which is sent on receipt of two cent stamp. Mr. Sawyer's business amounts to about \$150.00 per annum, of which \$25.00 is spent in advertising.

CHAS. A. TOWNSEND,

512 W. MARKET ST.,

AKRON, O.

Mr. C. A. Townsend commenced business in 1886, and at present has about \$350.00 invested. He makes a specialty of sending out approved sheets to agents and issues a catalogue every Spring. He is the publisher of the American Stamp Collectors' Directory, which is meeting with a large sale. He does an annual business of about \$500.00, and spends \$75.00 in advertising.

CHAS. G. WOODWORTH,

Box 3003,

DENVER, COL.

Mr. Chas. G. Woodworth commenced business in 1886, with a very large capital, which has since been increased. He makes a specialty of U. S. Revenue and postage stamps, issues a price list quite frequently and sends out approved sheets of fine stamps for agents and advanced collectors. He spends about \$240.00 per year in advertising. Mr. Woodworth is a member of nine Philatelic societies.

**A Philatelic Press Association.**

**A** Philatelic Press Association is now the next thing in order. The collectors have their society and the dealers have theirs, and now it is time that the Philatelic journals come together into an association of their own. There is no doubt that it will be a great benefit to all concerned, as our advertising rates will be on a uniform basis of so much per inch per thousand copies; we will not be troubled with dead beat advertisers, and the writers, who have joined, will be protected against dead beat papers. Of course, the Philatelic writers must be allowed to join, but I do

not think they should be eligible to office, as the association is intended chiefly for the protection of the publishers. A publisher to join should have some experience, and the writers should have contributed a certain number of articles, but I do not think it matters whether it be to one or twenty papers. I would say that no paper be admitted until at least three numbers have been issued. It is not necessary that the dues be much, as there will not be many expenses. This Association will be a success without doubt, as nearly every paper will be represented. Let every one interested in this Association express his thoughts on the subject, and then we can think about organizing. Whenever the Association is started just count me in.

GUSTAVE J. LUHN.

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### News Items.

Brazil is to have an entirely new set of stamps.

The French stamps surcharged *Gambier* are a manufacture.

Harmon R. Luhn, who has been spending about a year and a half at Annapolis, Md., has returned to Charleston.

The American Philatelic Association has now over six hundred members.

S. Allen Taylor has returned from Canada and is again in Boston.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel, who has been spending the summer at Sherwood, N. Y., has returned to St. Louis.

The Republican platform favors a reduction of letter postage to one cent per ounce.

The Eastern Philatelist will now be issued every two months instead of monthly.

Lieut. J. M. T. Partello has taken up his abode at Fort Davis, Texas.

The Charleston Locals with a picture of Fort Sumter on them are nothing but counterfeits, as no such stamps ever existed.

Mr. C. W. Gibbon, a member of the Charleston Philatelic Society, is at present at Cornell University, studying mechanical engineering.

It is rumored that I. B. Cohen is going to get married. There seems to be some truth in this, as he was recently admitted into the firm of Louis Cohen & Co.

One Dime calls Jas. C. Jay "one of the most prominent philatelists of the West." We knew he was *prominent*, but we never heard him called a *philatelist* before.

During the summer there was some talk of getting up a stock company in Charleston, with a capital of \$500.00, for the sale of Foreign and U. S. Stamps. Nearly all of the stock was subscribed, but the project fell through.

Mr. Alvah Davison has withdrawn from the Ledger Co., and hereafter the Collector's Ledger will be edited by Mr. Gustav Aue.

**Comments.****SAMPLE COPIES.**

Of this issue we send out nearly 1500 sample copies and in each one we enclose one of our new subscription blank envelopes, and we hope a great many will be returned to us filled out. Many who receive copies may have gotten them before and have not subscribed because they think they will receive a sample copy of each issue. This crowd will be sadly "left" if they depend on this any more, because we intend to send sample copies only to Southern collectors hereafter, and we will keep a list of all those to whom copies are sent. Our advice is subscribe now, when you have before you a printed letter and an addressed envelope. You cannot deny that this paper is worth ten cents for four numbers.

**THE CONVENTION.**

The Third Convention of the A. P. A. has passed. As was expected, it was a perfect success in every respect. Nearly seventy members were present in person. The next one is to be held in St. Louis, in October. We do not give any detailed report, as all other journals have done so.

**AN UN-APPROPRIATE NAME.**

We notice in the August number of the U. S. Philatelist an article, entitled "Stamps," beginning with the words: "The system of prepaying postage by the use of adhesive stamps was originated by Rowland Hill, in 1837."

We were very much surprised to see such a thing, as we did not know the editor of the U. S. Philatelist favored Hill. If he intends to support Hill he had better change the name of his paper, as his sentiments are those of but a small part of the Philatelists of the United States.

**LIBELOUS POSTAL CARDS.**

By a recently approved Act of Congress any envelope or postal card bearing upon the outside "obscene, libelous, scurrilous or threatening delineations, epithets, terms or language, or reflecting injuriously upon the character or conduct of another," is declared non-mailable matter, and the sender is liable to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000, or imprisonment at hard labor not less than one year nor more than ten years, or both.

**AMERICAN STAMP COLLECTORS' DIRECTORY.**

We are indebted to Mr. H. L. Townsend for a copy of his American Stamp Collector's Directory. This directory is far ahead of anything which has ever been attempted in its line. Besides a list of over 1250 collectors in this country and Canada, it contains a list of the representative stamp dealers. This work should be in the hands of every Philatelist. The price is only 25 cents.

### Two Cranks.

**W**H. Keller and J. R. Findlay are cranks of the first water. They are both publishers of insignificant philatelic (?) journals (?). The former, because we said his paper contained some very interesting reading matter, but *would* come out in its shirt sleeves, pitches into us with the following lengthy *free advertisement*: "The *Charleston Philatelist*, a little once-every-three-months paper, with the aid of the editor of the *Figaro* secured enough advertisements to enable it to add a cover, which makes it think it has eclipsed all its monthly contemporaries, even if they are issued three times as often. It condemns such papers as the *Philadelphia Philatelist* and the *National Philatelist*, which are by far its superiors and all because they are not graced with a cover. The editor will learn by experience that all is not gold that glitters; even if it is a gaudy little yellow cover." Mr. Keller must have been slightly off his base when he wrote the above, as our cover was added just *three months before* we had any communication with the editor of the *Figaro*. Because we suggested that the *Philadelphia Philatelist* and *National Philatelist* *needed* covers, this young gentleman (?) says we condemn them. This is merely a difference of opinion. We would suggest that if Mr. (?) Keller wishes to advance the cause of Philately, he suspend his "disgrace" without delay. The latter, J. R. Findlay, in the first number of his publication, printed an article entitled "In a Mail Bag," and because we said it would amuse a child, but was of little use to a Philatelist, he finds fault with the cuts of prominent Philatelists which we are now publishing. If Findlay can show us a letter from a *Philatelist*, saying that he found the above mentioned story of any value, we will most cheerfully apologize and moreover we will have the apology printed in green ink, on sky-blue colored satin, and forward it by registered mail at our own expense.

### Prospectus.

**W**E present to our readers for October 1st, our special edition, in a somewhat improved form. True to our promise, we still continue to publish the portrait of a prominent Philatelist. We will continue the publication of this paper for sometime yet, and our aim will be to give their money's worth to our subscribers and satisfaction to our advertisers and the public generally. In our next number we will present the portrait of a gentleman well known to the public, but whose portrait has never before graced the pages of a stamp journal. The article, "The Stamp Act Excitement in Charleston, S. C.," will be continued in about three numbers more, and besides that we will have other articles by the best writers. We will issue a special edition similar to this, once a year, and in our next we hope to have more stamp dealers represented in the *Trade Review* than in this. We do not think those who subscribed to Vol. I, No. 1, can complain of not receiving what they paid for as that number had only *four* pages, and Vol. II, No. 1, has *sixteen* and *cover*.

**The Charleston Philatelic Society.**

**I**N the latter part of 1886 the stamp collectors of Charleston were agitated over the project of forming a Philatelic Society, and a large number signified their intention of joining. The first meeting was proposed for the last Friday in December. However, by an unavoidable delay the meeting was not held until January 21st of the next year, and then there were only five collectors present. A draft of a constitution was read and finally adopted. Officers were elected and the Philatelic Journal of America was selected as the official organ. Things went along smoothly, and at the third meeting two new members were elected. In March, when the Philatelic Societies were discussing the invention of the adhesive stamp, this society was among the first to adopt resolutions favorable to James Chalmers. At the next meeting Mr. Patrick Chalmers, of Wimbledon, England, was elected an honorary member. In June, owing to the very warm weather, the society disbanded until October 15th, when it again commenced business. It was thought that by offering rare stamps to new members, that the membership could be considerably increased. This was tried and the membership was increased from seven to sixteen. On December 31st, the time for the annual election, the following officers were elected:

*President*, GUSTAVE J. LUHN.

*Vice-President*, I. S. COHEN.

*Secretary and Treasurer*, J. H. KLINCK.

*Members of Executive Committee*, D. ROBB, C. W. GIBBON.\*

The Society has disbanded for the summer, but the re-opening meeting will be held on October 13th.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

\*Resigned.

**Special Notice to Members.**

**T**HE re-opening meeting of the Charleston Philatelic Society will be held on Friday evening, October 13th, at 8.15 o'clock, at the same place as heretofore. You will please attend. The society will esteem it a favor if you will bring with you any stamp collector of your acquaintance.

By order of the President.

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**To Stamp Dealers.**

A copy of this issue is sent to every stamp dealer we know of, and we beg that each will look carefully over it and see if he does not think it worth while trying an adv. in it. We will send our advertising rates to every one who will send us a postal card, stating whether he will use any red lines or have his adv. in black. Should this issue meet with favor we will have every succeeding issue printed in the same way. Our advertising rates are very low.

## The Stamps of the United States.

BY SANCHO.

THE first stamps issued by the United States Government was in 1847, but local posts had sprung up in the larger cities as early as 1842. The stamps then used have now become very scarce and some of them can hardly be purchased at any price. The only way they can be obtained is in the breaking up of old collections, and then they command such exorbitant prices as to be out of the reach of most collectors.

The first stamp issued was by Alexander M. Greig, who was running an office for the delivery of city letters. The stamp was issued in 1842, and the design was the portrait of Washington, in an upright banded oval, inscribed: "United States City Dispatch Post, Three Cents." It was printed on thick colored paper, and was imperforated.

August 1, 1842.—3 cents, buff.

August 1, 1842.—3 cents, pale olive green.

December 31, 1842.—3 cents, pale blue (thinner paper).

Black impression, on colored surface paper, glazed.

1843.—3 cents, deep blue.

3 cents, blue.

3 cents, greenish blue.

There were no varieties of die, and were printed in sheets of 100 each.

The first of the Provisional issues bore the inscription *James M. Buchanan* in a straight line and 5 CENTS below.

1846.—5 cents, black.

Black impression, on thick white paper.

1847, January 15.—5 cents, black.

Of this stamp but ten specimens are known.

Next comes the rarest of all U. S. stamps. It contains the initials F. N. P. in the centre, BRATTLEBORO, VT., above and 5 CENTS below, P. O. at the sides, on frame of wavy lines.

The next was issued at Milburry, July 18, 1846. It was printed with a wood cut. It bore the head of Washington in a circle, looking to the right. POST-OFFICE above, PAID 5 CTS. below.

The New York local comes with the portrait of Washington to the left, in shaded oval. POST-OFFICE above, value below, in curved lines; NEW in left and YORK in right upper corner, ornamented angles. Large rect., black impression, imperforated.

Providence issued quite a number of different stamps; they are as follows:

5c. Five dots above oval, no period after "cents:" four varieties.

5c. Four dots above oval, period after "cents."

5c. Five dots above oval, no period after "cents:" five varieties.

5c. Two dots above oval, no period after "cents."

They bore the inscription POST-OFFICE and FIVE CENTS below, in a kind of a circle, surrounding PROV., R. I., in the centre.

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**The Postage Stamp as a Medium for Lovers.**

[Translated from the Spanish by Ph. Heinsberger's International Agency and Stamp Importer, New York.]

**T**HE old proverb "Love is Inventive" has again been proved, and will be true until Eternity. Any trick, any chance of meeting, any other medium for loving parties to reach each other, or to hear from each other is limited to local points; or if done by correspondence, it is written in a letter, and the envelope good closed and often sealed. But, it was left to our much beloved and high estimated "Postage Stamp" to fill the heart of lovers with joy, and to be chosen as an "International Love Medium." The Stamp is travelling over land, over mountains, across the ocean, from continent to continent! The Stamp is to find on letters, handled by many post officials, is cancelled, perhaps, with the name of many countries over whose route he is traveling. The Stamp is "open" to see for everybody—but nobody (excepting loving parties) living at a distance, and being in possession of this secret know what it means, if the Stamp on an envelope is pasted in the right or left corner, on top or on the bottom, at the reverse, or at the front, head up or down. Stamp collectors! most or all of the readers, are stamp lovers, to you I will unveil the secret! perhaps you may make use of it, I wish, to your benefit.

First of all, I mention, that a Stamp, to perform a love duty must have the face value of not less than ten (that is two numbers). Attention must be paid to the placing and position of the Stamp. Usually we place the Stamp in the right corner of the envelope. Very well! among the "knowing parties" it means: It's all the same and no change. But, if you paste the Stamp in the right corner of the envelope in a "laying position" so that the nought of the number 10 is below the number 1 ( $\overline{0}$ ) that means: "How can I win your heart." If the Stamp in the right corner is "downwards" (01) there is danger in sight, and it is: "Do not write more." The Stamp in a "laying position," turned around," the number 1 below and the nought above ( $\underline{0}$ ) brings the message: "All obstacles are gone." The Stamp in the right corner "diagonally" towards the edge of the envelope ( $\underline{0}$ ) calls for a meeting. The same way, but "diagonally turned" around ( $\overline{0}$ ) means: "Write at once." The Stamp "diagonally" turned to right, close into the edge of the envelope ( $\overline{0}$ ) the number 1 below, and the nought above, is the answer: "Don't bother me." Same way, but turned to left, and the nought below, the number 1 above ( $\overline{0}$ ) is: "Sorry can't comply with your wish."

Seven signs finish the right corner of the envelope; now comes the left corner on the front, further the left side of the envelope, the margin, and last—but not least—the place for sealing the envelope. If you paste a Stamp on the "sealing

place" of the envelope (reverse) in the regular way (10) that is : "Sunday." If turned to the left, "Monday." If turned to right, "Tuesday." If pasted "diagonally" on the "sealing place" that is the sign : "This letter contains important business and is written with ink which comes out for reading after a certain time.

A great many more of those tricks (signs), the Postage Stamp as a medium for lovers, is at present in press, and the numerous readers of the CHARLESTON PHILATELIST shall be duly informed in due time.

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### A Postal Curiosity.

WE received from the firm, Ph. Heinsberger, New York, (Stamp Department) for inspection an envelope, about which the following statement is furnished by the firm named :

"I received a short time ago a letter from a newspaper correspondent in Port-au-Prince, Hayti. The envelope used for this letter was bearing a U. S. 5 cts. brown (Garfield head) stamp as payment for the postage. I can explain this "postal curiosity" by the following : The envelope in question was bearing, on the usual place at the front side the address (printed) from the sender of the letter, *Legation de Liberia*, (Ambassy of Liberia) Africa. As the Republic of Liberia is under the protection of the United States, it must be that the postal officials at Port-au-Prince, Hayti, did "silently" recognise this. It was a "postal courtesy," and accepted that United States stamp as postage for the letter. Last, but not least, the letter in question was forwarded from Port-au-Prince, Hayti, by a Spanish steamer to Havana, Cuba ; was cancelled again at Havana, at the postoffice, and from there forwarded by a New York steamer line to New York city, and promptly delivered at my office, and no "due" postage asked. The envelope is a postal curiosity, and I shall keep it for my private "postal relics" collection.

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### A Modified Postal Law.

SECTION 525 of the postal laws and regulations is hereby modified by adding the following as paragraphs :

At any letter-carrier postoffice, when matter is deposited addressed to persons within the delivery of such office, whose street and number are known or readily ascertained by the postmaster, and upon which the postage is inadvertently wholly unpaid, or paid less than the amount required by law—the sender being unknown—the notice of detention (form 1543) shall not be sent, but such matter shall be presented to the addressee by the carrier, and the deficient postage collected on delivery by means of postage stamps as fixed to the letter or parcel. If the addressee refuses to pay the postage and receive the letter or parcel, it shall be sent to the dead letter office as other refused matter.

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Postal cards were first issued by Austria and Hungary in 1869, and by the United States in 1873.

**Greeting.**

**C**OMMENCING with this number, we will issue this paper every month instead of every three months, and will raise the subscription price to twenty five cents per year. It was our intention to be out in the early part of January, but we were prevented from so doing. We shall, in future, endeavor to be out by the 20th of the month, though it will take two or three months to catch up. We trust that philatelists will find our paper sufficiently interesting to subscribe and advertise. Our circulation is 2,000 copies per month.

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**Editorial Notes and Comments.**

**C**OSTA Rica is to have an entirely new set of stamps. A Philatelic society is to be organized in St. John, N. B.

The so-called stamps of the Merchant's Telegraph Company are merely advertising labels.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* has completed its fourth volume.

Nearly 382,000,000 postal cards were used in this country last year.

The American Philatelic Association has now about 650 active members and twenty applications on hand. Very good for a two and a half year old society.

We wish to thank Mr. John S. Bixby for the very handsome New Year's card which he sent us. We are also remembered by the Chicago Philatelic Society and the *Philatelic Gazette*.

The *Stamp Collector's Library Companion*, which is promised for February, will fill a long felt want. It will state where, by whom, how many numbers were issued and the date of issue of every stamp magazine since 1863.

The membership of the Philatelic Society of America is slowly, but surely increasing. It now numbers about seventy-five. The election was advertised to come off January 1st, but we have not been advised the result. All young collectors should join this association; the dues are only \$1.00 per year.

We judge from remarks made on the *Philatelic Trade Review*, which appeared in our last number, that some persons think we guessed at the figures. We would like to state that such is not the case, as the information was given over each person's signature.

The Charleston Philatelic Society.

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President, Gustave J. Luhn; Vice-President, Isaac S. Cohen; Secretary and Treasurer, J. Henry Klinck; Members of Executive Committee, Dunbar Robb, ———. Meetings held on second and last Thursdays of each month. Official organ Charleston Philatelist.

MEETING OF JANUARY 31ST.

**C**ALLED at 8.15 o'clock. President Luhn in the chair. Roll call dispensed with. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. After the reading of the minutes, the president, after stating that he thought the society was in a very bad condition, that with a membership of twenty the meetings were never attended by more than five or six, asked the members present what they thought of the condition of affairs. On motion of Mr. Klinck, the chair appointed a committee to draw up plans for the reorganization of the society. After the recess, the committee—Klinck and Robb, proposed the following:

"That the same constitution be adopted; that a committee be appointed to draw up a new set of by-laws; that the dues be \$1.00 per year, payable at the first meetings in January, April, July and October; that the library be kept in the society room; that the members in arrears be entirely relieved; that all members be notified of the re-organization; that all members be required to attend at least one meeting a month; that new officers be elected."

These plans were adopted as read. On motion of Mr. Robb, the society resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the library. The following committee on by-laws were appointed: Luhn, ex-officio, Robb and Klinck. Meeting adjourned at 9.30 o'clock.

J. H. KLINCK,  
Secretary.

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Our Exchanges.

The *Philatelic Messenger* is a neat little paper from Oak Hill, Ohio. Mr. S. E. Miller is editor.

The *Post Card* is the latest variety of philatelic literature. It comes from Roselle, N. J.

The *Rhode Island Philatelist* is a new paper from Newport, R. I.

The *Philatelic Tribune and Advertiser* has been changed to pamphlet form. Truth compels us to say that it is rather small, though a great improvement over its former size.

The *January Stamp* dropped in between the 1st and 31st of that month. The contents are unusually good.

No. 7 of the *Stamp Collector* is, as usual, up to the standard. We read this paper with as much interest as the best of 'em; in fact, we are almost "mashed" on it.

We see no reason to find fault with the *Philatelic Gazette*, as a great many of our contemporaries are doing, we even like it better than before.

The *Halifax Philatelist* (Dec.) published an article on Surcharged and Provisional Stamps of Nova Scotia and illustrated it by an artotype plate. This paper has completed its second volume.

The *Philatelic Herald* is still in the ring and as bright as ever. The contents are always good. We would, however, like the editor to spell our name correctly.

The *American Journal of Philately* continues its Revised List and Postal Card catalogue, and contains excellent articles, too numerous to mention.

The *American Philatelist* continues its article on Foreign Envelopes and History of the U. S. Internal Revenue Stamps, contains an article on Errors and Reprints of the Stamps of the Portuguese Colonies, and chronicle and finishes up with the reports of officers and branch societies. Altogether, it is as fine as any previous issue but would be better if the pages were cut.

The *Stamp World* appears as usual, edited by a couple of Chicago men, with a few additional clippings by Hubbard. It contains a portrait of Mr. J. R. Hooper, the gentleman who writes under the name of "Canadensis."

The *Collector's Ledger* contains portraits of H. L. Hart, of Halifax, N. S., and M. D. Batchelder, of St. Louis, Mo.

The *Philatelic Beacon* contains a very interesting article on the Early Days of Stamp Collecting, by the veteran collector J. W. Scott.

The *National Philatelist* is one of our brightest exchanges. The January number has eight pages. We hope to see it in the cover very soon.

The *Eastern Philatelist* announces that it will receive 10 cents for a year's subscription, until March 1st. Its subscription list should be increased by at least 1000, as it certainly is a fine paper.

No. 1 of the *Flour City Philatelist* contains some very interesting matter and is profusely illustrated. We are sorry to see that it intends adding departments for Eggs, Relics, &c.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* for January is undoubtedly the finest stamp magazine ever published in the world. It contains 128 pages and cover. On those pages are pictures of 25 of our representative dealers, a part of the Philatelic catalogue, a picture and sketch of Maj. E. B. Evans, and a number of very fine articles by the best writers. If Mekeel does not increase his subscription list it is not his fault.

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