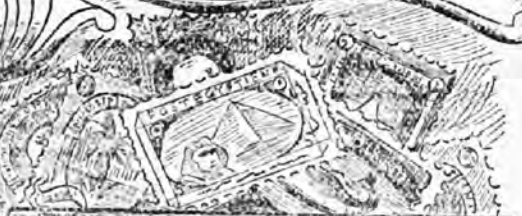
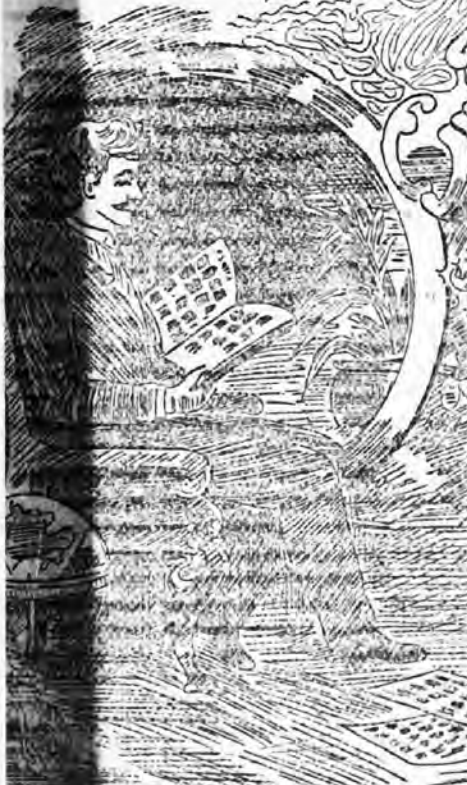


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NO. 1.

Introductory.

There is not much room to devote to our advent into the journalistic world and I beg your indulgence for a few moments with the following remarks:

There is always a large amount of trouble and expense connected with the first number of any high-class magazine; they are not overladen with subscription and advertising patronage and seldom more than one quarter of the cost of their production.

Big promises in prospectuses look well—on paper, but collectors and dealers in the stamp line have learned that these do not always materialize, and as a rule a desire is expressed to see the initial number before investing. By extensively advertising this journal for the last two months many subscriptions and fully 3,000 applications for sample copies have been received; many of the latter contained promises of support if the PHILATELIST proved satisfactory. While it does not fully come up to my expectations, I think it a very fair initial number and with the aid of Philatelia's followers, I shall endeavor to make each succeeding number an improvement over the former. I have taken an affidavit to issue twelve numbers or refund money for all unfilled subscriptions.

The PHILATELIST will not be conducted simply for the edification of the editor or benefit of any special one of its patrons, the primary object in its promulgation was to furnish beneficial reading for all classes of stamp collectors, and the advancement and elevation of philately. Nothing objectionable or without merit will find room in its columns. Personalities and local items are eschewed.

In glancing through these pages it will be noticed that only the best talent has been engaged; in the course of the next few months others will appear by other well known writers; a regular feature will be the new letters of our foreign correspondents. The advertisers give our thanks for their liberality. These gentlemen have appreciated the great task and expense attached to this issue. Thanking other friends also for their subscriptions and well wishes and urging all our readers to make the PHILATELIST their organ, I remain,

Fraternally Yours,

THE EDITOR.

P. S. To Foreign Collectors and Dealers: One object of the PHILATELIST is to promote closer business and social relations between Philatelia's followers in all parts of the world.

THE STANDARD OF PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

BY J. P. GLASS.



It is an index of the importance of philately that new magazines and newspapers devoted to this pursuit are springing up on all hands and that a very encouraging proportion of them prosper. While philately was in its infancy periodicals were not demanded, but as the art and science of stamp collecting and its attendant studies progressed the need of such publications made itself manifest, and they grew and multiplied upon the face of the earth, until now they are numbered by the hundreds. But now that we have the honor to be numbered in the ranks of philatelists and are beginning to obtain something of our proper share of recognition from the outer world, it becomes us to look carefully to the quality of matter that is being allowed space in our representative journals. The daily press is beginning to notice philatelists and their work, and it is no uncommon thing to see a column or two in a daily paper devoted to this subject. I believe the day is not far distant when the metropolitan newspapers will exchange with the leading philatelic papers. If an editor should pick up a philatelic paper to-day what would he find in it? In a far too great majority of them, I am sorry to say, Mush! Twaddle! Drivel! Column upon column, page upon page of it! The personal hit at some poor philatelist who was caught out in the rain, or an installment of poetry (! !) after the style of "There was an old woman in Guinea" to the exclusion of any and all possible matter of a real philatelic nature. Not a word about the latest issues, or any important action on the part of some leading society. Is this the kind of reading philatelists want? Verily I say unto you No! And to prove that I am right consider that in these latter days young men have arisen who have recognized that true philatelists desire something of interest to the science of stamp collecting and stamp study, and have given us magazines of considerable worth and interest, which have received the support of the fraternity every where. Compare the circulation of such a paper and that of some little 2x4 waste basket sheet if you would know what class of literature is most sought after. Again such effusions as these are the very things to prejudice those who know nothing about philately against its patrons. It will in their minds confirm the opinion already so deeply rooted that it is a gaint's task to remove it, that stamp collectors are only a lot of school boys, beardless, undeveloped and unsophisticated; who will learn to give up their childish ways when they reach man's estate. This is one of the gretest bugbears in the way of many collectors and editors, yet they never make a move in the way of a well written and logical

article in defense of philately, but go on and publish poor prose and worse doggerel, and then wonder in the "editorial" column why people think stamp collectors are all boys! How shall this be avoided? Shall we stick to dry scientific essays und ponderuos editorials? By no means. A joke or a bit of humor is a good thing, but it should be kept in the background. A paper filled with such matter is like a table set with pickles and cake—good enough in their place but poor make-shifts for a banquet.

Another class of writing which is almost a necessity to a well regulated philatelic paper, but which is given too prominent a place by most publishers, is local news. It is scarcely for the edification of philatelists generally that a paper be composed almost entirely of local correspondence, to the exclusion of current notes of univarseal interest. If there are two or three correspondents from the city the work should be divided among them, one doing local work, another the discussion of philatelic subjects, etc.

I wish it understood that I am neither a cynic nor a pessimist; but it does seem to me that if one half the energy that is wasted in looking for a poor theme to finish out a verse of trashy poetry were spent in the intelligent discussion of rarities, specialties and new issues, the philatelic papers would speedily become more useful, more entertaining, and consequently more welcome, and the circulation increase accordingly. I am glad to see that this view is taking hold of publishers with the result that those papers which have begun their careers recently are, for the most part, such as are calculated to elevate the standard of philatelic literature and philatelic journalism. Understand me, it is not necessary to a good solid article to use big words and an overplus of technical terms; rather the contrary. An essay on "Philatelic Pulchritude" maybe even less meritorious than a modest sketch of some mooted philatelic subject. If writers will take the time to study their albums and books and editors will not be too squeamish about filling the waste basket we shall soon have an array of publications of which none need be ashamed.

WANTED FORTHWITH.

The above headline announcement, sounds as if there was something special required at once, of serious importance. That is just what it means and I trust it will catch the eye of a few at least of the advanced collectors, dealers and authorities on stamps, who will stop sufficiently long to consider whether the following suggestion is worthy of recognition. It seems to me that we have reached the age in stamp collecting when it would be to the advantage of dealers and collectors generally, to have an INTERNATIONAL STAMP CATALOGUE. To my mind this is the book that is seriously required. A work that can be relied upon as a safe criterion for collectors and dealers throughout the world. On the continent of America "Scotts" Catalogue has been recognized for many years as the Standard authority, and yet it is a well known fact that it is incomplete and contains many inaccuracies year after year, in color, omissions, prices and scheduling of stamps. And yet Mr. Scott deserves great credit in keeping up with the advance of Philately as well as he has done, by maintaining the front line in the Philatelic ranks in America.

The dealing in stamps has reached such immense proportions throughout the leading cities of the earth that I firmly believe the time has arrived when it is necessary to have the business placed on a sound commercial basis, by having an exact merchantile value for each stamp that has been, and being issued by all governments in the world since the time of their first appearance in 1840. Dealers in America, France, Switzerland and other Countries have standard catalogues, that are accepted in said countries as authority on the stamps issued since they were first introduced by the various governments, and yet the prices in numerous instances in these Catalogues do not coincide with each other, which is misleading to the collector who is collecting for monetary consideration, as well as those who collect for pastime and the science that is within the pursuit, and who may desire at certain times to know what amount of assets they have in their collection. Therefore if dealing in postage stamps is likely to continue a recognized, lasting and safe commercial business then I repeat, a correct uniform and established price should govern all stamps according to their rarity, and this means a boundary of protection would surround the collectors who are repeatedly gulled by unscrupulous dealers that make a business of booming certain stamps which are sold far beyond an honest value. To complete a catalogue of this nature that would give the intrinsic worth of all adhesives, fiscals, envelopes, wrappers, cards, etc. would entail a large expenditure, and a deal of re-earch which could be satisfactorily accomplished by appointing one or more commissioners in each stamp issuing country whose duty it would be to collect from that Government all statistics and data bearing on the subject, including such information as would be necessary to arrive at the true estimate of the value of all stamps issued by said country, which report might also include a short outline or brief biography of the Government and resources of each country to precede the price list of the stamps. After all possible information from all reliable sources on the subject of stamps had been obtained a conference of the leading authorities and dealers could be held in some city mutually agreed upon where accurate prices could be made for both unused and used specimens according to the facts concerning their rarity, and other business therewith could be attended to, such as defining in a concise manner, the minute details in shade, perforations, surcharges, provisional, errors, etc. I am aware a move in this direction would necessarily demand a large cash outlay, but believe a joint stock company could be organized, representing interested men of different nationalities that could be found to undertake a project of this description not only as a benefit to Philately, but as a paying speculation. A work of this kind when completed and printed in different languages would be invaluable to the collector and would command a universal sale at a nominal price, and would undoubtedly return a large dividend for the capital invested. An annual revision would be necessary which comparatively speaking would cost but a small sum and the income would steadily increase. I would like to read the opinions of advanced Philatelists on this subject, whether according to their opinions a catalogue of this outlined description would be advantageous to the school of Philately, in either a scientific or monetary light, and if it would tend towards giving philately a new invigorating impetus that would send it bounding along with greater strides of success than hitherto. There is one thing certain that the collector needs some protection and unless he gets it, it will possibly only be a matter of time when philately will receive such a shock from a reaction of inflated prices and its present uncertainty, that its foundation will shiver to its very bottom. As an illustration of this uncertainty that is met with daily, I refer the reader to an item in one of our journals where a certain individual endeavored to dispose of his collection which had cost him upwards of two hundred dollars, and contained some

* Major E. B. Evan's Philatelic Catalogue is probably the most complete that is now on the market, but even that is not sufficient. No man should have the right to delegate to himself the authority to set prices on any commodity according to individual opinion for the guidances of trade in all civilized countries.

valuable stamps, the best offer he received from one of the largest dealers was less than twelve dollars. Surely such cases as the above should open the eyes of all collectors to the necessity of demanding some branch of protection as a guarantee that money laid out in stamps would not be total loss. I claim that stamp collecting could be made equally as good an investment as an endowment Life Insurance policy, providing it was surrounded with sufficient protection for the cash expended. In fact it could be made more desirable if the pleasure it affords was taken into consideration.

S. M. GRAVES.

A COMPARISON THAT IS NOT ODIOS.

C. E. SEVERN.



It can be noticed that there has been a gradual improvement in the quality and character of the literary matter appearing in the philatelic papers, during the period of the last ten years. To illustrate the progress made in that important branch; and the more forcibly to impress the fact, it is necessary to contrast an issue of a stamp magazine of a decade ago, with a philatelic creation of to-

day.

This is a hopeful indication, auguring propitiously for the continued advancement of literary merit until the acme of its perfection is attained.

In literature, unlike it is unusually in the mechanical arts, it is not the tendency that it should gain in excellence as the years pass on; but in our philatelic literature the melioration is quite marked.

The subjects chosen by the writers of ten years ago were radically different from those commonly selected by the authors of the present day. Most of the matter bore the earmarks of the labored composition of the tyro in authorship, and was therefore characterized by a looseness of diction and an extravagance of expression that is now seldom encountered, in the articles of well edited papers. The borderlines of the liberty with which a subject could be treated, were not so strictly observed as they are now, and as a consequence a mild order of confusion was noticeable. As an instance for illustration, we may consider the tales of the remarkable "finds" of rare stamps, which were favorite subjects with the writers of that period. In details these plots varied but slightly and while at times the subject would be treated in a manner so as to appear to be a plausible and readable account, in other cases so farfetched would be the incongruities and so unnatural the action of the narrative, that it would read like an extravaganza or farce. Happily, the halcyon days of the stories of "finds" which took place only in the fertile minds of the imaginative writers, are over; in instances where the "finds" are known to be

BONA FIDE, it is different and rightly so, since it affords entertaining reading to peruse such accounts.

To describe a stamp-issuing country and then append a list of its stamps was a method by which many writers "annihilated space" in those days, and as the list in the great majority of cases, was simply copied from a catalogue and in no way connected with individual research; and as the description of the country read generally in the words of an encyclopedia, the value of such articles was not great.

The increasing number of stamp-journals that has been launched upon the sea of philately during the past few years, demands a corresponding growth in the quantity of literary matter required to fill their columns; and the contributors have satisfactorily fulfilled this exaction.

One would suppose that the thinking, clear-minded person would not venture upon the reefs of publishing a philatelic journal since the blackened hulks of the many foundered publications, so cogently warn against tempting an adverse fate by establishing a stamp-paper.

The publication of a philatelic magazine should be regarded as a luxury such as necessitates an expenditure of time and money; and though there is a possibility that it even might prove itself a success from a financial stand-point, yet it would be unwise for an amateur to venture into the publishing world with his expectations based upon so unstable a quantity as profits accruing from the issuance of a stamp-paper. Then, it is apparant that while the cause for satisfaction exists not so much in the increase in the number of stamp-publications, for that has overcrowded the field and apportioned the support and patronage of collectors among so many papers as to materially benefit but few, but one may view with complacency the improved quality of their literary matter when compared with that of the stamp-papers of ten years ago.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A STAMP.

CHAS. JENNEY.



I am led to relate in these lines the story of my unhappy life, partly from the hope that other stamps may take warning and avoid the cruel fate that overtook me and partly by the hope that the great Human Race may be led out of pity for my misfortunes to drop the painful custom which spoiled my life.

I was born in the government printing and engraving office of the United Kingdom in 1875 and christened a Barbadoes five shilling, pink, and sent out to my home in the Barbadoes with my brothers in the following year. You can well be-

lieve that we were very proud of our lineage. We formed the "upper ten" of the

stamp society in the islands and our number was limited. One by one my brothers were dispatched on their missions, each one as he left casting a disdainful glance behind him at the plebian lower values who looked enviously after him. I was by chance in one of the lower sheets and consequently knew that I would have to wait long for my turn and I tried to await it patiently, little guessing what the future held in store for me.

For four years we had held full sway in the Barbadoes when one day we were all taken out, my brothers and I, except four sheets and placed upon a curious machine. We could not guess what was going to happen. Never before had more than one or two of us been called upon at a time. But we soon found out. The cruel machine shut down on us, I felt a painful sensation, and then we were taken out and I discovered that I was pierced through with sabs—literally perforated, and my brothers were in the same condition. This was terrible but what happened further was still more so. We each had tattooed upon us twice in black ink the characters ID once on each side of the perforations and then the truth flashed upon me and was almost immediately verified. I was on the edge of the sheet and was the first victim. I was torn from my brothers, torn asunder through the middle as the old Romans used to tear asunder their captives by fastening their limbs to wild horses, and then my left half was stuck to an open envelope containing a circular addressed to a business firm in New York City, U. S. A.

What a downfall! Here was I, one of the recognized patricians of the land not only terribly mutilated and ignominiously branded, but think of it—reduced to perform the plebian duty of a one cent stamp—to carry a circular! I had never dreamed of anything so terrible as this. Instead of carrying a large and valuable package, doomed to carry an unsealed circular letter! I will not dilate further on my feelings at this time. I was put in the mail bag, thrust on ship-board, and after a rough voyage during which I was unconscious of all but my deep dejection, I arrived in New York harbor, and was in due time transferred to the post office. I should have enjoyed visiting the great American city under ordinary circumstances, but now I cared for nothing. I was delivered to my addressee, the circular taken out and just glanced at and then together with myself cast into the waste-basket, a fit ending for so sad a lot. I waited only to be cast out into some rubbish heap, sorted out perhaps by some rag-picker, and beyond that my imagination would not carry me. However, I was unexpectedly rescued from the extreme fate I predicted. Three days later a young American came into the office where I was and asked permission of the proprietor to look through his waste-basket for old stamps. Consent was given and no sooner did he come to me than he recognized at once that I was no common stamp and he gave a low exclamation of delight and eagerly seized me. Though this was only half of me he knew my value. I was carefully conveyed to his home and placed in a dish of water to soak off from my odious surroundings. I did not mind the water much as I had been on it or surrounded by it since my birth, and besides I hoped perhaps those letters which cast such a stain on my character would wash out, but they, alas, were indelible. I was next placed between blotters and afterwards stuck into a blank book but here I met with another disappointment, I was next to a green half-penny Barbadoes stamp instead of being kept secluded as my rank demanded.

But now I must not let you forget I am a double stamp and must go back and tell you the history of my other half. My right half was placed on an Inter Island letter like a common one penny stamp and delivered to an English colonel, Jones, by name. The letter I carried contained matter of interest to the colonel and he inclosed me in another envelope and sent me back to the land of my birth, England. My message was of interest there also and I was stuck on a file, the sharp rod narrowly missing me, but I cared not—I would have been glad to end my life there, but it was not to be. Eight long years I lay there in obscurity, and

then the agent of an English stamp firm, searching for rare old stamps, chanced one day to discover my file and obtained permission to take the stamps. My value was again realized and when he went I went with him and soon found myself in a drawer in a large cabinet when to my joy I met eight of my long-lost brothers who had been served like myself. We were delighted at meeting after so many years and consoled each other on our unhappy lots. Several of my brothers were taken away from time to time, but the rest remained there about a year. One day I was taken out, an onion skin hinge put on me and stuck by it to a piece of paper called an approval sheet together with one of my brothers who had escaped the fate of the rest of us and a lot of other common Barbadoes stamps.

We were sent across the ocean again to America to a young man who had requested a selection of Barbadoes stamps from the English dealer. There were some figures placed below me, the meaning I did not understand at first. No sooner did the young man lay eyes upon me than he exclaimed "Eight dollars, whew! that is a costly stamp but I must have it." Then I knew what the figure meant and was pleased. Truly, merit always shows. I was taken off. He opened an International stamp album—and turning to the Barbadoes placed me beside—I rubbed my eyes; could it be true; yes it was—my long lost left-hand half. After years of suffering we were at last together again, only a narrow space and a line separating us.

The story is soon finished. This was the same collector who had rescued my left half from the waste-basket years ago. As the years passed he continued collecting and in time had bought a new album and transferred all his stamps to it and now he had taken the rest of me to fill the space adjacent to my other half. My days of misfortune are about over now and I ought not to complain, I suppose of the past, for now I am valued even higher than I was in those old days when I belonged to the first society of the Babadoes. If you will look me up in the stamp's "blue book," Scott's postage stamp catalogue, you will find my left half numbered 37 and valued at \$12.50 while my right half is not catalogued and is above rating.



PHILATELIC TID BITS.

NOTES FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR CITY.

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS.—HAMLET.

It is distasteful for a person, especially if he be a sensitive one, to have circumstances so untowardly mould themselves, as to conspire to place him in a false position. Further, it does not tend to palliate his dislike, even though this result is occasioned by no fault of his, or that the position he is forced to occupy is one exalted above that which his merits rightfully fit him to fill. Such a position is one held by Chicago in a mild degree, viewing the illustration from a philatelic stand-point.

It is admitted by collectors of this city, that many outsiders entertain an opinion of philately in Chicago, that is considerably inflated, as it were; and that the facts, shorn of all apologetic verbiage, do not bear out this flattering estimate. The truth is, the STATUS of Chicago as a collecting center is slightly over-estimated, in the imagination of many collectors residing throughout the country.

A dealer here has been empowered as an agent, to negotiate for the sale of a Livingstone Confederate local on the original envelope. At a recent New York auction sale, a specimen of this stamp realized seven-hundred and eighty dollars; the stamp being thought by many at that time to be unique. A photograph of the stamp—"the camera cannot lie"—in the possession of this dealer proves the stamp to be an excellent specimen, the postmark having struck both the stamp and the envelope.

In this city, there are persons who, while active stamp collectors, are averse to allowing the fact to become known, and never, or seldom do any, save themselves, view their collections. While it is somewhat in vogue to criticise the conservatism of these collectors, it should not be so, as in philately let it be, everyone to his liking; and the reasons, if any; for their course should be respected, and it is hoped the enjoyment they solitarily obtain from collecting, is as sterling as that of other collectors.

A prominent dealer from an Eastern city, who is an authority on the grilled issues of the United States stamps, casually stated that he received more grills from collectors of Chicago, asking that he pass judgment upon their authenticity, than for any other city. In view of the large number of suspicious grills of the 1870 issue that are circulating among resident collectors, would it not be pertinent to ask whether some Chicagoan imbued with characteristic enterprise has not been experimenting in that line, endeavoring to turn an "honest penny?"

Have you ever noticed what a nice class of collectors, Philatelia fosters in her small boy collectors? Usually, neatly dressed, intelligent, healthy-appearing boys who can pitch a "curve" and slug the umpire on week days and on Sunday sing, "I want to be an Angel," gazing at the good minister with eyes beaming with hallowed innocence. Such boys, the sight of whom moves even the misanthrope to lovingly exclaim with Whittier, "Blessing on thee, little man!"

What a curious phase of human nature has been begotten by the issue of the Columbian stamps, at least in Chicago. Everyone appears to be gathering and hoarding all values of these stamps; even men whose time is of great value save all the specimens of the Columbians that come under their observation. A collector here saw an envelope, on which a four-cent Columbian had performed postal service, laying in the muddy street. He hurriedly waded through several feet of slush and grabbed the prize; at the same time his newspring hat fell in the mud and a passing wagon splattered him with dirty water. He obtained the stamp, however, and was happy; so happy that he gave a little newsboy, whose nose betrayed the fact that it was not on familiar terms with a handkerchief, a ten cent piece in payment for a two-cent paper and told him to keep the change.

There is a Chicago collector, who has been favored with unusual good fortune. He is in the employ of a branch of a department at World's Exposition head-quarters, wherein is received a vast amount of foreign mail matter and his prerogative is, that he may have the used stamps on the envelopes and packages. Blocks of high values, rarities, etc., are some of the emoluments of his position.

C. E. SEVERN.

NOTES FROM MISSOURI.

I saw quite a curiosity in the stamp line belonging to a visitor in Salisbury. For a watch charm he wore, a small golden frame with glass sides. Incased in this frame were the 90 cent stamps of 1868 and 1869 one of which could be seen from either sides, neither of the stamps were used and they furnished quite a beautiful appearance. Upon being asked he said that he was no stamp collector but that when he was one year old, Jan. 1st 1870, they were given to him as a birthday present, by a stamp collecting uncle. He values them at \$50, at which price, I dare say they will not be sold for quite a number of years.

There were 3,000,000,000 Columbian Postage Stamps issued. Supposing that 5000 stamps weigh one pound, all of these stamps would weigh about 500,000 pounds. If these were laid upon the ground they would cover a plot of land about 10 miles square. Quite a large amount is it not?

In speaking of the stamp exhibition at the Worlds Fair, I think that it would be a very good idea to have a life size picture, (bust,) or all of the Presidents, etc. that are represented on the general issue of Postage stamps; also, if it would not be too expensive to do so; obtain all of the paintings that the Columbian issue were copied from, these alone would make a very beautiful exhibit.

The bids run up and down, As if trying to please the Auctioneer.	The Auctioneer need not dismal grow In selling other people's collections,
But they usually stop at a point; Which, to the buyer, is very dear.	For he's the lucky chap you know; Who has no expensive recollections.
	Lieut Powell Coleman.

LOS ANGELES NOTES.

We have in this city—including active and passive—somewhere near twenty collectors.

Can any one explain *why* the \$5. Dept. of State is so much scarcer than either the \$10. or \$20. value? Tiffany (page 238) says there were 363 each of the 5, 10, & 20 dollar values issued.

The entire remainders of the Central American Steam Ship Co's stamps were recently purchased. There are five values in the set and there were approximately the following number of each value in this lot. Of the 2cts. 10cts. & 50cts. values between 25 & 26 thousands each. Of the 1cts. & 5cts. values 12,500 each. There were 250,000 stamps issued by the Company in 1886 of which number 110,000 were destroyed when

the Pacific Mail S. S. Co. "gobbled" the C. A. S. S. Co. The price paid for these 104,000 stamps was \$1200 or a little over one cent each.

Los Angeles can boast of an 1869 15 cents with inverted medallion.

The 9 cent 1875 newspaper stamp is destined to advance about as rapidly as any U. S. stamp, judging from recent auction quotations.

CORREOS—UM!

BRITISH NOTES.

The London Philatelic Society opened their first private Exhibition (India & Ceylon) in their own rooms Effingham House, Strand E. C. for ten days, 23rd and 24th inst. The principal exhibitors were, Earl of Kingston, Messes Garth [India]. A. De Worms [Ceylon]. W. A. S. Westoby [Ceylon] C. Nevelle Biggs [Ceylon] etc. Admission was only obtainable by members card.

In our daily papers I observed mention is made of the death of Robert A. Macfie of Dreghorn Castle, Colington N. B. formerly head of the firm of Messes Macfie and Sons, sugar refiners Liverpool. and who sat for several years as member of Parliament of the Leith Boroughs. Philatelists as a rule little know the important part this deceased gentleman plays in the creation of the English post-card.

During 1867-8 he had occasion to buy goods for his estate, situated near Edinburgh, from a large manufacturing firm in his neighborhood. Under the same cover as the invoice of the goods he had ordered were enclosed several, "Returned Package Advice Cards." These were to be sent through the post to the factory, advising when the "Empties" had been returned and by what Railway.

The design of the card was,—On one side the name and address of the factory with, in the upper right corner in a small oblong [the size of a one cent stamp] the words, "A penny stamp to be affixed here." The reversed side bore the words, "We have this day returned to you perails,—drums.—boxes,—tins,—casks, etc, and with a place reserved for the sender's name.

The idea struck Mr. Macfie as novel and he communicated with the factory as to its practability. He was informed that it had been in use for some years and that it had been found a great saving of time to the managing partner by not having envelopes containing letter advices of returned empty packages to open at every post, and further that they thought the government ought to be approached to issue similar cards for short correspondence at the reduced price of $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

On Mr. Macfie resuming his Parliamentary duties in London, he spoke to Dr.[afterwards, Sir now Lord]P. Lyon Playfair and a deputation was ultimately formed of which Mr. Macfie was one, to ask the then post-master general to consider the idea of issuing $\frac{1}{2}$ d cards.

In May 1870 an act was passed to come in force in the following October establishing the $\frac{1}{2}$ d postcard, and wrapper.

Mr. Macfie at once wrote the Leith manufacturer congratulating him that his project had become law. This letter I once had the pleasure of

seeing and at no distant date I hope to send you a copy for insertion in your journal.

FRED GEO. C. LUNDY.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The first number was intended to appear on the tenth of March and every effort was put forth to accomplish this but circumstances prevented. Hereafter it will appear regularly on the tenth of every month. •

Future numbers will probably be larger and editorials and review will be conducted under separate headings.

Several new cuts of correspondents will appear in the next number.

The costly and valuable work of Mr. Herbert C. Beardsley should be appreciated.

Two series of U. S. stamps now contain one with a picture of the landing of Columbus viz. the 15cent 1869 and the 2cent 1893.

A photograph of a sheet of 100 unused U. S. 24cent 1868 adorns the showcase of one of Denver's dealers. The original is the property of Mr. A. F. Corbin of this city.

Mr. Chas. Jenny, the unexcelled sketch writer, is a regular contributor. Philatelists enjoy a little light reading as well as scientific articles.

A library of all obtainable books and papers on our hobby is being formed for the benefit of our subscribers.

Much has inconsistently been written against the high values of the present issue as Great Britain and Australia make use of stamps of £5 and £10 (\$25 and \$50) denomination.

Advertisers, there is a large unworked field opened to you the result of extensively advertising the PHILATELIST in the *Juvenile* and other papers.

Several Denver stamp dealers do a large local trade; last week the sales of one was over \$200. This field will be thoroughly covered by the PHILATELIST.

Those of our advertisers who want a Denver agent may send their wares to this office. We are centrally located and well known in the city; the printers however are not stamp collectors and this must not be construed as an offer to exchange advertising space for stamps.

Every collector and dealer needs Roger's Blue Book. We owe much to Mr. Roger for his good work as chairman of the Worlds Fair Execuative Committee. Subscription to the Blue Book and the PHILATELIST for \$1.00, this office.

A statement of the completed preliminary work of above committee was received for publication after the printers had all the Mss. and we are obliged to omit it. More on this subject next month.

Parker's price list No 59 is a useful book for determining the value of scarce stamps; at the low price 10cts., no collector can afford to miss it. The deceptive 3cent pink is priced at \$4; something near its market value if recent statements in our press are to be relied upon.

Mr. William Brown's large wholesale and retail price list has been received; this gentleman although residing in merry old England, does one of the largest businesses with American collectors, attributed to his liberal dealings with customers and patronage of our press. His "*Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*," a substantial literary treat every month, deserves its success. The Editorial chair is admirably filled by Mr. Percy C. Bishop.

A business rule,—to advertise the PHILATELIST'S advertisers only caused the omission of a number of notes of several of our correspondents. On account of another rule not being observed over ten pages of advertising matter unaccompanied by cash were not inserted.

An article is in preparation and will be published shortly for those of our readers who are not acquainted with the fascinating pursuit of Philately. This announcement will hardly interest the initiated, but remember it is the duty of the Philatelic press to gain recruits for the ranks of Philatelia and the only method is by showing as fully as possible the benefits and manifold pleasures to be derived.

It is truthfully said that the advertisements of our papers often prove the most valuable and interesting part to the readers. As these are the main support of the Philatelic press, our readers should appreciate the advertising page. Both we and the advertisers will be obliged for mentioning the PHILATELIST in your letters to them.

Mr. A. W. Dunning is partly responsible for such a presentable initial number, having ordered and paid for one page space for six months. Bargains will always be found on his page. Collectors wishing to dispose of their duplicates of scarce U.S. stamps should try him as I know he pays liberal prices.

Only one sample copy will be sent to non-subscribers and as back numbers will be unobtainable from us, (only a few copies being reserved each month,) those receiving this number on trial should subscribe at once as the price is likely to be doubled in the near future.

Denver has at last another much needed Philatelic society. It was organized on March 8th. and has some thirty members. Four pleasurable evenings have been spent in framing the constitution and discussing stamps. State collectors are invited to join. Philately should have a boom in Colorado with such a prosperous union of its devotees.

The exhibit of the Colorado Stamp Co, at the Industrial Fair in Denver attracted a great deal of attention, and Mr. Plummer deserves much credit for his enterprise. Judging from the number of questions answered, the public of this city ought to have a fair idea of our hobby.

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"*The Canadian Journal of Philately*" should receive the support of every Philatelist who believes in the elevation of our Philatelic press.

It was our pleasure to meet Mr. W. G. Jerrems Jr. of Chicago who was in Denver looking after his father's branch store. He is a most entertaining and suitable gentleman to talk Philately with, and next month will contribute an article on the result of his researches, particularly on watermarks.

OUR LETTER BOX.



Mr. Wm. Hogge, of Drumfrie, Scotland, in a recent letter says, "I enclose a Cuban stamp for your inspection that has never been catalogued and that is not generally known to be in existence, 1888 issue no value. This stamp no doubt was intended for a mila de peso but in the printing the one must have got on the stroke of the outer line. I have been through some thousands of these stamps and have come across only four similar stamps; they all show the same large margin on the side. I consider this the jewel of my private Cuban collection."

This theory may apply to the figure of value but the omission of the C of Cuba is still to be accounted for. The above cut is a reproduction of this curious error.

Mr. W. G. Jerrems Jr. after examining this stamp advances what I believe to be the correct theory for these omission viz "that the plate was too large for the form and the outer edge was cut down."—Editor.

BRIGHTON, Eng. Mar. 14, 1893.

Dear Sir:—Since writing to you last time, nothing very new has transpired except Imperial Penny Postage "scheme copy of which (newspaper cutting.) I sent your last mail [too lengthly for insertion but very welcome. Ed]

I expect that a new issue of French stamps will soon be issued.

re. The $\frac{1}{2}$ Envelope which was issued on Jan. 1st I have now seen one in which the red does not appear, the stamp being quite white, I have also seen great variety of paper. I enclose some five varieties of paper. I trust this will reach you in safety.—Yours Truly

GEORGE SMITH.

Letters from Mr. Wm. Brown (England) and several others were unavoidable omitted for lack of space.

To an Old Collecting Friend.

BY GUY W. GREEN.



I sit alone to-night
and think
Of changeless years
that long have
flown,
Of joys and sorrows,
gladness, grief
Of all the faithful
friends I've known.

There rise snow before
me here
Within the fire-

light's ruddy glow,

A room where two collectors sat
One winter evening long ago.

The scene looks natural as when
They came together after they
Had both returned from the debate
Along the winding College way.

The sheets that rest before them there,
Two eager faces bend above:
Their albums open are, for which
Their hearts beat strong with loyal love.

The morrow's cares forgotten are;
Anxieties no longer vex;
No more do Latin, Greek and Art
The weary student's mind perplex.

And then the treasure that they find
The merry laugh the clasp of hands,
The memories they both recall
Of distant countries, foreign lands!

I smile again to see them smile;
I laugh again to hear them laugh,
They're heedless of the fact that there
Life's brimming cup of joy they quaff.

I sigh and wish they might remain
Forever thus untouched by care;
That life might pass them lightly by,
Nor e'er with silver streak their hair.

I sigh again to think how vain
Is my desire my wish were true,
For I, dear friend, am one of those;
The other (have you guessed?) is you.

A Song of my Album.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

I sing not of castles nor lordly possessions,
Nor crowns of rare Jewels that lies o'er the sea.
'Tis not of rare meadows with fragrance of Clover,
Of stretches of woodland or flower grown lea,
'Tis only a book full of bright colored emblems,
Inscriptions of German or mottoes of Greek,
My love is a constant and steady devotion
Though years I have striven I never can speak.

This book which I cherish in sunshine or shadow
Contains not rare bonds or possessions of wealth,
I guard it as close as the miser his hoardings,
And comfort it brings me in pain or in health.

With its pages adorned with its bright bits of paper,
Which have come on their Missions from over
the Seas,

These stamps are more worthy the verse of a poet
Than meadows of clover or flower grown lea.

These stamps may have guarded a letter of warning

To those who were 'sleged in the Paris commune,
Or this perchance bore a sweet message of friendship

'Mong Scotia's sweet head her near bright Bonnie
Doon.

And this 'mong the bargers of lovely old Venice,
Made its way to the one whose address was well
traced.

On the dainty scented love-kissed Envelope,
Which the daintily boudoir of some lady has
graced.

And thus would I sing of these bits of bright paper
That tell of deep love, or satirical sneer.
Could I we but read rightly their stories of passion
We'd know of the romances strewn thro' the years.

And thus in the quiet of eventide hours,
I pore o'er this album of treasures the best,
And fancy removes me to Eden like bowers
And soon I grow drowsy and peacefully rest.

AUCTION EPITOME OF U. S. STAMPS.

Compiled from Sales in the United States from August 15, 1891, to January 1, 1893 by

HERBERT C. BEARDSLEY

Abbreviations, Etc.

*Unused; ton original envelope; ton portion entire envelope; p. paper, perf. = perforated; un p. = unperforated; rou. = rouletted; sl. dam. = slightly damaged; uns. p. = unsevered pair; b. = block; s. = strip; rep. = reprint.
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The subject of the above illustration, first saw the light of day on June 8th. 1877. For the past few years he has been an ardent stamp collector, and to-day possesses one of the finest collections in the city. Mr. Plummer, until recently, was the proprietor of the Colorado Stamp Co. but has disposed of most of his stock and will hereafter devote his attention exclusively to U. S. Stamps, having accumulated a fine stock of these. He is the editor of the official organ of the Denver Philatelic Society, also its treasurer, a genial young man and a close student of Philately and bid fair to become one of our most eminent advanced collectors.

A RARE STAMP.

BY W. A. WITHROW.

"I don't care to read a dissertation on a 'Connell,' 'Brattleboro' or Canada 12 p. stamp" you will probably think at noting the above title.

Now I do not intend to inflict such matter upon my susceptible philatelic friends, but will only note what a *really rare* stamp is.

Before I fairly commence, I will say that I do not mean a stamp valued at \$100.00 or more, but such stamps as are rarely offered, unless it is at auction sales, and those which increase in value very rapidly.

What determines the rarity of a stamp? First: *The number of stamps used.* The number of inhabitants of the country, their nature and amount of business transacted, usually determine this. To illustrate let us take the native states of India. Although there are a large number of inhabitants, they are not at all versatile, consequently very few stamps are used and very little business transacted with the outside world.

Second: *The length of time the stamp is issued.* This may not appear true at first thought, so I will explain myself. Let us take the Canada *pence* issues. These were necessarily discontinued when the currency was changed to cents, and had but a short period of existence, and at that time but few letters were written, hence these stamps may well be classed among the rarities. But now, this is wholly changed. Every country in the world has its stamp collectors and when a new stamp is issued, no matter for how short a period, the collector "lays in" a supply.

Third: *The discontinuance of stamps from a country.* As an example of this we have New Brunswick, Nova Scotia etc., merged into Canada, and more recently Nevis, Montserrat, Antigua etc. united into the Leeward Islands. The prices of these stamps have risen with comparative rapidity.

Fourth. *The extent of country over which the stamp is used.* As an example, we find the "postmasters" stamp of the United States. The N. Y. stamps were used only in New York City and of course by a small number of American people, comparatively.

I append a table of a few stamps as examples of rare stamps.

	Scotts. 51st.	Scotts. 52nd.	Scotts. 53rd.
United States. 1847. 10cts. used.....	\$1.25,	\$2.00,	\$2.25.
Antigua. 1879. 2½ p. unused40,	2.50,	2.50.
Montserrat. 1876. 6 p. unused.....	.30,	.75,	2.00,
Nevis. 1867. 1sh. unused	1.25,	2.50,	3.50,
New Foundland. 1866. 5cts. unused	2.00,	3.00,	4.00,
P. E. Island. 1860. 9p. used25,	.50,	.60,
Canada. 1851. 6 p. used. laid paper,	2.50,	3.50,	4.00,

I trust that I have said enough to help any collector puzzled on

this subject. When buying a stamp just note these four salient points, look over your catalogues to prove them, then buy the stamp.

A few hints may help you along so I give you some notes below.

Buy a used set of Prince Edward Island at your first opportunity. These stamps are very much undervalued by all, as very few are to be found in a used condition.

Of course you can see by what I have said before that it is best to buy your Montserrat's, Nevis, Canada pence issues etc., as soon as possible.

Secure a U. S. 1847 set. Be sure to get the originals which have the initials of Messrs Wright, Rawdon, Hatch & Edson, the engravers, at the bottom, just inside the outer line of each stamp. The government reprints are distinguished by the absence of the initial, or they are small and illegible.

The "free" German cities of Hamburg, Hanover, Bremen & Lübeck, each issued a set of stamps, which are growing more valuable every year as do also the Brunswick stamps. "A word to the wise, etc."

A STUDY IN WATERMARKS.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

I remember, when I began collecting stamps, that I was greatly puzzled over some of the terms used so frequently in the catalogues. Measurement of perforation, roulette, grille, watermark and many other technical words, which blocked my path on every page, were dark and puzzling mysteries to me, whose meaning was not to be learned from any dictionary or encyclopedia in my possession, and many were the hours spent in speculating as to what they might mean. Watermark was the first of these enigmas to be made clear to me, and it is perhaps for that reason that I have always been particularly interested in the many varieties of watermark to be met with in a study of the world's postal emissions.

It may seem unnecessary to define a watermark in a journal largely read by full-fledged philatelists: yet, while the recollections of my own blind stumblings for philatelic information are fresh before me, I cannot commence a study of the various watermarks found in our albums, without prefacing my remarks by a few words explanatory of their origin and use. In looking up this subject, I have found several definitions of the word watermark, none of which are satisfactory, but after considerable thought I have not been able to improve upon them. The best definition I have found thus far is as follows: "A watermark consists of any lettering or design impressed upon a sheet of paper during its manufacture for the purpose of guarding against fraudulent imitations."

The custom of watermarking is not, by any means, confined to the postage stamp. The watermark was in use long before that valuable innovation was dreamed of; and at the present time is largely used by

papermakers, since a watermark on any particular brand of paper serves the double purpose of a trade mark and an advertisement. The watermark has been used, to a greater or less extent by almost all countries; but it seems to be gradually falling into disuse of late years, perhaps from the fact that it is no longer an absolute guarantee of authenticity. The watermark has always been the counterfeiters' great stumbling block, and for that reason, if for no other, it deserves the philatelists' attention and study. But in the development of the forgers' art, (which seems to flourish in proportion to Philately's prosperity) this difficulty has been surmounted, and we now have forged watermarks, as well as forged stamps, forged surcharges and forged postmarks. Fortunately, the manufacture of watermarked paper is exceedingly intricate and expensive, and thus the forging of watermarks can only be attempted profitably in connection with rare varieties. In the majority of cases watermarked stamps are safe from imitation, especially since the surcharge has offered such an easy and profitable field for the evil minded, and it is to be regretted that only a few countries make use of the watermark at the present time. Great Britain was the first nation to print her stamps on watermarked paper and it is chiefly among the stamps of the British Colonies that the most interesting varieties of watermarks are to be met with. The first watermark used in Great Britain itself was a small crown, current from 1840 to about 1864-5, which however was not used in the British Colonies. The first watermark found on the colonial stamps is a simple star of varying size and shape. The duration of the star watermark is not very clearly ascertained, but it is generally believed to have gone out of use about the year 1862.

The well known crown, C. C., and crown, C. A., watermarks, although they have been largely employed in manufacturing British Colonial stamps, are by no means the only varieties of which British dependencies can boast. The largest and most important of England's possessions have had special watermarks. The stamps of the Australasian colonies,—including not only Australia, but also New Zealand, Tasmania, etc.—, are noteworthy in this respect; each one, I think, possessing their own particular watermark, as for instance: Q. in Queensland, S. A. in South Australia, N. Z. in New Zealand, and Western Australia's swan watermark which is unusually novel and pleasing. The pineapple watermark on the early stamps of Jamaica is also a pleasant change from the familiar devices of the other West Indian Colonies. It might be well here to explain to our young friends who are puzzling over the meaning of the C. C. and C. A. watermarks, that C. C. signifies Crown Colony, and C. A., Crown Agency. The Cape of Good Hope, one of the few British Colonies on whose stamp the hackneyed Queen's head has never appeared, also presents a novelty in the way of watermark, using an anchor on certain of her stamps. Egypt illustrates a pyramid; India, the head of an elephant; Switzer-

land a cross, and a dove on her envelopes; and Naples, a fleur de lys. There are also numberless other devices used, whose description space forbids.

Almost all European countries, with the important exception of France, have employed the watermark more or less, but few of them seem to consider its use necessary or desirable at present. The postage stamps of our own land are wholly without watermark, but it is to be found on many U. S. fiscals, and also on almost all of our stamped envelopes. Watermarks should be studied, both by the generalist and the specialist, not only on account of their intrinsic interest, but because the money value of many a stamp is determined by its watermark. There are errors in watermark, too, that bring high prices: sometimes the watermark is wrong side up; sometimes it is misplaced; sometimes the wrong one is used; and sometimes it is omitted altogether. Every collector should be on the lookout for these oddities, and since they are disregarded by many, he who makes a study of watermarks can hardly fail to profit financially thereby. But the great reason for studying watermarks is that a knowledge of them will often enable us to detect dangerous forgeries.

AUCTION REPORTS.

At Albrecht's 12th sale, held in New York, March 30th, the prices realized were good. The prices obtained for some of the more important lots are given below.		468 Gt. B. '82 £5 orange very fine	7.50
Lot 3 New York, 5c black fine	4.15	470 Gt. Britian '80 2s pale brown fine	5.10
5 U. S. general issue 5 & 10c 1847 fine	3.00	475 Gt. Britian Mulready 1p black, envelope used	3.75
8 U. S. 1851 5c brown very fine	5.00	476 Gt. Britian Mulready 1 p black letter sheet used.	3.65
24 U. S. 1861, 5c yellow	3.50	447 Gt. Britian Mulready 2 p blue env. unused	6.00
36 U. S. 1869, 90c fine	8.40	478 Gt. Britian Mulready 2p blue letter sheet unused	5.00
45 Agriculture unused set	8.10	712 N. S. Wales 1852 8p yellow fine	8.25
47 to 55 Executive " "	19.37	743 Oldenberg 1856 1/8 gr green used	16.05
62 Justice 90c unused	11.50	828 Prince Edward Is set used all but 1 p	6.50
65 Navy unused set	11.11	895 Saxony 1850 3 pf red used.	24.50
72 State 1 to 90c unused set	10.50	At Albrecht's 13th sale on Tuesday, April 19th, the following prices were realized for some of the principal lots.	
74 State \$20 fine unused	30.10	Lot 1 New Haven 5c signed reprint	12.75
81 Newspaper 9c pen-marked	4.32		
226 Br. Guiana, 1850, 1c magenta	10.00		
229 Br. Guiana 1862 1c pink paper	25.25		
230 Br. Guiana 4c blue	30.25		
232 " " 96c bistre	4.25		
289 Canada 1c brown red laid paper pen-marked	6.10		

2 New York 1842 3c blue wove p unused	37.50	119 U. S. '69 90c fine used	8.75
6 N. Y. 1842 3c glazed p., sky blue on env.	11.80	125 U. S. '69 90 reprint unused	10.50
7 N. Y. 1842 3c glazed p., dark green on env	14.10	168 U. S. 9c Newspaper used	4.00
8 N. Y. 1845 5c blk fine used	4.75	190 Executive, complete unused set o. g.	18.60
9&10 N. Y. 1845 5c blk fine used 2 @	5.00	209 Justice 90c unused o. g.	15.25
14 a N. Y. 1845 5c blk on waterm'k'd pap.	45.00	213 Navy complete unused	8.80
17 Providence 10c blk unused fine	19.75	229 Post Obitum unused fine	3.05
18 St. Louis 10c blk on envelope	54.00	233 State 1 to 90c unused fine	9.68
56 US '56 5c red brown unused perfect	21.50	237a State \$5 very fine	103.00
57 U. S. '56 5c red brown used	5.00	239 State \$10 fine un- used o. g.	27.25
72 U. S. '66 3c scarlet unused	13.20	240 State \$20 fine unused o. g.	27.25
73 U. S. '66 3c scarlet used	15.10	750 Confederate Athens Ga. 5c purple	40.00
75 U. S. '61 5c yellow unused	8.00	751 " " variety	52.50
76 U. S. '61 5c yellow used	4.50	752 Danville Ga. 5c red on white	51.00
85 U. S. '68 3c grilled all over, unused, o. g.	27.50	754 Knoxville Tenn. 5c blue on white	171.00
86 " " used	14.25	755 Mobile 2c black un- used	30.05
89 U. S. '68 5c yellow grilled used	11.10	756 Mobile 5c used	6.10
		763 Salem 5c blk on orange	7.40

WE OBJECT.

The initial number of this magazine was enriched by a contribution, from the pen of our townsman, Mr. J. P. Glass and the fact of having been in a somewhat disputatious mood when it was read, leads us to take exception to divers remarks, embodied in the well-written sentences. It should be stated at the outset, that while none of his expressions are strictly unjust, some are deemed to be uncalled for and rather severe. Having the pleasure of an intimate personal acquaintance with Mr. Glass, affords us an advantage in better allowing us to understand the motive, which inspired the conception of his article. Mr. Glass served his literary novitiate in the field of practical newspaper work and it naturally follows that he is imbued with ideas which are commensurate with the magnitude of the enterprises, with which he was identified



By virtue of his training, Mr. Glass looks upon the philatelic press with a coldly, professional eye, trained and alert to seize upon and expose any imperfections and shortcomings. His association with newspapers and other wealthy publications, caused him to institute comparisons between these totally foreign journalistic domains, with the inevitable result of disaster to that of philately. The favorite subscription price of many philatelic papers is twenty cents and for that modest amount, one should not expect too much.

In our country there is a stamp magazine published at one dollar a year, which is an honor to the hobby it represents: there are others published at fifty cents per twelve month, which are well worth that amount, while there are many of a really meritorious, grade for which only twenty-five cents are asked. What we endeavor to maintain is: That while the literary contents of the majority of stamp-papers are of a plane none too elevated, they are worthy of the nominate sum asked for them and are, in fact, really cheap, considering the lowness of the amount of their subscription price.

It is glaringly apparent that the editor of the average stamp-paper is much too lax in his rules for the acceptance of manuscript for publication, and when editors will take the pains to discriminate and print only the better class of matter, they will win the hearty approbation of the intelligent reader. But, even as matters now stand, there are a host of philatelic papers, which are worth the money their publishers ask, and one should not complain if he receives his money's worth.

C. E. SEVERN.

BRIEFMARKEN JOURNAL.

February 6th, 1892.

Some remarks upon the net work impression on certain Prussian and North German Confederation Stamps, by A. K. M. A.

Translated by W. F. Bishop.

In looking over some stamps of the third issue of Prussia we noticed a peculiar network impression over the stamps, the origin and meaning of which we were unable to explain. A closer examination of the stamps upon the original letters showed at once that it could not be a surcharged impression made after stamping the envelope, as in no instance did the net extend to the slightest degree beyond the stamp itself. This led us to an examination as to whether stamps of other issues or other countries showed the same phenomenon.

The first question to be answered was "whence comes this impression, or rather this apparent impression?" As above stated it was evidently not a surcharge upon stamps already gummed on envelopes.

The next idea that occurred was that it might be an impression on the stamp for some such purpose as English firms are accustomed to perforate initials on their stamps, or as in India, where bankers print their firm name on their stamps. This hypothesis, however, was negatived by the great regularity of the network and the discovery that it could be made visible on any stamp of the second and third Prussian issues by chemical means. Examination of the stamps with a strong glass showed absolutely no trace of the network before chemical treatment, which, however, readily produced it in gray to black and yellowish to brown shades. The network must therefore have been printed in some invisible substance upon the paper before printing the stamp in color. Analysis showed this substance to be a salt of lead, as chromate of potash brought out the net work in yellow, and sulphurated hydrogen in black. The yellow network we could only produce artificially, but the stamps which we had discovered in circulation bore the black network. This is readily explained by supposing the letter to have laid when they were exposed to the gases arising from decaying organic matter.

The object of this method of printing is supposed to be to guard against counterfeiting in place of the watermark of the first issue.

We now proceed to describe the stamps which show this peculiarity:

PRUSSIA.

Second issue. All stamps (Scott's type 2573, Nos. 6, 7 and 8.) In the 3 sgr. it comes out so strongly as to obscure the design of the stamp.

3rd issue. All five values (Scott's type 2574, Nos. 9, 9 A, 10, 11 and 12.)

NORTH GERMAN CONFEDERATION.

2nd issue. The Groshen and Kreuzer stamps all have the network except those printed in January and February, 1869, which have no network, as this seems to have been first used in March, 1869. The earliest cancellation on network stamp which we have found is March 29th. 1869. All earlier dates fail to show the network, the network only showing in the perforated series.

This network is undoubtedly identical with the visible network catalogued by Freudenstein as a valuable rarity.

All official stamps of the North German Confederation show the network, which is less complicated than the Prussian design, and is very like the Alsace-Lorraine stamps.

The perforated stamp for Hamburg (Scott's type 1555, No. 87) also shows it.

We call attention to some interesting variations:

In the first half of 1869 we find the loops of the network all pointed downwards, just the reverse of the Alsace-Lorraine. In the

last half of 1869 the loops point up, as in the case with the Alsace-Lorraine stamps.

At first both varieties were common, but as early as 1870 the first variety had grown scarce, and both disappeared from use in 1871.

In the official stamps the loops point to the right or left, but never up or down.

No stamps of other German states show this network.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

Just two weeks after application, second class mailing rates were granted THE PHILATELIST.

Mr. Remijio de Bellido, editor of "Brazil Philatelico" has generously presented the Philatelist Library with a neatly bound volume (1) of that journal. Our library is growing fast and will soon be open for the use of subscribers.

A correspondent, in a letter from Chicago, states: "The A. P. A. are rather slow in getting their exhibits under way here, I think, as there are no stamps as yet on exhibition and in fact only a few of their cases are prepared, I would advise anyone intending to visit the fair to wait until the 1st of July before doing so, as there are very few exhibits complete as yet."

We would advise all those who have not already done so to forward their subscriptions to the "Canadian Journal of Philately" (5 shares) as the time for the special rate of \$2.00 is fast drawing to a close—it will be mailed in about one week.

The first number of this journal will not be supplied free to new subscribers. We have only 25 copies on hand and these are worth at least 20 cents each. You should subscribe now and not miss a number.

Hon. W. Ledyard Scott of Mobile, Alabama, one of our advertisers, may be our next minister to Japan.

Mr. A. W. Dunning of Los Angeles, California, passed through Denver, on the 1st of May, en route to Chicago and the East. We were very happy to meet this gentleman and enjoy a chat on philatelic subjects. Our views on philatelic publications are pretty much the same. His contract now reads, one page, one year, paid. Dear reader you should always study the third cover page. Mr. D. now holds the bulk of the Central American Steamship Company's stamps. (10 shares.)

The new Mauritius surcharges; one cent on two cents lilac and one cent on 15 cents brown have been received, from Mr. T. La Sage, at this office.

One of our most valuable exchanges is the "Post Office Official Guide;" from the field it covers (it is on view in every Colorado post-office,) it should prove an interesting advertising medium.

A number of sheets from advertisers have been received at this office per our offer in No. 1. Denver collectors are invited to call.

In the grand duchy of Luxemburg persons desiring work or help have now only to send a postal card to the directors of the postal administration in order to have their wants advertised in every post office in the grand duchy.

Mr. R. M. Miller, of New Chester, Pa., the popular secretary of the Sons of Philatelia, informs us that the Exchange Department has proved most successful. "One book, value \$51.43, after going over one circuit of only 8 members had \$41.37 worth sold from it—almost 80 per cent." This certainly speaks well for the Sons. Dues are only 35 cents.

Both collectors and dealers should watch the ad., of Mr. Judson N. Burton, on page 42, new bargains are offered every month. (4 shares.)

Messrs. Jerrems, Severn and Glass will keep our readers well informed on philatelics in the World Fair city. It was intended to have an article on wmk's and little known varieties from the able pen of Mr. Jerrems for this number but we will have to wait till next month for that pleasure. The "Auction Reports department is under his charge. It seems this gentleman cannot do enough for The Philatelist and I am sure he has the thanks of all our readers.

"Nothing succeeds like success," is an old and true saying; that The Philatelist is in favor with both dealer and collector is apparent. Our paper already enjoys the patronage of a fair share of the dealing fraternity and as for subscriptions—we are well satisfied. We cannot abstain from printing a few opinions, of prominent philatelists, on the initial number.

Mr. T. S. Clark of Belleville, Ontario, is evidently the gummed hinge man. His die cut "Ideal" (oval) and "Best," (circular) are the best we have seen. Supplied on thick or thin paper.

"Brown and Bargains," these words go well together, especially after a perusal of the last cover page. Dealers! Collectors! Have you ordered any of his "unrivaled"?

We now have a dealer, in U. S. stamps, in Denver, Mr. Plummet. the handsome subject of the illustration this month, has obtained a large and choice lot of these stamps. (4 shares.)

A number of interesting manuscripts and several ads. were received too late for this number. Our readers should remember that these should be here by the fifth of the month to insure insertion.

Among the new advertisers, Messrs. Lumden (4 shares) Portman and Whitehead offer some very good things for many of our readers. Collectors will do well to patronise our advertisers, who we know will treat them splendidly.

If you wish bargains in Australian stamps try Sydney Stuart. We have received two of his packets and they are well worth the money.

Dealers! The PHILATELIST has forty shares to the good.

SOME OPINIONS.

"We received a copy of the 'THE PHILATELIST' and think you have done well with the first number, it is far above the average, and we hope you will meet with success."

J. A. MEKEEL.

"I beg to hand you herewith the necessary to ensure the receipt of twelve additional numbers, with the hope that at least you may keep up the standard of excellence observable in this initial number."

W. KELSEY HALL.

"Your paper has a fine initial number."

C. E. HOBBS.

"PHILATELIST is at hand. It comes up to my highest expectations."

GUY W. GREEN.

"I was very well pleased with the first number and consider it a worthy successor to the old 'Stamp' which was an excellent paper in its day."

G. N. CAMPBELL M. D.

"Although I have hardly had time to hear from all of your readers, especially the foreign, I am fully satisfied with the results of my ad. in the 'PHILATELIST.'"

E. W. PLUMMER.

"After having read No. 1. of 'THE PHILATELIST' allow me to congratulate you on its merits which I think are many, especially for an initial number."

A. W. DUNNING.

"Am much pleased with it."

FRED M. TOWNLEY.

"Like the first number very much."

D. H. EATON.

"I like the appearance of your paper and will use it later."

W. H. HOLLIS.

"We received No. 1., of the 'PHILATELIST' of Denver Colo, it presents a very fine appearance, and should meet with the support of the Philatelic public."

—*Nova Scotian Philatelist.*

"The new paper announced from Denver, the 'PHILATELIST,' has made its appearance. While rather unfortunate in the selection of an artist(?) for the cover, the contents are above the average."

C. H. MEKEEL.

"The magazine came fully up to my expectations."

W. A. WITHROW.

"After a careful perusal of its columns, I cannot speak but words of praise of your undertaking."

O. E. WILSON.

"I have received the initial number of your 'PHILATELIST' and I think it is quite creditable as to matter and appearance."

W. LEDYARD SCOTT.

"I congratulate you on the neat appearance of the journal as well as the valuable information it contains on its respective subject."

N. O. BAKER.

"I was so well pleased with the 'PHILATELIST' that I did not hesitate one moment after glancing it over to subscribe for it. I like it because it has nothing but philatelic news and knows the meaning of the word Philatelist. I cannot say too much in praise of it."

P. J. HEALY.

"It is a very good number."

HENRY ADES FOWLER.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Mr. William Brown's Letter.

SALISBURY, ENGLAND, March 13th, 1893.

MR. LEWIS BISHOP,

My dear sir:—

As you have asked me to write for your paper, I herewith attempt to do it. I say attempt, for although I have a paper of my own, (which of course is the best paper issued anywhere and has the largest circulation and is the best medium but there I need not continue with this as of course you know that without my telling you.) I never write a word for my own paper.

There has been nothing very exciting lately in the way of Philately over here, with the exception of the London Philatelic Society's exhibition of the stamps of India and Ceylon. It was an extremely fine show of these stamps, and when one sees imperf 4d and 8d with margins wide enough to drive a carriage and pair round, to say the least it makes one long to break the tenth commandment.

The Society's new rooms are very fine, and I should say most comfortable, and I spent a very pleasant afternoon among the treasures there shown.

The Strand, London, seems to be getting quite classic ground. Messrs Stanley Gibbons have just obtained a large house in this part of London, where they will in the future transact all their business. Certainly their stock must be the finest in the world. I have had the opportuni-

ty of seeing most of it, and I am certainly of the opinion that there is no dealer in the world that can show a finer lot of rarities than they can. When one counts Sydney Views and first issue Western Australias by the hundred, it will give you some idea of what they can show you.

Your new Columbian stamps seem to "take the cake" as far as beauty of design and engraving go, but the gum is vile. At any rate they sell like steam here, and it is difficult to keep any in stock for any length of time. As in the States they have been the means of getting a good number of recruits to stamp collecting.

I am glad however that I am not a Yankee. I would not care to have the pleasure (?) of licking half an acre of them for a large parcel.

I suppose you expect to have rare business times this year, with your big (aff) Fair at Chicago. I have not heard of many of our English dealers going over.

Well I think this is enough for one month. I will see if I cannot get something more interesting next month.

Fraternally yours,

WM. BROWN.

Mr. Brown doesn't state that he enclosed money order for \$25 for space, but such is a fact.—Editor.

Hawaiian Surcharges.

HONOLULU, April 21st, 1893.

Editor PHILATELIST, dear sir:—On of

about the 20th of May the Hawaiian post-office will issue a series of surcharges on the current stamps. It will consist of the words "Prov Gov't" in black on the red and red on the dark stamps and all other stamps will not be sold for postal purposes. The envelopes and postal cards will not be surcharged.

This is the first time that Hawaii has had any stamps surcharged for postal use; although on several occasions the one and two cent stamps ran low, but the government would not have any of the higher values surcharged at all.

POO LETA HAWAII.

Re An International Stamp Catalogue.

CHICAGO, April 14, 1893.

DEAR EDITOR:

A contributor, in your first number, complains that the prices, in so-called "Standard" catalogues, published in this and other countries, do not coincide with one another.

He also suggests a plan for the compilation of a catalogue, altogether too elaborate to be possible.

The publishers of the American catalogue that he mentions do not claim that it is a standard of values; but tell in their preface, that it is their price list, and that they will be pleased to furnish any of the stamps named therein at the prices quoted.

I do not know on what basis the various dealers compute the value of a stamp, but presume that the estimated quantity, and the actual demand, are the chief fac-

tors that determine the value of each stamp, in their opinion.

It is probable that the prices quoted in the catalogues, of leading dealers in various countries, will never coincide. For one reason, "the fashions in Philately" differ in different countries.

In our own country, collectors, as a whole, look with more favor on the stamps of North America than on any others. So in England do they prefer to collect the stamps of Gt. Britain and her colonies. At auction sales in this country there is always more competition for United States than for any other class of stamps, and the prices obtained for them are nearer to the quotations in our best domestic catalogues than the prices obtained for the foreign stamps.

At sales in London the prices realized for British Colonials, are usually relatively higher than for other classes of stamps.

If your contributor will cause an equal demand for all classes of stamps in all stamp centres he may look for catalogues from the leading dealers that will be more nearly uniform, as to prices; but, as he cannot do anything of the kind, I would suggest that he can keep posted on values, by carefully reading the "Auction Column" in the "Philatelist." He will find that some stamps will bring high prices in London and perhaps "go begging" in New York or Chicago while others that will be eagerly competed for in San Francisco, Chicago, or New York will not receive a bid in London.

W. G. JERREMS Jr.

AUCTION EPITOME OF U. S. STAMPS.

Compiled from Sales in the United States from August 15, 1891, to January 1, 1893 by

HERBERT C. BRARDLEY

Abbreviations, Etc.

*Unused; †on original envelope; ‡on portion entire envelope; p. paper, perf. = perforated; unperf. = unperforated; rou. = rouletted; sl. dam. = slightly damaged; uns. p. = unsevered pair; b. = block; s. = strip. rep. = reprint.
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 1.50; (5) 1.95; uns. p. +.60; uns. p. .80; uns.
 p. +.60; uns. p. +.60; *1.60; uns. p. +1.80; +.35
 (4) 2.00; uns. p. 1.02; s. 3; 1.80; *1.60 uns.
 p. 1.14; (9) 3.24; uns. p. +.70; *1.05; +.70;
 +.60 2) +.85; (2) +.80; uns. p. 1.05.
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 (2) 3.00; 2.00; 1.25; (2) 3.30; uns. p. 4.50;
 s. 3: 5.30; +1.30; uns. p. +1.10; +1.80;
 +2.05; +2.05; +1.21; uns. p. 2.60; 1.15; +1.55;
 (2) 3.80; (6) 8.10; (2) 3.80; 2) 3.80; +2.00;
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 (3) 4.80; +2.10; 2.55; uns. p. 4.60.
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 75: 1.80; 2.36; 1.60; 1.90; *3.50; 2.60; 2.50
 2.86; 2.00; 2.00; *2.00; 2.50; 2.50; 1.62; rep.
 *2.60; 1.60; 2.00; 1.70; 2.30; 2.20; 2.25;
 2.35.
- 1851 1c. (5) 1.00; (4) .48; (12) 1.80; (22) 2.20 .30;
 (27) 2.16; (46) 3.91; (12) *1.92; (6) .66; (11)
 .77; (5) .55; (6) .90.
- 3c. (17) .60; (35) .70; (4) 1.08; s. 4, .20; (368) .45
 (25) 1.00; (14) .70; *1.15; (17) .68.
- 5c. 2.10; 2.00; uns. p. 6.00; 3.25; 3.25; 3.25;
 4.10; 4.05; 4.50; 4.05; *8.10; uns. p. 11.55;
 4.25; 5.00; *8.25; 4.00; 2.65; 5.00; 4.00; 4.25;
 4.25; 5.50; 7.50; 4.75; uns. p. 12.00; 3.60;
 4.75; 3.60; 7.60; 5.10; uns. p. 12.40; *7.75
 5.05; uns. p. 9.80; s. 3; 12.60; *6.75; 6.50;
 4.75; 4.50; 4.50; 4.10; 4.10; 4.10; 4.05;
 5.00; 5.90; *18.70; s. 3; 23.00.
- 10c. s. 4, 1.44, s. 6, .90; .50; .60; (23) 8.05;
 1.00; +1.50; .75; (7) 2.73; (10) 3.05; .27; +.90;
 un. p. 1.20; s. 3, 1.95; s. 5, +2.25; uns. p.
 1.20; uns. p. 1.02; uns. p. *3.50.
- 12c. uns. p. 2.0; (5) 3.25; (2) 1.30; .75; uns.
 p. *2.12; b. 4, +4.80; .75; uns. p. 3.10; s. 3,
 2.25; 1.20; uns. p. 2.60; s. 4, 4.40; *2.10; .90;
 uns. p. 2.50; (2) +2.00; uns. p. 1.80; (3)
 2.25; (4) 3.20; 1.05; b. 4, *12.00; s. 4, +4.00.
- 24c. *34.00.
- 30c. *11.00; 39.00.
- 1857 1c. line, uns. p. *60; b. 4, *1.04; 1.05.
- 1c. (4) .60; (68) 3.06; (30) *4.50; b. 4, *60; (7)
 .25; (15) 1.20.
- 1c. dark blue on blue surface p. +.35.
- 3c. outer line: (12) 1.21; (7) .35; .16; (7) +.49;
 *3.10.
- 3c. (370) 1.75; (146) 1.46; (54) *1.35; (1.10) .27;
 (5) 15.
- 3c. tripple perf. .75.
- 5c. red brown, +3.25; 4.55; 1.60; 4.50; 2.70;
 4.00; 4.00; 4.00; 4.20; 2.90; 4.50; 5-25; 2.80;
 3.20; 4.00; 3.10; 1.00; *4.00, *5.50; rep. .60;
 3.30; 4.50; 3.50; uns. p. 8.50; 3.00; 4.75;
 3.75; 4.75; *12.50; 3.50; 3.75; 3.50; 4.50;
 s. 3, 8.40; 4.60; 4.40; *15.00; 3.50.
- 5c. brown, no projections. *60; s. 3, 1.60, b. 4,
 *2.50; *1.60; (2) 2.30; (2) 2.50; (4) 3.60;
 1.10; uns. p. 2.20; *1.45; uns. p. *3.20;
 1.50; .85; 1.23; *1.35; *1.15; *1.75; 1.10;
 *1.10; rep. *1.10; 1.20; *1.20; uns. p. *4.80;
 uns. p. 3.20; 1.00; 1.25; (4) 4.80.
- 5c. brown projections. 1.90; 1.60; 1.40; 2.25;
 1.70; 1.25; 1.80; 2.00; 2.05; 4.00; 2.00; 1.80;
 1.40; 2.15; *5.25; 1.95; (2) 4.00; (2) 3.50;
 2.25; 2.15; 2.00; 1.40; *2.90; 2.50; 2.75;
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 (5) 5.25; 1.90; 2.00; 1.85; 2.45; uns. p. 1.70;
 1.70; 2.00; 3.75; 1.50; uns. p. 3.60; 1.10;
 2.10; 3.10; (2) 3.40; s. 3, 4.20; s. 4, 10.40;
 2.20; 2.00; s. 3, 7.50; 3.00; uns. p. 7.50;
 1.56.
- 10c. b. 5, +55; uns. p. 31; (2), 26; (3) .63; (8)
 9.55; b. 3, 50; (20) 2.40; (4) *1.20; (3) .45;
 *20; b. 10; *2.75.
- 12c. uns. p. *1.35; uns. p. 1.10; (4) *1.25.
- 24c. (4) 3.60; *7.1; .80; *1.10; *1.15; *1.15;
 *1.30; 1.15; (4) 6.00; *1.00; *1.00; 1.00; uns.
 p. *2.00; *1.60; *1.10; 1.25; *1.20; 1.20; 1.20;
 *1.60; 1.40; *1.75; 1.40; *1.60.
- 30c. *1.50; *1.50; *1.50; 1.50; (3) 3.90; 1.60;
 .16; *1.30; 1.60; 1.65; *1.65; *2.10; rep. *3.25
 *1.85; 2.00; *2.05; 1.60; *1.95.
- 90c. *2.55; *3.10; 4.50; *3.00; *3.25; 4.50;
 *3.55; *4.10; *4.80; *4.60; 4.80; *4.40; *4.50;
 8.00; 6.00; *4.00; *4.00; 4.50; *4.00; *3.60;
 *3.80; rep. *1.25; *4.50; *3.75; *3.75; *4.75;
 *5.00; rep. *3.95; *4.75; *5.25; *5.00; *4.75;
 *4.10; *4.20; 4.50; *4.65; *5.00; 5.95.
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 8.80;
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 .25; (4) .64; *2.25; b. 4, *12.00; (8) 4.00;
 1.05; *5.60; 1.50.
- 5c. brown, 1.40; (4) .84; (3) .75; rep. *50; s.
 3, .60; .15.
- 5c. yellow, 2.10; +3.05; *3.00; 1.60; 2.50; 3.65;
 2.25; 3.00; 4.05; 3.15; 3.70; 4.60; 3.60; (3)
 9.45; (2) 6.60; *8.25; 2.60; 3.80; 3.50; 4.10;
 4.40; uns. p. 11.00; 3.55; 3.00; 3.00; 3.00;
 3.00; 2.20; 3.10; 3.55; 2.95; 4.20; 3.80; 3.00;
 3.60; 1.75; 3.50; 3.00; 3.75; 3.60; 3.90; *8.50;
 uns. p. 14.00.
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 (4) 1.20; uns. p. .30; (4) .64; (16) 1.82; (9)
 *2.46; (4) 1.40; (5) 1.00; *5.7; (18) 2.84;
 *90; (4) 1.00; (5) *2.75; (3) .90; uns. p.
 55; (8) 1.04; *7.5.
- 30c. (4) 1.72; s. 3, 1.20; (3) *2.40; (2) *1.90; (3)
 *2.55; +.45; (3) .90; (5) 1.50; *1.50; (2) 1.00;
 (8) 1.84; s. 4, 1.56; (5) 2.00; uns. p. .34; (4)
 1.88; (6) 2.58; (5) 2.20; (4) 1.68; +.35; (3)
 *4.65.
- 90c. *6.75; 1.06; 1.30; *3.50; .95; *1.80; 1.00;
 1.15; b. 5, 6.00; 1.25; 1.20; 1.10; 1.50; 2.00;
 *3.10; (3) 3.45; 1.20; *2.70; (2) 2.20; 1.25;
 .90; *2.80; 1.65; 1.05; 1.35; 1.25; 1.75; uns.
 p. 2.30; *4.00; 3.40; (2) 2.10; *4.10; 1.36; (4)
 4.24; 2.80; b. 4, 5.40; 1.40; 1.25; 1.10; uns.
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MR. EDITOR :

As I accepted your request to write an article on the Stamps of Prince Edward Island, I shall endeavor to fulfill my promise on this public holiday. Being free from business this 24th of May, while the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India is celebrating the anniversary of her seventy fourth year on this terrestrial globe, I see no reason why I should not enjoy myself with Miss Philatalia, and write something in her behalf. If it only interests a certain number of her admirers, and adds to the study of her theme, it will be an extra pleasure for me. Having time on my hands, I feel like giving a short sketch of this Island and its resources from the time of its discovery by Sebastian Cabot in 1497, up to the present time. Perhaps a preface of a dozen lines of this nature may not be considered by some as bearing on the sciences of Philately, or of interest to those who make stamp collecting a business or pastime, therefore will refrain from so doing and adhere closer to the subject of

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The first stamps of this colony were issued in 1860, comprising three varieties, 2 pence rose, 3 pence blue, 6 pence green. The first value was used for half ounce local use, the three pence carried a letter to the neighboring provinces, and the latter for the prepayment of letters to Great Britain. Each of these stamps contained a profile of Queen Victoria and were printed on wove paper with 9 perforations. The requirement for stamps being limited owing to the small population (80,000) and the supply small, the first order soon became exhausted. Two years later, in 1862, the necessity for other values presented itself, and an order for a larger quantity, including other varieties, was forwarded to the printers in this year, comprising the following values: 1 penny buff, 2 pence rose, 3 pence blue, 6 pence green, and 9 pence lilac. The first was intended for local drop letters, the next three were of the same design and for the same purpose as previously mentioned; the 9 pence lilac was considered necessary for parcels etc. These stamps were principally perforated 11, although some are found with 12 perforations. In 1869 the convenience of a 4 pence stamp was required; this value was printed in black. The following year, 1870, a change in the postal rates to Great Britain took place, and a 4½ pence brown was procured to supercede the 6 pence previously used for

or that service. These stamps also contained a portrait of the Queen on wove paper with similar perforations to the 1862 issue. This completed what is known as the pence or first issue of the Prince Edward Island Stamps.

The currency used in this colony, until 1881, was pounds, shillings, and pence, on a somewhat different scale to other British possessions. A pound sterling was equal to thirty shillings currency. In this year, by act of Parliament, a change was made to dollars and cents, and here arose a difficulty for a long time in making change. A currency pound was worth \$3.24. A dollar was worth 6s3d in coin, and 6s2d in paper money. A shilling was worth 16 cents silver, and 24 cents in coppers. A three pence or 5 cent piece was worth 6 cents in coppers. Many laughable incidents occurred during the first two years, in transposing the currency until dollars and cents were generally understood, and the old time pounds, shillings and pence dropped entirely out of use. Before passing on to the next issue of stamps, I will mention some of the most pronounced errors that have come under my observation in the first series, and I am of the impression, among the first sheets, only from the plates, as in later years it was impossible to find them. In the one penny L f, I can mention the following varieties, or plate marks in deep color; outer line on right side, same on left and part of bottom, same on top and right side, some line on bottom only, and with perforations running through line on right side, also on left, white line above fifth letter in Island, and period above L in Island. My opinion is, the plate of 6 rows of 5 stamps making 30 to each sheet, in the first instance contained this line all around, and after some sheets were printed, this error was observed and removed. The 2 penny stamp is prolific in shades of color, but I shall only mention plate marks which I have seen, leaving out the numerous errors that have been reported, many of which I don't believe ever existed. Period before T in two, also after T. Hyphen between Two-Pence, upper part of T in two not showing, resembling a capital I. In the 3 pence can be found a period over last letter in three, and after D in Edward. In the 4 pence I have met with partial outerline, smaller although similar to the 1 penny stamp; 4½ 6 and 9 pence, I have had less opportunities to study quantities but believe they are comparatively free from marks, although, if I mistake not, it has been reported some have been found. Collectors of varieties would make a safe speculation in investing in any of these errors, as they will surely become valuable as

soon as the security is generally understood. The collecting of British North America Stamps is becoming one of the wide spread specialties of the day. As I remarked before, the currency on the Islands was changed from pounds, shillings and pence to dollars and cents in 1871, which necessitated a new issue of stamps of the following denominations, which were placed on sale late in that year: 1 cent orange, 2 cents blue, 3 cents rose, 4 cents green, 6 cents black, 12 cents mauva. All were paper with profile of Queen Victoria to left in various frames, perforated 12, although some are found with 13 perforations. This issue was free from errors, except the 3 cent rose, which is the only value of the whole lot, that I know of, that contains an error. This stamp can be found with a period between Prince and Edward in three distinct places; at the bottom, perfect, half way between the top and bottom of the letters between Prince and Edward, period is not quite so heavy, and higher up, at top between same words, the period is smaller and fainter. In the next issue of the PHILATELIST I will continue this article, and furnish some interesting Government statistics regarding the number and value of the unused remainders, including a description of the new rare provisionals. The general scarcity of the used stamp, and other matters that will be of more than ordinary interest to the collector and dealer in these stamps.

S. M. GRAVES.

A TALE OF THE MISSIONARY STAMPS.



Harry Ingraham was a New England boy. When he was very young his father was lost at sea and when he was eight years old his mother died, leaving him and his sister to the care of their only relative, Uncle Seth Briggs. Uncle Seth was a farmer and Harry was brought up well instructed in all the duties of farm life, but he had the roving disposition and desire for adventure so prevalent in the in the majority of American boys, and at last grew to hate the dull monotony of ploughing, hoeing and harvesting. In 1849, when he was 18 years old, the discovery of gold in California gave him the idea that he wanted to go to the gold country, and when the next year, a party from his native village prepared to start for the west, Harry took matters into his own hands, and although his uncle had refused to

allow him to go, he managed to get on board the ship without being discovered. A long, stormy voyage around the Horn, during the greater part of which he felt half dead with seasickness, made Harry glad to see land once more. But as soon as he was landed at the then half Spanish town of San Francisco his old spirit of adventure came over him and as soon as possible he was off for the mines. A hard, rough life he led there and when two years later, he again entered San Francisco, one would hardly have recognized the rough-faced, dirtily dressed miner as Harry Ingraham, dead broke. For success had not attended him. He was glad of an opportunity to ship on board a whaler that lay in the bay. But his hard luck was not over yet, and five days out from port a heavy gale was encountered and a falling spar broke his leg. When a few days later, the ship put into Honolulu for a fresh supply of water, Harry was left there at the hospital, for there is no use for a man with a broken leg on board a whaler. The fracture proved quite a serious affair and was accompanied by a fever, and when a month afterward, he was able to sit up a little he had plenty of time for reflection on his past life and the error of his ways was plain to him. All these years he had not written to or heard from his uncle, who had been so good to him and given him a home, and he saw how misfortune had followed him as a reward for his conduct. As soon as he was able to write he sent a long letter home to Uncle Seth asking his forgiveness and telling of his adventures since leaving New England. His stay on the island was prolonged to six months and during this time he wrote another letter to his uncle saying that he would come home as soon as an opportunity occurred, and this happened soon afterward, for a home bound whaler, short-handed, gave him the chance, and he again made the voyage around the Cape and in due time landed at the old whaling port of New Bedford. Next day he was received with open arms by his uncle. But the wandering instinct had by this time become a part of his nature and after a year on the farm he asked and obtained permission to take a three year's whaling voyage into the South Atlantic, for his uncle had begun to think that he had been too severe on him before and besides that he was old enough now to look out for himself.

So Harry made that voyage and another and, in fact, for twenty years followed the sea, having visited in that time almost every country. He had been fairly successful too, and in 1872 he decided to settle down with his uncle who was now an old

man of sixty, but still possessed of all his natural energies and capable of doing all his work. Harry's sister had married years ago and now had a home of her own near by, and Harry was the uncle of two big boys.

Harry Ingraham was the very type of a retired successful sailor and his nephews spent all their spare time with Uncle Hal, listening to his sea yarns or watching him whittle out toy barques and brigantines for them.

Frank and Earnest had become stamp-collectors some time before their uncle left off going to sea, and from him had obtained many rare and curious foreign stamps. He always brought them home a lot at the end of every voyage. One day Uncle Hal came upon Earnest, unawares, seated on an old stone wall, deeply studying some book. "Hello, my lad," he exclaimed, "what log book are you studying there? Dick Turpin or Captain Kidd?" "It is a stamp catalogue, Uncle Hal." "Let's have a look at it." And he appeared to be deeply interested as he turned the pages and listened to Earnest's talk about the value of this and that rare stamp. "Helloo, ahoy there. What is this? Seems to me I have sighted one of them berore," he exclaimed as he turned a leaf and came upon the page devoted to the Hawaiian Islands. "I guess not, Uncle. That is worth most a hundred dollars. I would give anything to get one." "You are spinning me a yarn, but, my bantam, I guess I know what I've seen. Never told you about how I was laid up in the hospital at Honolulu for six months did I? That was way back in the fifties when I first started out cruising. I wrote home to Uncle Seth once or twice then and I used stamps like that one," and he pointed to the 13 cent missionary stamp. "You see the letters on it are what I know it by—H. I. and U. S.—that stands for Harry Ingraham and Uncle Seth. I remember calling Uncle Seth's attention to it." "Do you suppose he has kept them? Let's go and see," said Earnest, and he would wait to hear no more but started off at once. Uncle Seth was found mending the well curb and when questioned said, yes, he remembered it well. It was the first letter he had had from Harry after he ran away from home. Yes, he had kept the letters; reckoned they were up in the garret in his old trunk. So they went up to the attic and a short search brought to light both the letters with the stamps, but although they went to the bottom of the trunk, no other stamps were found. Earnest was satisfied though. One of the stamps was pretty badly torn but the other was in good condition. When Frank came home he was shown the finds

and they nearly went wild over them. They held a consultation and finally decided to keep the best one and not sell it. "For," said Frank, "if we sold it, when our collection grows larger we should have to buy another one and it might cost us more by and by." A very wise conclusion. The torn one Earnest took to school and traded for two Prince Edward Island stamps and both boys decided they had got a bargain. The boys wrote to a stamp dealer, asking what the stamp was worth, for it was not priced in the catalogue and when the answer came, offering them fifty dollars for it—that was way back in 1873—they showed it to Uncle Hal. "Well, smash my bowsprit, it is just like picking up lump of ambergris at sea, isn't it? Well, that beats me," said he, "I have heard tell if you put a Yankee ashore on a desert island with nothing but a jack-knife for company and return there in six months you will find him living in a three-story house with all the parrots on the island taught to whistle Yankee Doodle and just fitting out a coaster with the with the products of the island to trade with the neighboring islands, but this beats that. 'Way back when I was a boy the Kanakas used to send over here for Uncle Sam to send them some nice, fat missionaries to fill their souls(?) with the love of the gospel. After a little ne Uncle Sam got suspicious and would only send them out lean ones so that the heathens had to fatten them themselves before they could eat them. Then he sent out only such Yankees as never grew fat under any conditions and they took possession of the islands or pretty near, and began to ship the produce over here. Now you young Yankees make a little piece of paper that the Kanakas used for a postage stamp, worth fifty dollars and make that much out of them, and I should not be surprised if in a few years Uncle Sam swallowed the whole islands. It is hard work to get ahead of a Yankee." If Uncle Hal had lived about five years longer than he did he would today have seen how near his words were to the truth.

CHAS. E. JENNEY.

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Subscribe for THE PHILATELIST is very easily reasoned out. Back numbers are not kept on hand in large quantities and these can only be had at 25c each, and we are not anxious to dispose of them at that price. Furthermore, every subscriber sending a self addressed, stamped envelope is entitled to a premium worth the subscription price alone. It now consists of two genuine Confederate bills that were used during the civil war. We have run out of Japanese stamps.

NOTES FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR CITY.



Philatelic visitors, attracted to Chicago by the description-defying World's Columbian Exposition, are arriving with increasing frequency. One can note with satisfaction that these strangers are, almost without exception, possessed of gifts of intellect above those of the ordinary standard, and their appearance in most instances, is decidedly in their favor. They are fit and proper representatives of our matchless hobby.

It is natural those collectors visiting Chicago at this period, should be accompanied by many of their philatic gems, so as to display them to appreciative local collectors. A list of the rarities that have enravished the sight of our collectors would be one long drawn out. One pilgrim exhibited, among dozens of one and of six pence, five superb specimens of the one shilling, Nova Scotia.

Even should it happen that the fair be opened every Sunday, as it was on May 28th. in all probability the Government Building, the one containing the A. P. A. stamp exhibit, will remain closed on the Sabbath. Philatelists visiting the Exposition on that day will have to forego the pleasure of inspectin the stamp display.

Many philatelists are deferring their coming to Chicago until the time of the A. P. A. and S. of P. Conventions and thus they will be enabled to participate in these congresses of stamp collectors, in addition to "doing" the fair.

It is conceded that the entertainment of visiting philatelists will be largely an individual matter. Some official action will probably be taken by the Chicago Philatelic Society before the advent of the "rush" which is expected to materialize about the end of June and continue to the closing of the exposition.

Any collector sojourning in Chicago on a Thursday evening can be an attendant at a local stamp meeting. The C. P. S. and the Chicago W. P. U Branch, divide the Thursdays between them as nights of meeting. The A. P. A. Branch meetings are held on the same evenings as the meetings of the C. P. S., i. e., the first and third Thursdays of each month.

The issue of the Columbian stamps proved to be a boon to

at least one Chicago dealer. He makes a specialty of buying and selling these stamps and the aggregate number of Columbian stamps that has passed through his hands would be astounding were it known. His manner of obtaining many of the stamps shows much ingenuity.

Collectors should not over-estimate the benefits that will accrue to philately through the A. P. A. stamp exhibit at the fair. While there is no doubt but that it will tend to give stamp collecting a noticeable impetus, there is so much that is wonderful to be seen, that the average non-philatelic mind will scarcely be deeply impressed any length of time, even by the most meritorious of displays.

C. E. SEVERN.

Chicago, June 1st.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

Mr. Plummer, of the *Collector's Review*, is actively engaged in organizing a Philatelic Press Association. Philatelic publishers should certainly combine for mutual benefits and protection, and Mr. Plummer will have the assistance and cooperation of ever live publisher. Several pertinent questions confront our publishers and a union would seem the only means of settling them satisfactorily.

Mr. S. C. Grensel, Jr., (4 shares) has decided to make the PHILATELIST one of his principal sales organs and offers inducements to collectors in his ad. that should fetch him many orders. We can recommend this gentleman to our readers as one who treats customers most generously. Advertisers who pay in advance are generally the best to deal with from a publisher's view at least.

In place of the usual dull season, this summer promises to be very lively for philatelists in the United States. The Columbian stamps and the World's Fair will keep stamps booming. Dealers are in clover; our advertisers report that business was never better. Chicago will be the philatelist's paradise; with the assembly of the A. P. A. and the S. of P. members at their annual convention, and of collectors from all parts of the union and universe to visit the World's Fair, Chicago dealers will reap a rich harvest from the visiting collectors. Although we have not heard of any dealers of other

cities establishing branch stores there, at the present writing it is likely that several will. Messrs. Buhl, of London, and Battliwalla, of Bombay, have signified their intentions of exhibiting a part of their stock through agents. Something fine is expected in the A. P. A. exhibit and this alone should be a sufficient reason for our clan visiting the fair.

The Ideal Perforation Gauge from Mr. William Brown has been received. This is one of the necessary tools of every stamp collector, and at 12 cents, the price has been lowered 50 per cent, should be in the possession of all our readers.

We owe our patrons an apology for the delay in issuing this number. A change of printers and the delay necessitated by his moving put us back a couple of weeks. We will soon have a printing plant wholly our own and then THE PHILATELIST will always appear on time. Our fourth number, however, will not be issued until the 28th of July, as the large amount of work on it and the lateness of this number compels us to extend the date of issue. Forms close close on the 25th.

The Auction Epitome has been omitted this month.

A Confederate *Silver* half-dollar is offered for sale in our columns. This is a very rare coin, one recently selling for \$1,000 at an auction sale.

WE cannot help thinking certain remarks of one of our reviewing contemporaries rather unjust and uncalled for. With such an excellent home corps of advisers as Messrs Gottesleben, Ollson and Dr. Shannon, we think our readers will not suffer through a misconception of "things philatelic" on our part.

Mr A. W. Dunning kindly presented us with a complete set of stamps of the Hawaiian Provisional Government. These make a very beautiful showing in an unused state and shrewd collectors will take advantage of the low prices at which these are offered on page 71. Our correspondent in Hawaii sent us a batch of notes too late for insertion, but in them he states several varieties are already unobtainable at the post office. He also informed us that postal cards and envelopes will not be surcharged.

Mr. A. W. Dunning has favored us with a newspaper clipping, wherein the writer claims to have solved the mystery of the 1,000,000 stamp craze, stating that the stamps are sent to China; continuing he says:

"A prominent Roman Catholic gave the first information and stated that about the first of the year orders were received by the sisters of charity societies, from the missionaries in China asking for all the cancelled American postage stamps they could secure. The missionaries had entered a new field at that time in the celestial country. This field was located well in the interior of the country, where Christianity had never been taught.

"The natives of the new field are believers in paganism and practice many heathen customs. Although crude to a certain extent they are fond of art decorations, particularly so in beautifying their residences. This also can be said of those living closer to English and American ports. Recognizing the superior art of Americans, the postage stamp used in this country is highly prized. They are bought and sold as an article of decoration at high prices.

"Many of the richer Chinese have even papered their rooms with American postage stamps at a great cost. The missionaries, realizing the great value of cancelled stamps to them for the purpose of necessities, and the more important, that of buying, or securing the privilege of converting Chinese pagan children to the Christian faith, sent the order to this country for all the postage stamps procurable to be shipped to them."

This would seem quite a plausible tale, still we are led to wonder what enterprising collector is behind the movement.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO. AUCTION.

This sale occurred on May 10th. Good prices were realized. A list of those fetching \$10 and over are given.

Providence, entire sheet of 11 varieties, 5c and one 10 cent, fine		\$ 61 00	
1.	1861	3c., Pink	10 59
2.	1869	90c.,	12 04
3.	1875	90c.,	12 06
4.	1860	90c., extremely rare, used	11 00
5.	1868	90c., beautiful copy	10 35
6.	1875	30c., very, very rare, used	11 11
7.	1870	24c., beautiful color, rare indeed	35 56
8.	JUSTICE	90c., unused	13 06
9.	JUSTICE	90c., used	12 14
10.	1853	3c., die 5, white p., used, cut square	11 01
11.	1853	10c., die 4, white p., unused, cut square	26 05
12.	1884	2c., red, blue p., unused, cut square	12 26
13.	"	2c., " manilla p., unused, cut square	12 26
14.	1858	3c., die 5 (H 5) buff p., entire	15 16
15.	REVENUE	perf, \$20, Probate of will	13 01

16.	"	2nd issue, \$200, blue, black and red	130 00
17.	PROPRIETARY	1.00 green and black, large	18 25
18.	NEWFOUNDLAND, 1857, \$4.,	vermilien, used	10 60
19.	ST. VINCENT, 1889, 5sh.,	blue, yellow p., used	16 01
20.	VICTORIA, 1868, 5sh.,	Carmine red, unused	18 38
21.	"	Revenue, used as postage, 10£, very fine	16 05

THE DE COPPET AUCTION SALE.

"This was without doubt, one of the most important events in the history of philately, as it presented to the stamp world the finest array of material that has ever been offered at public sale.

The amount realized was in the neighborhood of \$30,000.00. We give herewith a list of the stamps that realized \$100. and over:

Bolivia, Used sheet of 50 centavos blue, rather pale, (not sold)	\$ 573.00
Bolivar, Unused sheet of 100 centavos green, unsevered with the exception of types 25 and 30 which are unsevered vertical pair (not sold)	370.50
British Columbia and Van Couver Island, 2½ dark pink impf., unused,	111.00
British Guiana, 2c circular on rose paper, cut round but neatly mounted on a piece of the same colored paper cut square; used,	1010.00
—4c yellow, cut round. of a rather dark shade, used,	137.00
—4c yellow, pale shade, on tissue paper, cut round,	237.00
—8c green, pale shade, cut square,	177.00
British Guiana, 4c blue, on surfaced paper, beautiful specimen, very clear print, on entire letter,	427.00
—4c blue, paper colored through. Another magnificent specimen on entire letter, (this was slightly damaged)	407.00
—Entire, uncut, unused sheet of 24 varieties, 1c rose,	202.80
—2c yellow, reconstructed sheet of 24 varieties of type,	552.00
—4c blue, reconstructed sheet of 24 varieties of type.	900.00
Canada, 12p black, speck from margin of lower left hand corner, otherwise fine margins,	176.00
Grenada, 6p red, on laid paper, unused,	102.00
Nevis, 1sh yellow green, perf. 15, on vertically laid paper,	156.00
New Brunswick, Triangular quarter of 1sh. violet, used as 3p, on entire letter; postmarked 23 April, 1860; something unique,	116.00
New Brunswick, 5c brown, perf. 12, Connell; beautiful specimen of this great rarity,	102.50
New Foundland, 1sh, deep orange on yellowish paper; a magnificent specimen of this great rarity,	105.00
Nova Scotia, 1sh, mauve. early shade. on piece of letter showing date of postmark, 28 April, 1852; beautiful used specimen of this rarity,	100.05
—Right half of both of 1sh, violet and of 3p blue, used on entire letter as 7½ pence postage, superb specimen of this great rarity,	130.00
Tolima, reconstructed sheet of the ten types, consisting of five unsevered pairs, all pen-stroked, on blue vertically laid paper,	200.00
—Reconstructed sheet of the same on blue vertically laid paper, but letters still more disorganized; ten varieties, all pen cancelled,	200.00
—Second plate, on blue quadrille paper. Reconstructed sheet of 10 varieties made up of 10 single specimens, types 3 and 9, unused but the last is trimmed, all the others pencancelled,	200.00

—Second plate on blue wove paper, reconstructed sheet of 10 varieties, all cancelled	200.00
—Second plate, on vertically laid paper with five horizontally batonne lines in sheet, uncut, unused,	250.00
United States of America, 24c green and black, inverted centre, used,	110.30
—30c blue and carmine, flags inverted' used, a superb specimen of this great rarity,	220.00
United States of Columbia, 50c red, error, square "o" to "50" with dash attached equally as rare as the last,	100.00

In our limited space we can quote only the great rarities but the general average of prices was enormously high, and truthfully it may be stated that it is the first sale on record where collectors were not able to secure a single bargain.

No. 1. of the "Canadian Journal of Philately" is a revelation in the way of a Philatelic Magazine. It is **well worth** 25cts. See page 67.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

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—Continued—

On July 1st 1873, this Island entered the Canadian confederation, and became one of the provinces under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Government and on the above date, the stamps issued by the local government in 1871 were called in, and superseded by those of Canada. By this statement you will observe the cent or second issue of P. E. Island stamps were in use less than two years, which

thoroughly accounts for their scarcity in used condition. It is beyond my comprehension why the standard catalogues quote the prices of used P. E. I. stamps so ridiculously low, some people would make reply "The demand sets the price." This is not so in all cases, in fact right the reverse, the price setting the demand. Illustrations of this fact are not hard to find. Just imagine the same quantity that would necessarily be used by a population at this time, of less than one hundred and ten thousand inhabitants and this number could actually be reduced to about thirty five thousand, which would include all the towns and villages that have regular correspondence, the result the result would be a small quantity of stamps used per annum. The reader when comparing the prices of Nova Scotia New Brunswick, and other Canadian provinces' some of which have from three to five times the population, will observe the absurdity of present catalogue prices for used P. E. I. stamps. It is only one of the many instances of the price making a demand. Continued advertising and writing up the stamps of any country will create a demand. Both of these levers in Philately have been sadly neglected with respect to the stamps of this province. There is no doubt these stamps are being sought after with increasing interest by the army of collectors the past year or two, completing sets as far as possible, knowing full well the price must go up before long. One of the great reasons why the used stamps were in so little demand the past twenty years, was on account of the large stock of unused remainder, which were disposed of by tender in 1874. Collectors forgetting the used ones that had fulfilled their destiny and earned their existence, were the rare ones and more worthy a place in a collection. The appended letter in reply to one from me respecting the purchase of the remainders, will throw further light on the subject:

Treasurers Office

Charlottetown, P. E. Island
March 14th., 1874.

Mr. Samuel M. Graves,
Summerside.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th., inst., respecting P. E. Island postage stamps. We shall be happy to receive an offer from

you, for the whole or any portion of them, and for your information I beg to refer you to the inclosed memorandum of the approximate quantity and description of the stamps we now hold. Applications have been made from New York for the purchase of the entire lot.

I am Dear Sir,

Your ob't serv't

Arthur Newberg.

Memo., of the approximate quantity and description of the P. E. Island postage stamps on hand at the Treasury, March 14th., 1874-

165,000	12 cents	valued at	\$19,800
162,000	6 "	" "	9,720
94,000	4 "	" "	3,760
10,000	3 "	" "	300
5,000	2 "	" "	100
124,000	1 "	" "	1,245

Amount

143,000 mixed stamps, issue of 1871, valued at	8,877
	\$43,802.00

	Valued at	
100,000	9 pence	£3,750
21,000	6 "	525
42,600	4½ "	798, 15.0
277,000	4 "	4,616, 13.4
226,000	3 "	2,836, 13.4
241,000	2 "	2,008, 6.8
		£14,535.84
		\$47,159.00
		\$90,961.00

The total value of the remainders on hand according to the statement you will notice was close upon one hundred thousand dollars. On April 10th 1874, I filled a tender with the Colonial Treasurer for the entire lot, which was returned the following week marked "not accepted" by order, A. Newberg, Ass't Col. Treasurer. The entire lot of these stamps were secured by a party in Charlottetown in May of that year, for eleven hundred dollars, and were disposed of to dealers in Europe and America during the intervening years, at a very low price. The reader will observe there were no one penny stamps in the memorandum, and the complete sets even of the unused stamps were not easy to be procured. There is no doubt there was a number of the one penny stamps in the odd or mixed stamps returned from outlying post offices, but today it is

almost impossible to find them, either used or unused on the Island.

To give you an idea of the scarcity of these stamps in used condition, I will cite an illustration. The "Lake Stamp Co.," of this town had printed last winter 15,000 circulars and mailed them throughout the three lower provinces offering to buy for cash all the used stamps of this Island and all they procured up to date was less than thirty. This is an undeniable evidence that these stamps are becoming very scarce, and it will only be a matter of a short time when the true worth of the Prince Edward Island stamps will be established. It was my intention of giving a description of the Provisional stamps which are very rare, in this issue, but this article appears to be sufficiently long, therefore, I shall forego this part of the subject until some future date.

S. M. GRAVES.

LOS ANGELOS NOTES.

Mr Harry Routh of this city has sold out his business including stock and "good will" to Jas. F. Byram and Co. Mr. Byram is a gentleman well versed in stamp lore, with a collection approaching 5,000. He is a member of Branch number 2 of the "W. P. U

Possibly the finest collection owned in this city is that of Mr. M. H. Newmark, of the firm of Newmark and Co., wholesale grocers. Mr. Newmark collects "everything" in the postage line, and is the possessor of two \$5 State Dep't, outside of his private collection. They are *not* for sale.

Another collector here, is Mr. Hopperstead who possesses a very good sized collection, and is as much a "crank" on stamps as the best of us.

Recent advices from the Hawaiian Islands inform me that the two, five and thirteen cent Lithographs cannot be obtained there at present, without the surcharge "Reprint". Also that the *unsur*charged engraved issues are not for sale. The two cent rose, engraved, surcharged "Prov. Gov't. 1893" are selling there for \$1 each.

I know of a chance to buy the entire first issue of H. I (4 varieties) for \$1750. Don't all speak at once!

"C os-um!"

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Pierce offers the very good suggestion of indexing the Scott catalogue for quickly finding any desired country.



Speaking of catalogues, the idea set forth in Mr. S. M. Graves article (Philatelist No. 1) is being carried out to a limited extent by a company composed of U. S. dealers.



One of our contemporaries desires to become the official organ of the A. P. A. The American Philatelist is entirely too valuable to be discontinued, but at the same time very good reasons are set forth for the change.



The S. of P. souvenir from Mr. R. E. Wright, contains the constitution, short sketch of the officers, a list of members and other valuable information of this fastly growing organization.



The Philatelist indorses Mr. H. E. Deats of N. J. for President of the A. P. A. Mr. Deats is one of our most prominent Philatelists, owning probably the most complete collection of U. S. stamps in the world, valuing it at \$25,000. A complete change of officers of the A. P. A. will be the proper thing, in fact the tenure of office should be limited to one or two years, thus giving us a chance to honor more of our P. P's. Mr. A. W. Dunning of Calif., has been talked of as the man for the vice-presidency, but we are informed that he does not seek the honor.



The "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" from Mr. Wm. Brown, is as interesting as ever with Mr. Percy Bishop at the helm. This month (July) Messrs. Bogert and Hanes are pictured and discussed. Last month the readers were favored with a view of the imposing features of Mr. Fred'k R. Ginn, the English expert and dealer. Mr. Brown certainly puts up the most interesting of our European exchanges.



Mr. Henry Ades Fowler has our congratulations on the pronounced hit made by the "Philatelic Journal of Canada." Such a paper with its volume of interesting matter, certainly deserves success. This gentleman has purchased the "Inter-

national Philatelist" and the "Philatelic Fraud Reporter." The former will be re-modeled and re-issued in September.

We wish him unbounded success with the three, but one is enough for us. Mr. Fowler seems to be the popular choice for President of the "Philatelic Society of Canada" and the "United Philatelic Association" and as his election could not be improved upon, we expect him to be the successful candidate.



In the Stamp Bureau this month many fine U. S. and foreign stamps are offered at 25 to 75 per cent below catalogue prices. Don't fail to look them up.



Conventions constitute the majority of the reading matter in several of our contemporaries. All the ardor of our presidential campaigns is impregnated in the elections not omitting the mud throwing.



We heartily indorse Mr. H. D. Frueaif of Denver, for International Secretary of the Sons of Philatelia as he is perfectly capable of executing the duties of that office. As this society was formed by the younger element, and for the younger element, of our hobby we fail to see why Mr. C. W. Kissinger should not make a suitable president, his fitness, aside from age, is unquestioned.



Mr. Henry Gremmel's catalogue of postage stamps, envelopes and post-cards of the Western Hemisphere, including U. S. Revenues has been received with thanks, and we take pleasure in recommending it as very complete and useful to all collectors. Mr. G's "Post Office," the "P. O. Pub. Co.," has been dissolved, done good work in exposing "Germania," or, as it turned out to be, Ph. Heinsberger's Society for private gain only.



Our readers will perceive that we are issuing only one number for July and August. Absence from town, the double circulation, together with several less important causes are accountable for this. Our subscribers will receive twelve numbers all right. It will be noticed that this number contains only twenty pages, but our readers are assured even more reading matter than usual, as the body type hereafter will be in brevier, thus getting nearly twice as much matter in the same space as with long primer, which heretofore has been used.

The immense number of sample copies of this issue that will be distributed throughout the world, should serve to double the number of our subscribers, all we ask of each recipient is to read it over carefully, not neglecting the "ads," from cover to cover, and if twelve numbers are thought to be worth 25 cents, together with the premiums offered, we shall be glad to receive your subscription. The premium now consists of Confederate bills, two of the general issue, or three of the State issue. Self addressed stamped envelope must be sent if premium is desired. These momentos are well worth the price of subscription by themselves.



We wish to state a few facts to advertisers who as yet have not favored the Philatelist with a trial. The Philatelist reaches 5,000 active collectors and dealers every month, and as our subscribers are not this numerous, we can safely say that 50,000 different "stamp people" will read this journal in the course of a year, it is the most widely advertised journal both in this and foreign countries, advertised in juvenile as well as philatelic papers, and every possible means is taken advantage of to make the Philatelist popular and valuable to both reader and advertiser. We would like to hear from all who wish an organ that they can depend upon, as we mean to continue booming the Philatelist, and keep it up to its present high standard.



Numerous requests have been made to us to commence subscriptions with back numbers, and which we are compelled to decline to do, as we have but few of these remaining, and the price is twenty cents each. To those who wish a complete volume we advise early orders.



We wish to call our readers attention to the Stamp Bureau, this month many fine stamps are offered at very low prices. The Stamp Bureau should be very popular with our subscribers. This is a department to be found in no other American paper. To those who wish to exchange, we recommend the exchange column. Small dealers will find the wants and for sale column a good thing.



We wish to warn our readers against

trading with E. A. Miller, Anchor Stamp Co. of St. Louis, as these are only other names of the notorious C. J. Faelcher.



If you wish to learn all the philatelic news of the World's Fair exhibit and of the A. P. A. and S. of P. conventions be sure and see the next number. It will be out on time.



Can any of our readers give any information regarding Geo. L. Portman and Co. of Ravenwood, Ill? This party does not answer our letters and owes us an advertising bill. The Postmaster of Ravenwood must have lost his hands also.



The "American Philatelic Magazine" continues to "bob up serenely," every month gaining renewed credit for its genial publishers Messrs. Sanders and Brown.



Mr. A. W. Dunning's message for the Philatelist arrived just in time for this number and we are only too glad to do justice by giving it space. Such mis-statements as these show very poor judgment to say the least.



Parties able, and willing to translate foreign letters and "ads" at reasonable rates, please send terms.



We take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the Annual Report of the Almo Philatelic Society. This book is certainly a credit to this growing organization. Every member receives the "American Journal of Philately" regularly. The dues are only 50 cents, the price of the "Journal" alone.



In a consignment of rare stamps from Brazil we notice an unused strip of 5 of the roor red and blue and red, 1891, printed on both sides. Quite a curious error. Another is the 50 ries, 1890, blue. They are for sale.

The S. of P. Convention.

Just before going to press word was received from Chicago stating that *although there were not enough proxies and members present to constitute a quorum* Messrs Kissinger, Fox, Greene and Hentis were elected to the offices for which they were nominated and thereupon immediately resign-

ed from the society. From this account we gather that they had a regular monkey and parrot time. Full particulars will appear in No. 5.

The Philatelist Publishing Co.

There are still a few shares of stock in this company for sale at par value of \$2.50 each. This Company owns the Philatelist and conducts a general philatelic publishing business with headquarters in Denver. The Philatelist is self-sustaining and fastly becoming one of the most prosperous and popular magazines. An investment in this company cannot fail to be very profitable. Any further particulars desired will be cheerfully furnished on receipt of stamp by applying to

LEWIS BISHOP

Sec'y and Treas.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Honolulu, July 29th., 1893.

Editor Philatelist.

Dear Sir:

Several more of the surcharged stamps have run out viz. .01 Violet, .01 Blue, .02 Pink, .02 Brown and 12 Mauve, both black and red surcharge. I have been told that in some of the sheets of the .01 Violet the figure 3 has been dropped from the date 1893. I have also seen the period missing in several of the varieties viz. .02 Pink, .18 red and 1.00.

A dealer here has some of the latter errors on sale for \$10.00 each. A company or "Hui" as it is often called here, has sets on sale and single stamps of all issues; they ask now .15 each for the .01 Violet and .10 each for .01 Blue.

This surcharging has aroused a great deal of interest in stamp collecting and will add many a recruit to the ranks of Philately.

Yours Truly,

POO LETA HAWAII.

Cairo, Egypt Aug., 1st, 1893

Lewis Bishop, Esq.

Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:—I am much pleased in inclosing herewith for your interesting journal "The Philatelist," specimens of the new 3 mill orange and the 2 Pia. brick which appeared this morning.

Believe me, dear sir,

Yours sincerely,

J. APHTHOMIDES,

Foreign Office, Cairo, Egypt.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15th 1893

MR. LEWIS BISHOP, Denver, Colo.—*My Dear Sir*:—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your valuable journal, THE PHILATELIST? I notice in Vol. 1, No. 2 of the "Canadian Journal of Philately" the following:

"Those Central American Steamship Company's stamps are nothing more than a speculative issue of reprints. (1.) The stamps were issued and the plates (2) destroyed, (3.) and the stamps (about 2,000,000) (4.) were purchased by a California Philatelist for \$1800. (5.) or about one cent a stamp.

(Signed) WALTER A. WITHROW

Allow me to "dissect" Mr. Withrow's remarks:

(1.) *False*. The stamps were NOT a "speculative issue of reprints." In the first place they were not "speculative" as they were issued for actual use, and were, some of them, actually used.

(2.) *False*. The stamps were printed from a stone or stones, not plate.

(3.) *False*. If the "plates"—or stones to speak correctly—were destroyed after the issue of the stamps was made how can that issue properly be termed "reprints?"

(4.) *False*. "About 2,000,000" (stamps.) Mr. Withrow is not within half-a-million of the correct number.

(5.) *False*. "\$1800." is given as the purchase price. Mr. Withrow cannot prove that his statement of the purchase price is within \$500. of the correct amount.

In Conclusion: Let me ask Mr. Withrow to prove his statements. At the same time I tell him flatly that he cannot do so. As the gentleman, in the article above referred to, goes on to say, "comment is unnecessary."

A. W. DUNNING,

Los Angeles, Cal.

The A. P. A. Convention.

At the last moment before going to press we learn from our interesting contemporary, "The Philatelic Era" of Portland Me. that the following were elected as the Board of Directors for the year 1893-1894:

Alvah Davison,	-	319 votes.
Hiram E. Deats,	-	222 votes.
John K. Tiffany,	-	200 votes.
N. W. Chandler,	-	111 votes.
E. Doebelin,	-	96 votes.

"As will be seen, both candidates for President have been elected as Directors. Either Mr. Deats or Mr. Tiffany will have to take the Vice-Presidency, but this was not decided at the Convention." As Mr. Tiffany has had the Presidency for the past seven years, and as Mr. Deats received the most votes, the latter gentleman will very likely be given the highest office. The American Philatelist will now be issued annually. (Ed.)

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Vol. 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 of Argost, to exchange for best offers in stamps. Columbian stamps and envelopes entire, wanted. Write F. T. Chadwick, Jr., [S. of P. 881.] 27 Wallace St., Red Bank, N. J.

For 100 Columbian stamps, I send double quantity old Lombardy, etc. Office envelopes, Chas. Müllechner, Vienna, Austria. I.—17, Elizabeth street, 14. Request Specimen Copies, Prospects, Price Lists, etc.

I desire exchange with responsible foreign stamp collectors, having collections of 1,000 or more. Send sheets, and I will send mine. Use official envelope, register letter. Simon Blum, Cold Springs, Stearns Co., Minnesota. U. S. A.

Any foreign collector who sends me 100 stamps cards and envelopes of his country, will receive the same of the U. S. A. and Canada. Thos. G. Sutherland, North Weare, N. H. U. S. A.

Takivi Camera and outfit and Maynards Universalists Guide, to exchange for cancelled 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5¢ stamps of the Columbian issue; also Studenbaker Road Cart for an unused set of same. Make offers. C. H. Quin, Lakeland, Ky.

Confederate 10c perforated on envelope for equal value of following pen-marked only, 1851, 5, 10 and 12c. 1861, 10, 30 and 24c. 1870, 15 and 90c. 1872, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90c. John A. Howard, Dahlonega, Ga.

Collectors sending over 50 stamps of any country (No Canada or Europe) will receive twice number in U. S. Any number taken. Also exchange desired. A. Herrmann, 492 Center Street, East Orange, N. J.

Foreign collectors sending me 25—500 stamps or Postal cards, will receive same number and value of mine. Also wish to exchange Philatelic papers, coins and Indian relics. H. P. Baker, St. Cloud Falls, Wis.

Will exchange Columbian stamps and stamped envelopes for equal number of Dutch Indies and South American States. T. O. Cunningham, 315 La Fayette Ave., Kansas City, Kansas.

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Send me 100 to 300 stamps and envelopes of your country, and I will return equal number and value in old U. S. and Columbian issue. Frank P. Comins, No. 6 Polk St., Watertown. N. Y. U. S. A.

Philatelic papers to exchange for the same. Send me your lists and receive mine. Cash paid for any bound volume or complete file. F. J. Bescher, City Hall Market, Kansas City, Mo.

I desire to exchange Greek, Turkish, Egyptian, Bulgarian and Levant stamps with others. Send sheets on approval. Register your letters. Michel D. Tocco, [Member of the Societe' Timbrophile l'Echanges.] Cavalla, Turkey.

I will give 3c in stamps off my sheets for every covered stamp paper sent me. No soiled or mutilated taken. Post Office No. 7 and Pennsylvania Philatelist Vol. 3 No. 1 wanted. State lowest price. Wm. H. Fedder, Dansville, N. Y.

Will exchange unused U. S. 1891 Officially sealed, brown, lithographed, rouletted, catalogued at 50 cents each, for good U. S. (postage only) stamps not in my collection. Charles H. Huberich, P. O. Box 640, San Antonio, Texas. [Member A. P. A.]

U. S. Columbian issue, used stamps and envelopes (no 2 cent stamps) wanted in any quantity in exchange for Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece, Bosnia, Persia, Levant, Prussia etc. I also offer good exchange for stamps from Mexico, Central, South America. Wholesale lists and Philatelic papers desired. A. Rauch, Zittau, Saxony. [Member of the I. P. V.]

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12 Azores, part of bot. pref gone cat. .	
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19 Azores, trim. close, used, <i>rare</i>	2 50
1 Brazil, slight tear.....	.85
36-38 Br. Guiana cat. at \$1.25.....	.60
22b. Canada laid pa. fine, cat at \$2.00	1.20
52 " Regis. 8c unused " " 1.00.....	.65
2a, 3, 3a, 4 Cape " " 5 00.....	3.00
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112 & 113 Finland envelopes cut sq. large	
margins, used, these are <i>very rare</i> & will be	
<i>sold for best offer</i>	
15 France 1fr, lake, a beautiful copy.....	1.75
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ner gone.....	.40
4, 6, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18 Hamburg, <i>all used</i>	
cat \$2.83.....	1.75
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cat. at 2 92.....	1.75
20-40 Hawaii complete except 50c, cat.	
at 2.75.....	1.75
61-65 Haw. entire envelopes, used.....	.50
Hawaii provisional complete set, unused	
.....	.6.00

7, 8, Italy <i>used</i> & fine.....	.85
4 Madeira trim. close 3 sides, heavy can	
cat. at \$7 50.....	2 00
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1, 3, 14, 15, 17 N. F. unused cat. at 3 60	2.25
13 N. So. Wales fine cat. at \$5.00.....	2.50
49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 92, 99, 325.....	
cat. at 3 50.....	2.00
21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 98 N. Z. cat. at 1.25	.75
57, 58, 60 Queensland cat. at 3.50.....	2.00
6, 8, 9 St. Settlements cat. at \$1.60.....	.30
8 Switzerland, Zurich, 4r fair & used <i>very</i>	
<i>rare</i> , not priced, <i>will be sold for best offer</i> .	
6 Tasmania pair, fine.....	.60
45 Victoria pair fine.....	.60
31 " " ".....	.35
73 " " 6p. fine cat. at \$1.25.....	.75
34 Wurtenburg fair cat. at \$2.00.....	1.00
152 " env. cut sq. but close.....	.75
21 Tasmania 6d. unused pair (strips sup-	
plied).....	.75
33 Tasmania 3d. unused pair (strips sup-	
plied).....	.60
29 Labaum 6 on 8c unused (sheet of 10	
supplied, pair.....	.75
162 Johore 2 on 24c unused.....	.60
66 Straits 1 on 4c. unused, strip of 4.....	.50
6 Modena il. unused, originals, pair.....	.75
1-8 Seychelles, complete set, unused worth	
\$2.50.....	1.50
1-8 Seychelles, Provisionals complete set,	
unused 5 var. <i>rare</i>	1.50
Transvaal 2½d. on 1 sh. unused 6 in	
block.....	.75
56 Mauritius 38c on 9p. unused pair.....	.85
16 Natal 6d. unused pair.....	.75
3b Canada 6p very fine, on orig. cover \$3 00	
65 " officially sealed, unused.....	1.60
9 " clipped close on 3 sides.....	8.50
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8, 9, 16, India 1855, ½ 1 & 4 annas.....	1.00
109, 111 Afghanistan, nicked, cut round,	
good margin.....	1.00
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52 " " envelope Fendatory " "	
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75 U. S. 90 cent blue, slight nick in per-	
foration.....	5.50
42 U. S. 3 cent pink unused, fine.....	.60
75 " " 90 " blue pair, <i>fine</i>	15.00
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14 Dominica 2½p. claret, unused.....	.65
14 Trinidad 6p. green, lightly can-	
celled.....	5.00
1, 2 Montserrat 1p. & 6p. unused.....	.25
11 " 4p. mauve unused pair.....	.60
10 Toboga 1sh. ochre unused.....	1.00
2a Cape 3 shades, 1 unused.....	1.25
15 Jamaica 5sh. unused.....	8.75
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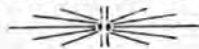
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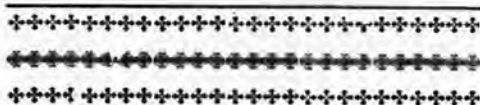
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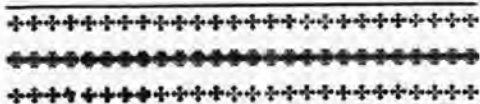
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19, (black or very dark brown), 24, (wide margins all around), 32 (perforated all around), 34, (bright color, distinct red-brown), 44, (mustard yellow, bright color), 50, (distinct dark shade, evenly perforated and centered), 68, 69, 73, 74, (evenly perforated and centered with distinct grille), 56, 57, 58, (grille must be guaranteed on each stamp), 206, 207, 208, (used or unused but with good margins only), 359, 360, (full gum), 353, 356, 357, (dark, red-brown), 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, (full gum and scarlet shade), 316, (full gum and carmine shade), 327, (full gum, bright color and evenly perforated and centered), 846, 847, 850, 851, 852, 853, (dark shade), 1307, (unused), 1315, (unused), 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, (unused), 1208, 1214, 1215, 1216, (unused), 1101, 1103, 1104, 1106, 1107, (used or unused, the latter preferred), PAC. POSTAL TEL. CABLE CO. 10, 15, 40 and 50 cent (unused), U. S. 1890 issue (title) of stamps with imprint of AM. BANC. CO., 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, and 50 cent (with imprint at right side), 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, and 50 cent (with imprint at left side), U. S. (Columbian) issue, pair, same as last, 1, 3, 10, 15, 30, and 50 cent: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 dollar (with imprint at TOP), 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollar (with imprint at BOTTOM), 8 cent: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollar (with imprint at LEFT SIDE), Also Department of all values, (with imprint at top and bottom, in strips, unused only), Also general issue and Departments (surcharged "MEXICO"), Also general issue prior to 1875, new, in pairs, strips and blocks.

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