

THE PHILATELIC NEWS.

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CAMBRIDGEBORO, PA., FEB., 1888.

NO. 1.

For The Philatelic News.

History of a Tin Tag.

BY REZ.

I am an old tin tag now, battered and worn, the beauty that once was mine, has departed forever.


I was made from a sheet of highly decorated tin, at a tag factory in New York City, and sent to a tobacco firm in Toledo, Ohio. Here I was put on a two-by-four black plug of tobacco.


The tobacco was shipped to a small western town called "Get Thar Junction" to the firm of Ketcham & Skinem.

The plug I was on was sold to a rough miner, Bill Drankhard, who gave me to his boy. After staying in this unpolished child of nature's breeches pocket for a few weeks, I was sent with a few other dirty, scratched-up tags, to a tag dealer in Fort Dodge, Iowa, who sold me for one cent to a galoot in Olney, Ills.

I occupied a place among a lot of other nice tags that took the premium at the country "Horse and Turnip" Fair.

Soon after this I was traded to another boy, who sent me to a tag dealer in Louisville, Ky. Then I journeyed to Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago, and finally I landed in Cleveland, Ohio. After three years of hard labor, I was shipped to Quincy, Ill., in one of Willcutt's tag frames and am happy.

 *Subscribe before March 1st for 15 cents.*

 *After that date, 25 cents*

For The Philatelic News.

STAMP COLLECTING.

By W D S

It is natural for boys to make a collection of some kind. It may stamps, coins, or books, but few there are who do not "ride some hobby," therefore, that stamp collecting began as soon as stamps first made their appearance, which was in 1838.

In the early days there were places in all large cities, where collectors met to exchange duplicates; and this was about the only way they had of increasing their collection. Many stamps which are now priceless were given for others, which have become, almost valueless by reason of their being kept long in use.

A writer remembered to have been told by a stamp collector, how he traded, while at school in Paris, a small pot of jelly which had been sent him from home, for some old Spanish stamps, which are now of exceeding great rarity.

Notice.

The following autographs are wanted at this office:

Gen. W. S. Hancock; James A. Garfield; U. S. Grant; Wm. E. Gladstone; John G. Whittier; Gen. R. E. Lee; Chester A. Arthur; Abraham Lincoln.

We will give \$1's worth of tin tags from our Chart for any one of the above. [ED.]

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CIRCULATION 200.

IT GIVES us much pleasure to present for your inspection, this, our initial number, and with it we give a merry greeting. Although a month later than we intended, we hope all will be satisfied with this our first attempt. We ask your assistance? With it we will make this paper a success and looked on with pride by you. Let every one speak in its columns.

They are open to exchangers and corresponders.

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Do not wait. Subscribe now.

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NOTES.

"I want to be an angel,"

Sang the singer, aged and solemn.

And an editor in the audience said,

"Put an ad in our want column."

—Subscribe.

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—Subscriptions may begin with any number.

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—Notice the ad of F. C. T. Davis in another column.

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—It is said that General Grant was stamp collector.

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—The name of the first brand using tin tag, was Lorillard's "*Tin Tag Brand*."

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—We send but *one* sample to each address. If you wish to see us again send along your fifteen cents.

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—Every subscriber can have an exchange in our exchange column every month if he wishes.

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—We wish to exchange with all stamps, coin, autograph and curiosity papers. Please send two (2) copies and we will do the same.

—Small favors are thankfully received. Large ones in proportion. If you cannot spare fifteen cents for a year's subscription send ten cents for six months.

A SERIAL.

—In the March number will be the commencement of an interesting serial story entitled "The Adventures of Jack Granton" by Alvin F. Hicks. Subscribe at once to begin with the new story.

Post Offices.

BY "JOE."

The Post Office in 1790 numbered 75.

Between New York and Phila. there were only five mails per week, and it required two days for a letter to go this short distance. They were generally carried through out the country by men on horseback. The saddle-bags easily holding the scanty number of letters and papers then sent.

Mails were forwarded from New York to Boston three times per week in summer and twice in winter. In remote places, the mail was allowed to accumulate until enough was secured to pay the cost of transmission. It was a favored rural village that had a weekly mail. The time of its arrival was locally known as the "Post day" and when the Postman came he found a crowd assembled to receive the few letters he brought and to hear the news paper read by the minister or land-lord.

From 1789 until 1816 the postage on a single letter carried under 40 miles was 8 cents; over 500 miles 25 cents. In 1884 we had over 50,000 post offices while the length of the post routes had increased from 1875 miles to 360,000 miles.

There are rare varieties of stamps from the Sandwich and Philippine Islands and other countries, which are in great demand at from \$25 to \$100, while there are not a few from various parts of the world which sell at \$5 and upwards. There are plenty of buyers for all those which can be supplied.

A collection of unused stamps costs a great deal of money, and, indeed, a used one does also, when the rare and high-priced are added. There are not a few col-

lections in the United States which I a cost their owners thousands of dollars, but they will lose little or no going on them if they wish to sell.—SAXON.

PLUCK and LUCK.

Pluck and luck are wonderfully different affairs, says Youth. Luck is a delusion. We cannot learn by luck; we cannot acquire any-thing worth knowing by it, it is all imagination. Pluck is a quality worth possessing.

The boy or girl who waits for luck for success will wait long. On the other hand, all who have pluck will either succeed or make a dignified and excusable failure. It is not pleasant to fail of success in anything that we attempt, but better far something good attempted, even if it not be achieved, than the idle, aimless waiting for showers of good fortune that may never fall. Life is not a lottery wheel dispensing favors without any regard to the deserts of the winners. Life's toiled for, and all the sweeter when secured by reason of toil and struggle that has won them. Easy won, little worth, might well be a proverb. We do not generally appreciate what it has cost us nothing to secure. Let us not be afraid of effort and push, but cheerfully put our shoulders well to our load in life. Having set some good aim before us, let us work with pluck and perseverance, with push and patience for the object we desire. We shall be the better for the effort, even if the coveted prize be not grasped, and in all things the old couplet is worthy of remembrance.

If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try again. [ED.]

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W. D. SAXON,
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ADVERTISEMENTS.

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SEND for a sample copy of the **STAR ADVOCATE** and price list of bargains in second-hand Star bicycles.

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East Rochester, N. H.

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PA.

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Don't miss the chance but send now. Advertising rates 40 cents, half in advance and the rest on publication. Once again, I guarantee that this directory will be published.

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NO. 2.

For The Philatelic News.

The Adventures of Jack Granton.

ALVIN F. HICKS.

"Papa, tell us a story," said young Charlie Granton to his father. "Yes, please do," said Nelly. Yes, tell them a story," said the grandmother from the corner. "I remember how you liked to hear stories when you were a boy." Being thus urged the father said, "well Charlie, what shall I tell you about?" "I would like to hear you tell about your early adventures." said Charlie. "Well, then I will tell you about that," said Mr. Granton and he began the following tale; "My parents lived in San Francisco, and I stayed there until I was about eighteen years old.

About this time I was seized with a desire to see more of the world, and as my parents were afraid that I would run away to sea, they decided to let me go and visit an uncle of mine who lived in Sydney, Australia. My father was acquainted with a sea-captain by the name of James Magoon, and he went to see him.

The Captain was going to sail for Australia in a few days and my father made arrangements with him that I was to go as a sailor. Well pleased with this plan, I made preparations, and on the appointed day, after bidding my friends good-bye, I went on board the vessel.

The name of the ship was the "Ocean Wave." It was a very seaworthy vessel and was manned by a crew of about one hundred men, including all officers. The captain was very much liked by the sailors, because he was always kind to them. He well understood the business in which he was engaged, because he had grown gray in the service. At first our progress was slow on account of contrary winds and currents, but after a few days, the wind changed and sent our ship swiftly on its journey.

Time now passed pleasantly for some time, but when I did not have much to do, I found my thoughts running back to the home and kind friends I had left behind me. After four days of good sailing, we found by the vegetation of the islands we had passed and by the change in the temperature, that we had passed the equator. One morning we were gathered on deck gazing at the beautiful scenery, when the captain looked anxiously at some black clouds, which were gathering in the east.

He then took his spy-glass and after looking intently for about a minute he suddenly exclaimed, "Hurry boys! and reef the sails, a fearful storm is coming." "But my children, it is about time to go to bed and I guess we had better wait and hear about the storm to-morrow night" said Mr. Granton, looking at his watch. As the children knew that there was no use to object they said good night and went to bed.

Although this Story does not relate to Philately, yet our readers will find it very interesting. [ED.]

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INK DROPS.

—Subscribe and be happy!

—Any person sending one dollar for a club of four yearly subscribers, will receive a copy of this paper, one year, free.

—Gentlemen, don't be bashful, send in your quarter for a year's subscription.

—The *Collectors' Advocate* is a brand new one from Cincinnati, O. We wish it much success.

—Mr. Geo. H. Richmond will please accept thanks for copy of American Philatelic Press Directory received.

—Collectors will do well to read the ad-

vertisement of the Frankford Stamp Company.

—Have you subscribed for THE PHILATELIC NEWS? If not, why? Only

—The *Badger State Philatelist* proving every month. Wish it great success.

—A reply letter sheet and a reply card are to be issued in a short time.

—From the number of subscriptions and complimentary letters received, we are greatly encouraged.

—Acme Stamp Co., please send us your catalogue.

—Subscribe and begin with the serial.

—Do you think the PHILATELIC NEWS is worth 25 cents a year? If you think so, some one else does so don't be ungenerous.

Say send us 25 cents for a year's subscription.

—Publishers receiving a copy of this paper with this paragraph marked on it, consider it a personal request for a copy of their paper, regular in exchange for this paper. Please send two (2) copies.

—And still they come. The *New Philatelic* is a brand new sheet from Lion, Pa. It is edited and published by Harry B. Wilber.

—We have lately established a new printing office and are prepared to do all printing in the best of style and at a low price. See our ad. in second column of last page.

—Publishers of the following papers please accept thanks: *Eastern Philatelic Gazette*, *Hawkeye State Collector*, *Collectors' Advocate*, *Spindle City Yearly*, *Plain Talk*, *Monitor*, *Young Geologist*, *Index*, *Calmar Exchange*.

EXCHANGES.

This column is for the use of subscribers only.

We reserve the right whether an exchange shall appear or not. It is always better to write, before exchanging with a person. Please write exchanges on a separate piece of paper and make as compact as possible.

—A flying eagle nickel cent of 1858 for every one hundred tin tobacco tags not in my collection.

ERNEST W. LUSE,

Box 132 Cambridgeboro, Pa.

—A years subscription to the Philatelic News, for every 25 unused different or 100 used foreign stamps.

PHILATELIC NEWS,

Cambridgeboro, Pa.

—A violin, bow and case worth \$30, for a printing press and outfit, chase not less than 6 by 9 inches, or will exchange for a Scott's International Album and bicycle lantern. Album must have 3 or 4 thousand stamps and about 1000 mixed ones. I will also trade it for a nickel-plated rimmed bango worth the same. Stamps for same.

C. CLARK,

203 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

—15 mixed tin tags for the name of every card company sent me.

ROYAGNEW,

Lock Box C, Cambridgeboro Pa.

—One thousand mixed tin tobacco tags for a good collection of coins or stamps.

PERCY KAUFMAN,

416 Pine St. Meadville, Pa.

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HARRY B. WILBER,

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—I will give my collection of tin tags [about 15 or 1600 var.] and about 5000 U. S. mixed stamps for a number 4 International Postage Stamp Album containing a collection of 500 var or over, or will give tin tags, stamps and 22 var of old coins for a No. 5 with 500 stamps or over.

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—As we desire to purchase a complete stock of U. S. and Foreign stamps, we are enabled to make the following offer: to dealers who will send us an advertisement of at least one inch, to be inserted at least three times at our regular rates, and send us one-half the amount in cash, and their Wholesale Price List we will select the remaining half from their stock.

TO ADVERTISERS!

—We would call the attention of advertisers to the fact that, with this number, we double our rates. We will however receive ads. until the 25th at the old rates, so send in your ads. early and receive the benefit of our cheap rates for the last time.

For The Philatelic News.

Remarks, Philatelic and Philatagic.

By C. V. BLACKBURN.

Thinking it to be of interest to the readers of the NEWS I herewith append some remarks on my collections. My collection of United States stamps which is entirely uncanceled stamps and quite complete is arranged on heavy gold beveled edge photo cards-mounts 16 by 22 inches in size and pearl tinted. A red line runs around the sheets forming a neat border.

Specially designed spaces are prepared for each stamp; giving date of issue etc. above. At top of each page is a neatly designed name of country, class of stamps etc. My first tablet contains the arms of the U. S., in relief, beautifully embossed

and illuminated and very accurate in detail. The second tablet contains the registry government letter adhesives for general use; the third tablet, the department adhesives; the fourth tablet, the newspaper stamps and Postal Cards and so on including the "locals," "express" and "telegraph" etc. After all the stamps used or the payment on transportation of letters etc., are arranged I take up the Document Revenue stamps. These are used and perforated only. One of these tablets contains the second and third or last issue of documents arranged in a striking way in the form of a U. S. shield. The lower denominations and smaller sized stamps forming the stars and the longer stamps the stripes.

My match stamps (unused) follow these and are arranged on three very attractive tablets, then follow the medicine stamps (unused) arranged in form of a bottle. The later two classes of U. S. stamps are fast becoming of prominent interest among philatelists and should be secured by all true lovers of art at once.

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The next evening the family of Mr. Granton were again gathered around a cheerful fire. Charley, after he had played a game of dominoes with his sister and got beaten, came to his father and said, "Papa, tell us some more about your adventures tonight." All right I will; well, as soon as the Captain gave the command, said Mr. Granton, the sailors sprang to obey.

Storms come up very quick in that region, and we did not have our work done, before the storm was upon us. The sky was overcast with black clouds and the rain poured down in torrents, while a strong wind sprang up and caused the ship to go bounding through the wave. I was engaged with a sail when the storm struck us. I hurried and finished my work and was just starting to descend, when the ship gave a lurch, a flash of lightning blinded me, and I made a misstep and fell into the sea.

The sailors saw me fall but could not stop the ship nor put off a boat. They only had time to throw out a plank before the wind and waves carried them so far away that they could not save me. As soon as I struck the water I began swimming and soon came to the plank, which the sailors had thrown out for me. When I was upon the mast I had seen a small island about half a mile away, and I decided to

swim for it. The storm soon subsided and I, after a severe struggle with the waves, came to the island and drew my exhausted body out of the water.

(To Be Continued.)

For The Philatelic News.

Origin of Envelopes.

A BURGTON (Eng.) stationer, we are told, took a fancy for dressing his show-window with piles of writing paper, rising gradually from the smallest to the largest size in use; and to finish his pyramids off nicely, he cut cards to bring them to a point. Taking these cards for diminutive note-paper his lady customers were continually asking for some of 'that lovely little paper,' and the stationer found it advantageous to cut paper of a desired pattern. As there was no place for addressing the notelets, after they were folded, he, after much thought invented the envelope, which he cut by the aid of metal plates made for the purpose. The sale increased so rapidly that he was unable to produce the envelopes fast enough; so he commissioned a dozen houses to make them for him.

To the Philatelists of Crawford.

Why not organize a Philatelic society? There are a great many Philatelists in Crawford Co., and we could have a rousing society, if ALL would help. We would suggest for a name that it be called "CRAWFORD CO. PHILATELIC SOCIETY." All are requested to send their name and address to the sec'y, *pro tem* for particulars. Address

Harry B. Wilber, Sec'y *pro tem*,
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A youth, just launching out in trade, Unto a wealthy merchant said:
"Pray, tell me, sir, what you profess To call the secret of success?"
The merchant's eyes with pleasure shone, As he replied in earnest tone:
"The simplest thing in trade, I think, You'll find it, sir, in Printer's Ink."

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—Read "Our Premium Offer" to new subscribers.

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—If you receive a copy of the P. N. and do not think it is worth 15c don't subscribe; but, if satisfied, send along that small sum as early as possible.

—There are 7,500 persons employed in Japanese P. O. Department.

—We have, again reduced our subscription from 25c to 15c. We had rather have six subscribers at 15c, than four at 25c.

—Exchanges please send two copies. Some have not.

—For the benefit of publishers we publish this month a list of advertisers who have defrauded us, and from whom we can get no answer to our inquiries.

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Among Our Exchanges.

The *Mohawk Standard* comes to us this month with a fine cover.

The *Western Philatelist* is among our exchanges this month. Come again.

—The *Youth's Leisure Hour* for March contains many articles of interest.

—The *Witch City Philatelist* is as good as ever.

—The *Exchangers' Monthly* is always a welcome visitor to this office.

—Where can you find a better paper of its size, than the *Collector's Review* of Denver, Colo.

—The *Spindle City Youth* appears for March enlarged and with a cover.

—We have received the following papers since our last issue. We extend our thanks to the publishers and trust we shall receive them regular:—

Mohawk Standard, Western Philatelist, Youth's Leisure Hour, Witch City Philatelist

Western Naturalist, Common Sense, Monitor, Hawkeye State Collector, Youths' Friend Exchangers' Monthly, Young Geologist, Spindle City Youth, California Philatelist, Badger State Philatelist.

Publications Rec'd.

—From John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.—His Premium Coin List. We are surprised at the large prices he pays for coins.

New Issues.

Argentine Republic:—The values from $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 15c have been changed, both in design and color.

British Honduras:—A 3c on 3d brown and 10c on 4d violet has been reported.

British North Borneo:—A 5c gray has been issued.

Cuba:—The following stamps of the regular issue have been changed in color viz: $\frac{1}{2}$ m. de peso, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ m. de peso, 10c de peso, and 20c de peso.

French Guiana:—A 6c on 50c brown has been issued.

Greece:—A new set is reported.

Hayti:—New values from 1 to 10c have been issued.

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Uruguay:—The new issues are of a different design than the old ones but are somewhat the same. The colors are: 2c carmine, 7c blue, 20c brown, 25c vermilion.
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NO. 4.

For The Philatelic News.

The Adventures of Jack Granton

ALVIN F. HICKS.

CHAPTER III.

After I had rested myself for sometime, I explored part of the island. I found that it was small, of coral foundation and covered with tropical vegetation. The only animals I saw, of much importance, were monkeys and large numbers of birds of which I knew not the names. I wandered around until it began to get dark and then I climbed a tree and fixed myself so that I would not fall and went to sleep. It was broad day-light when I awoke. At first I did not know where I was, but, the discordant notes of the wild birds soon recalled me to my senses. I got down from the tree and went back to the shore where I found the plank, and was pleased to find a hatchet sticking in it. I suppose that the ship carpenter had left it there. I now decided to build me a hut and with the aid of the hatchet I succeeded in making one that would protect me from the rain and sun. I found all the fruit I wanted to eat, but I soon tired of this and began to long for some meat. One day when I was sitting in my hut feeling rather despondent I felt in my pocket and found a fish-hook and line. This soon raised my spirits at once because I knew

I would have some fish. I also managed to kill a bird or two with a stone, because they were very tame, having, probably, never seen a man before.

One morning after I had been there about a week, I was standing on the shore, gazing out to sea and thinking of friends who were many miles away and wondering if I would ever meet them again, when far away in the distance I saw a sail appear. I, at once built a large fire, for I knew there was a ship approaching. Would they see my signal and send a boat to get me? This was a question that was soon answered by my seeing a boat put off from the ship. They took me on board the ship and I found that it was the Oregon bound for Melbourne, Aus., and the captain's name was John Simmonds. Sailors are soon acquainted and the sailors of this ship had soon found out how I came to be on the island. The weather was fine and we made good progress on our voyage. In about a week we sailed into the harbor of Melbourne.

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Mr. Wm. B. Whitney of Marlborough, N. Y., will publish his American Philatelic Business Directory about Sept. 1st. It will contain over 150 pages and be the best issued.

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IN answer to the numerous requests for numbers 1 and 3 of this paper, we will say that we are unable to supply them; as there was only 300 of no. 1 and 800 of no. 3 issued, all of which was sent out. We will give a years subscription for every copy of 1 or 3 sent us.

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WE would call the attention of our readers to the fact, that, we intend offering some very fine premiums, commencing with the June number, to those securing subscribers to the NEWS; and also to those subscribing. The premiums will consist of Philatelic books, stamps, and coins which will be well worth the time spent in obtaining them.

Among Our Exchanges.

—We have received the following papers since our last issue. We extend our thanks to the publishers and trust we shall receive them regular:—

Philatelic Gazette, Philatelic Journal of Ohio, Old Curiosity Shop, Monitor, Hawk-eye, State Collector, Eastern Philatelist, Badger State Philatelist, Queen City Philatelist, Quaker City Philatelist, Young Zoologist, Exchangers' Monthly, One Dime Western Naturalist Philatelic World, Tiny Collector, Youths' Friend, Curiosity World Philatelic Tribune, Mohawk Standard, Zoologists' Gazette, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Youth's Leisure Hour, Ohio Philatelist, Herdman's Miscellany, National Philatelist, Collector's Ledger, United States Philatelist, Science Observer.

Publications Rec'd

From R. R. Bogert & Co., New York City—Catalogue of their Sixth Auction Sale held Apr. 16th.

From Quaker City Philatelic Pub. Co., —Cyclopedia of Philately. It is a book that should be in every collector's hands. Price 25c.

We desire to express our thanks for the above publications. Any book, pamphlet or catalogue sent us will be reviewed.

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For The Philatelic News.

CONFEDERATE PROVISIONAL STAMPS.

By "PHILATELICS."

These stamps are also called Confederate Locals. They were issued by various post masters of the Southern States in 1861. They are now very scarce and only a few collectors have them. A few can be bought by paying from 2 to 10 dollars each but the greater part cannot be obtained for love nor money and many are now extinct. There were 64 varieties issued from 31 different post offices. Of these post offices 4 were in Virginia namely: Danville, Fredricksburg, Lynchburg, Petersburg and Pleasant Shade. I will go into details and describe the stamps of each city. Danville issued 3 varieties.

One adhesive and two envelope. The adhesive was a 5 cent stamp printed with red on thin paper. The envelope stamps were also 5 cent stamps, one black on white paper and the other also black but on buff paper.

Fredricksburg issued two stamps: 5 cent blue and 10 cent red; both being adhesives. It is a square frame with Fredricksb'g at the top and a line below it.

Under the line came the name of the postmaster, R. T. Thom. under this was the value and below that was "Post Office, Va."

Lynchburg issued one stamp, a 5 cent blue adhesive. It is a printed frame with ornamental spandrels and has Paid at the top, R. H. Glass P. M. at the bottom and a large 5 in the center of the oval. Petersburg had one stamp, a 5 cent dull red adhesive printed on thick soft paper. One stamp, a 5 cent blue adhesive printed on thick paper was issued at Pleasant Shade, Va. This stamp is similar to the Petersburg stamp.

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—2 var. Richwoods Dispatch Locals, on original covers for every 6 stamp papers sent me. A few of Jay's Dispatch Locals, 3 var. used; 1 for every 10 stamp papers sent me. OSCAR H. SPRAY, La Hoyt, Iowa.

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The La Hoyt Express.

By "J. O. CAL."

About October 1st 1887, Mr. C. M. Jay a keeper of a country store in Richwoods, about three miles north of La Hoyt, issued a set of stamps, red on white, blue and yellow and charged one cent for every piece of mail he carried to and from the P. O. Richwoods is a thickly settled place with no P. O. and they would send by him to bring their mail. He commenced charging them one cent each. Mr. Jay was not a stamp collector and did not think of such a thing when he issued the stamps. He used them to show that they had passed through his hands.

He had used them two months before any stamp collector knew of their being in use. None of the stamp collectors in La Hoyt paid any attention to them until the article appeared in "THE STAMP" by "Wanderer." About January first he sold out and moved away and his post was missed very much by those who sent their mail by him. Mr. J. C. Jay, a cousin of his living near and going to Mt. Pleasant

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almost every day and La Hoyt being on the road, they kept insisting on him to carry their mail. Finally he consented as much to accommodate them as for the profits. He issued a set, red on white and red on brown. The white he used to the post office and the brown from it.

This set was only intended for use until a better design could be selected and on April 15th a new set appeared. One he used to the P. O. is a triangular stamp, red on white, Richwoods Dispatch above, Paid to the Post Office below, in center it reads, Carrier Stamp with large figure of value on each side. The one he uses from the P. O. is the same as the old one except it reads below. From the P. O.



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CONFEDERATE PROVISIONAL STAMPS.

By "PHILATELUS."

At The Plains, Va. the dating stamp was changed into a postage stamp die. There is only one stamp from this post office. It is a circular frame with The Plains at the top and Va. at the bottom, the V being large and the a small, with a dot under it. With Uniontown, the last post office issuing provisional stamps is reached. It issued two stamps, both adhesives of the values of 5 and 10 cents. The 5 cent stamp is printed in blue and the 10 cent in red on white paper. South Carolina has two post offices which issued provisional stamps, They are Charleston and Columbia. Charleston issued 4 five cent stamps, one adhesive and 3 envelope. The 5 cent adhesive was printed in blue on very thin white paper and the 5 cent envelopes were all printed in blue, one on white, another on buff and the third on gold paper. Columbia issued 3 stamps, all envelopes and all being printed in blue one on white, the second on manilla and the third on orange paper.

North Carolina has three offices issuing stamps, namely: Lenoir, Statesville and Salem. Lenoir issued one stamp, an adhesive. It was printed in blue and orange on soft paper. Statesville issued a 5 cent envelope, printed in black. Salem issued 2 envelope stamps each printed in

black but on one "Paid 5" was written and on the other printed in large type. Louisiana has two cities from which provisional stamps were issued namely: New Orleans, and Baton Rouge. The former issued 5 stamps, all adhesives; and the latter one an adhesive of which only two copies are known to exist. The New Orleans stamps were lithographed in sheets of forty each and were used only in the New Orleans post office. Four cities in Alabama issued stamps. They are Greenville, Livingston, Mobile and Tuscumbia. Greenville issued two stamps. The finest stamp from Alabama is the Livingston stamp in which artists taste is shown.

Mobile issued two and Tuscumbia one. Florida has one city which issued stamps namely: Madison. It issued one stamp, an adhesive of the value of 3 cents printed in gold on blue paper.

Georgia had four cities, namely: Athens, Fayetteville, Macon and Ringgold and Texas has one city, Goliad. The stamps were issued by the post masters of the various cities because they found it impossible to get along without stamps and the government having delayed the production of an immediate issue, they proceeded to supply the want. In all 64 varieties were issued.

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Philatelic Review

By "PHILA."

The *Exchangers' Monthly* for June contains a very interesting article for collectors entitled "The Crystal Ball" by Ellsworth, Ohio.

The *Stamp* of Denver, Colo., is a Philatelic paper. Its "Men of Stamp" articles are very interesting.

The *Eastern Philatelist* ends with the May number and will publish number 1 of Vol. II on July 15th.

The *Western Philatelist* is no more. In the May number it gives its farewell address. The subscription list will be published by the *Curiosity World* of Lake Villa, N. H.

The only reading matter in the *Ball State Philatelist* for May, is its continuation story.

With the May number, the *Philatelic Journal of Ohio* completes Vol. I.

The *Old Curiosity Shop* is a much changed paper since its trip to Cal. having now a teen large pages and cover.

The *Toronto Philatelic Journal* for April contains the portrait of Major F. J. Grenney, also his biography.

I have heard of the suspension of the *Philatelic Herald*. It is too bad that some of the old papers should drop out.

The *Mohawk Standard* for May has a well written article on "How to Detect Counterfeits" by W. B. Hale.

The "Philatelic Tribune" would look better in magazine form.

The "Philadelphia Philatelist" for May contains an interesting article on "Do Stamps Increase in Value as They Grow Older?" by Surcharge.

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Stamp Collectors League

By "PHILA."

We, the stamp collectors of Crawford Co., Pa. have been discussing the subject of forming a Stamp Collectors' League and have decided to organize and the following was appointed to organize: Wm. B. Whitney, Marlborough, Ulster Co., N. Y. and Harry B. Wilber, Lock Box F, Cambridgeboro, Pa. We want all stamp collectors to send their names to one of the committee appointed on organization, for membership and when the list reaches a suitable number all persons who have applied for membership will be notified and immediately on notification send in your nominations for officers. The committee have decided to have the following officers: President, Vice Pres., Secretary, Treasurer, Exchange Sup't. Official Organ and Board of Trustees consisting of 3 members to be appointed by the President.

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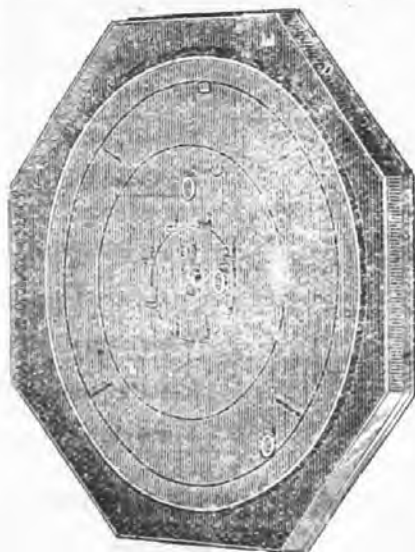
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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Third Annual Convention of the A. P. A.

The Third Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was called to order by President Tiffany, at the Elks' Club room, 24 Hayward Place, Boston, Mass., on Monday, Aug. 13th, 1888 at 10:30 A. M.

The Roll Call occupied the greater part of the next half-hour, after which the newly appointed Messrs. Sterling, Mekeel and Clutz as Committee on Credentials. A motion that the public be invited to the meetings, was unanimously adopted. The Literary Board were empowered to procure a stenographer to report the proceedings of the Convention. The Convention then adjourned until 3 P. M. in order to give the Credential Committee time to prepare a report.

Afternoon session, Monday, Aug. 13th.

Meeting called to order at 3:50 P. M.

The delay was caused by the Credential Committee being unable to finish their work by the time appointed.

The Committee then reported 38 members present in person and 289 represented by proxy. A few proxies were rejected.

The President then appointed Commit-

tees on Finance, Library, Exchange and Purchasing Departments; Official Journal, Branch Societies, and Constitution and By-Laws. A communication from the Board of Trustees, was then read, announcing the election as follows:

President, John K. Tiffany.

Vice " W. C. Van Derlip.

Sec'y, S. B. Bradford.

Treas'r. H. B. Seagrave.

Int. Sec'y, Jos. Rechert.

Mr. Rechert then presented his report as International Secretary for the past year, which was unanimously adopted.

The Purchasing Agent's report was next read and approved. It showed that he had received from members for the purchase of stamps, \$1151.64. The Librarian not being present, Sec'y Bradt read his report, which showed that the Library had about doubled under his care, and that he had over 3,000 duplicates to dispose of. The report was referred to the proper committee.

The Literary Board reported the AMERICAN PHILATELIST to be in flourishing condition. Owing to the restrictions regarding ads. the receipts for Vol. 2 will be considerably less than the expenditures.

Exchange Sup't. Henry Clutz reported his department in excellent order, and a surplus of \$15.30 on hand.

No other committees being ready to report, the Convention adjourned until Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

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AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUG. 14.

Meeting called to order at 10.40. Vice Pres. Bogert in the chair. The Secy being absent, the roll call was dispensed with for the time being. New proxies were called for and referred to the Credential Committee. Mr. Rechert was appointed Secy. pro tem. President Tiffany then delivered his annual address which occupied fifty minutes. At the close he was loudly applauded and tendered a vote of thanks.

A letter from Dr. Odendall, regretting his inability to be present, was then read. The various committees appointed on Monday reported, and their reports were considered section by section.

The report of the Treasurer was then read, and the Sec'y. presented his report. The Credential Committee reported 14 additional proxies. Adjourned to meet at 2.30 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order promptly at the appointed time by the President. A great deal of unfinished business, amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, and other work was disposed of. (As the Official Journal will contain a stenographic report we do not give the space necessary to a full report.) Next in order was the selection of the place for holding the '89 convention. Considerable debate was then indulged in, and by calling the roll the vote was found to be as follows: St. Louis 208, Niagra Falls 132, Washington 4, Philadelphia 1.

The convention then went into secret session to consider the report of the Trustees. Mr. James C. Jay of La Hoyt, Iowa, was expelled from membership in the Association. A few other matters were referred back to the Trustees and the Convention adjourned until Wednesday morn-

ing, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

It was after 11 o'clock when the session was called to order, owing to the fact that many of the members had to arrange their exhibits. Over sixty members were present at this session, a larger number than at any previous one. All unfinished business was then disposed of and a few minutes past one, the Third Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association adjourned to meet at St. Louis, Mo. on Monday of the week in October in which the State Fair is held, the exact date being uncertain.

THE EXHIBITION.

The exhibition which was to take place at Boston, Aug. 15th in connection with the Third Annual Convention of the A. P. A. was success in every point of view. If anything was lacking it was quantity and not quality.

The majority of stamps were mounted on sheets of cardboard and paced on tables, under glass, but a few collectors sent their exhibits framed. This method protected them from the inquisitive "small boy" who was present in large numbers.

Among the exhibitors were Messrs. Van Derlip, Brock, Holton, Sterling, Hutchinson, Deats, Goodrich, Davison, Cuno, Folscher, Clotz and Mekeel. Mr. Van Derlip and Mr. Deats exhibited only U. S. Proofs and Essays. Mr. Brock mainly U. S. Locals. Mr. Mekeel, a nearly complete set of Mexican Postage Stamps. Mr. Holton, the original plate of the American Letter Mail Co. Mr. Sterling showed three of the stamps of Revolutionary fame, as well as one of the counterfeit Beer stamps, which netted him \$2,000. Mr. Clotz owns with perhaps 4 or 5 exceptions, a complete set of the issue of U. S. of Colombia.

Perhaps the greatest rarity on exhibition was the Baltimore local, "James M. Buchanan, 5 Cents," on original envelope.

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We had a very pleasant two days visit a few days ago with Mr. W. B. Brockway the future editor of this paper. He brought along his splendid collection of United States stamps, numbering about 700 varieties.

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POST AND TELEGRAPH SERVICE IN ANAM AND TONKING.

Heinsberger.

ANAM and Tonking are situated in the south-eastern part of Asia. Anam is an independent kingdom, but, with the help of cannons and bayonets some years ago, was brought under the so called protectorate of France. The native king is nominally ruler, but, practically, the President of France is the power behind the throne. The area of Anam is 198043 sq. miles, with a population estimated at twelve millions. The capital is Hue, with a population of 100,000. Tonking is a French province, and adjoining Anam. The capital is Haiphong, with 50,000 inhabitants. The natives are savages, and uncivilized, and France keeps a large standing army in Anam as well as in Tonking. To facilitate the communication in both countries, specially for military purposes, the French Colonial authorities have opened many new Post Offices. (Post and Telegraph in France and her colonies belong to the government.) As my correspondent in Anam informs me, Post Offices have been opened at the following places, Hanoi, Bac Nith, Bac Nith Phu Long, Thu Lang Thong Lam, Lam Dong Son. Those places in Anam have also telegraph routes and offices are controlled by the President of France at the Anam capital, Hue. The Military French Colonial authorities have opened offices at Phu Thuan Thanh Pans Pansols, and An chau Phu-da phuo, and at the sea coast called "Chanell des Rapides."

Those places are located in a dangerous part of Anam. Military protection is stationed at these Post and Telegraph offices. A new and important telegraph line is opened between the City of Hanoi (Anam) and Haiphong (Tonking). The mail matter is forwarded from Hanoi to all important interior places in Anam, partly by messengers on foot, and partly by mounted messengers who start daily. By the above named Post Offices are employed seventy-five native coolies and nine postal watchman.

Those Postal Messengers in Anam and Tonking often meet dangers on their trips in the wilderness, as both countries are also inhabited by wild animals, especially tigers.

The French postal and telegraph service is more and more completed and French capital and French newspapers increase the France influence. I further inform the numerous subscribers to the PHILATELIC NEWS, in the United States and foreign countries that on December 1st, 1888, the "Boy Emperor of China," has approved the treaty and has given his consent to connect the telegraph lines of China with those of Anam and Ton-

king (French China). This concession was a proof of Chinese friendship toward France. Cannons and bayonets are useful friends.

In the late Franco-Chinese war, Anam as well as Tonking were annexed by France as a war contribution. For the benefit of all Stamp Collectors I mention here, that at the French Post Offices at Anam and Tonking are sold to the public none but the regular postage stamps of the French Colonies. Those so-called surcharged postage stamps of Anam and Tonking are made by the French Government for the benefit of collectors only on the instigation of the French Officials, and French stamp dealers for the sake of money making.

PHILATELIC REMARKS.

CHAS. B. BLACKBURN.

THINKING it would be of interest to the readers of the *News* I herewith append some remarks on my collection. My collection of United States stamps, which is entirely of uncanceled stamps and quite complete, is arranged on heavy gold beveled edge photo card-mounts sixteen by twenty-two inches in size and pearl tinted.

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uments, arranged in a striking way in the form of a U. S. shield. The lower denominations and the smaller sized stamps, forming the stars and should be secured by all true lovers of the art at once. Foreign stamps are very interesting and positively instructive; but a through indulgence in foreign lands will tempt us a way from "the land of the free".

THE United States stamps are very interesting when all kinds are collected, such as Tobacco, Cigar, Beer and Match stamps. Most of these are or were of historic value.

NOTES.

THE *Flour City Philatelist* came out for March with thirty-two page and cover. Its list of "Approval Sheet Frauds," is a good idea. Keep it up brother. We desire to exchange with every philatelic paper published. Please send two copies *Plain Talk* with Geo. H. Richmond at the helm and Alvah Davison as Philatelic Editor, will surely succeed.

WE have rec'd No. 2 of "the *Hoosier Philatelist*. "Wanderer is associate editor. It is quite good.

THE *American Stamp* with W. H. Mitchell, D. D. S. as editor is bound to succeed. Number 1 contains a list of all the philatelic societies with the officers' names and

moor. We ask for your liberal support. Hoping to receive a share of it we remain

Yours very respectfully,

THE EDITOR.

NEWS NOTES.

THE N. Y. *Philatelist* is a new one from the great metropolis. How long will it live is the next question.

WE have been favored with a copy of G. H. Meekeel's *Descriptive Price List of American Postage Stamps*. It contains 112 pages, 34 of which are illustrated and the remainder the bulk of the catalogue. It is a very good book and Mr. Meekeel knows what the prices for rare stamps ought to be.

WE have received a copy of McLead *Stamp Collectors Guide*. It is a very good work and is well worth the price asked.

WE have received the following papers for which the publishers will please accept our thanks: *American Journal of Philately*, *Stamp World*, N. Y. *Philatelist*, *Buffalo Philatelist*, *Old Curiosity shop*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *Rhode Island Philatelist*, *Dominion Philatelist*, *Eastern Philatelist Philatelic Beacon*, *Fitchburg Philatelist*, *Badger State Philatelist*, *Stamp Advertiser*, *Philatelic World*, *Plain Talk*, *American Philatelist*, *Foreign Stamp Collectors Gazette*, *Le Courrier du Timbrophile*.

T. J. MITCHELL Esq., "Wanderer" is preparing an illustrated article for us entitled "Watermarks" which will begin in the next number of the NEWS and run several months. Subscribe now and get the entire articles.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

JULY 1889.

THE President has made the following appointments this month, Literary Exchange Superintendent W. B. Whitney, Marlborough, Ulster Co., N. Y., A. K. Bates, Titusville, Pa., Chairman of the Board of

Trustees, having resigned, the President has appointed W. J. Day, Chairman, and Geo. E. Pryor as the third member of the Board.

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The Exchange Superintendent has his department in running order and requests all members of the League to send for a supply of sheets, mailing tubes, etc. For prices see his advertisement on the last page.

Members will find in this number the Constitution of the League. It will soon be published in pamphlet form together with the By-Laws.

Members who have not received their membership card will please notify me and it will be sent by return mail.

I must, again, request all members who have not paid their dues, to remit the amount (\$1.00) at once to the Treasurer at Ashtabula, Ohio. Hoping all members will do so, for by so doing they will help make the League a success, I am Yours,

H. B. WILBER, Sec'y.

I received the following letter a short time ago which explains itself;

1 Maysfield Road,

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March 16th 1889.

Dear Sir, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your valued letter of the 3rd. inst. informing me that the Pennsylvania Stamp Collectors' League had fully endorsed my claim with respect to my father, the late James Chalmers, Dundee, having invented, adhesive postage stamp, thus adding one more to the many Societies which have officially recognized this matter, and still continue to do so. It is with much satisfaction that I add to my list your

very important body, and I beg you will take an opportunity to express to your President and members my high sense of appreciation of their kind support. I remain Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

Pat Chalmers.

Mr. H. B. Wilber, Sec'y,

The Pa. Stamp League.

Gentlemen. We have now been organized seven months! What has been done in the interests of the League? Who has sent in a new member? Who has cared whether anything was done or not? Some one answers, "We had no constitution, so we did not know how to act." "There was no official journal, we didn't know anything about what was going on." Well, what is the secretary for? He would have told you all you wanted to know.

The constitutions cannot be printed until we can afford it, and that will be when more collectors join. Figure it out for yourself and see what we have to work on the first year and the second will be smaller if no one else joins.

The officers have all worked with a good will and have their several departments in as near a perfect condition as is possible under the existing circumstances.

How many of you have contributed anything to the library? This is one of the important departments. Here the current literature can be kept for reference and reading. How many have used the exchange department? This also plays a large part in the League. Who has been so thoughtful of the League and its

addresses.

We have the promise of several articles in the near future from the pens of some of our noted philatelic writers.

We have received Pat Chalmers' latest pamphlet entitled, "Mr. John Francis on the Plan of Sir Rowland Hill." Mr. Chalmers need send no more pamphlets to America as his claims are fully recognized here.

We have received Vol. 1, no. 1 of the *Texas Philatelic Journal*. It is very fine outside, but contains too much copied matter.

The *Stamp World* is now so arranged so that it can be bound without including the advertisements. It is a very good paper from the Granite State.

Incidents in Coin Collecting.

By J. BINGHAM.

In the winter of 1879 I met a gentleman at the First National Bank in C—, who after the preliminaries of an introduction in which he learned that I was a collector of coins, began to inquire after my success, and showed considerable apparent interest in the statements I there made him.

After a short conversation he said, "If you will call up at my house at H—, some day, will let you have a few pieces that I think you will find desirable." Thanking him and promising to do so at the first leisure opportunity, we separated. In a few days I had business at the town of H—, nine miles distant, and after its completion I drove to his

house, finding him at home.

He brought out a small package, and proceeded showing its contents, with the remark, "I have had these coins in my possession for nearly forty years. I remember that I thought them very nice and so concluded to make keepsakes of them. But I've lost interest in them, and for the vim and enthusiasm you show in this profession, I have taken a liking to you, and if you want them you shall have them." Untying the package in the meantime, and while I was mentally hoping that he had some fine, and possibly rare coins, imagine my interest and astonishment, when the first piece that made its appearance was a Proof U. S. Dollar of 1836. "Isn't that rather fine?" he asked, "Well here are some of Uncle Sam's dollars even older than that, 1795, 96, 97, 98, 99, that you may like better. And they were gems for these years. Undoing another small package, he dropped out eleven half-dollars, one very good of 1815, but unfortunately pierced with a small hole over the head of liberty, one of 1820 one, a *Proof* of 1830 and the balance of later dates, all in excellent state of preservation.

The last package contained seven U. S. copper cents only. Try as hard as I could not to manifest too much interest, these very near out-generated me. I ran my eyes over their dates, 1793, 95, 96, 1807, over 6 1809, 11, and 12. I mentally exclaimed to myself "They are grand, they are magnificent, they are every one a gem." Each was in very fine

uncirculated condition—condition so desirable to coin fanciers. All the coins lay spread out on the table before us, and it was the best little lot I had ever seen. I could hardly restrain my impatience. I sounded each piece to test genuineness. None gave any uncertain sound. I examined each piece closely. After doing so I quietly turned toward the gentleman and said, "They are a very good lot, indeed, friend C., and if you will spare them at a reasonable price, I should most certainly like to have them." C. had been watching me closely all along, and his reply came sharp, "I am glad you like them, and you shall have them at your own figures."

"Not at all, my dear sir," I answered, "you must make your price, and if agreeable, I will accept, and also thank you." Taking his pencil and a scrap of paper, after a moment's calculation he replied, "Give me 50 per cent advance over face, on the dollars and halves, and I think the seven copper cents ought to be worth about thirty-five cents. The lot total \$17.60." I tendered a \$20 bill and upon his rising to get me the difference I said, "Do not trouble yourself to get me the change. The coins are worth the \$20, and I prefer to pay you more, than to take any back." He expostulated but I was firm, and doing up the coins and carefully putting them in my pocket, we, after a short talk on various subjects, parted, with kindly feeling of esteem and regard. I might add that I afterwards could have taken \$75 for these coins from a brother collector, but declined.

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One of the dollars I did sell for \$18 and three of the copper cents for \$14 retaining the others in my private collection.

Editorial.

WELL here we are again and we have decided to stay. We have secured the services of several well known and famous writers who will contribute to our paper. Among them are Alvah Davidson, F. J. Mitchell, J. Walter Scott, E. R. Aldrich, and P. Hiensburger. We shall spare no pains to make the PHILATELIC NEWS one of the best Philatelic papers published. We will fill the unexpired subscriptions of the Philatelic Leader which has suspended on account of the poor health of the publisher. The subscription price will remain the same as heretofore (fifteen cents). Our ad rates you can see above. We allow a liberal discount on standing advertisements of three months or

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WATERMARKS.

BY T. J. MITCHELL.

Probably there is no branch of Philately that is more interesting and instructive to the collector than the study of watermarks. The stamp collectors of this country have just commenced to collect these stamps. I have written and arranged these articles so that the beginner can get familiar with the designs of the different watermarks and as a guide to show him what he is looking for in size and shape. I hope that others may become interested and collect certain stamps which heretofore they have paid no attention to. Many collectors find it almost impossible to distinguish the watermark in a stamp, especially when in a cancelled condition; to such I would say, if you cannot make the watermark out by holding it to the light, hold it over a black hat, allowing the light to fall on it from the front; if this is not sufficient, lay the stamp in clean water printed side down and in a few minutes the watermark appears plainly. The water first soaking through the thinnest place; that is the watermark.

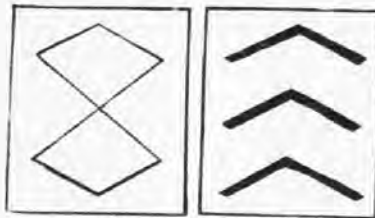


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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Note. The 5c., red, 1867, both perforated and unperforated, are found on unwatermarked paper. 1864, 5c., carmine, unperforated; 5c., red, perforated; 10c., green, unperforated; 10c., green, perforated; 10c., blue, perforated; 15c., blue, unperforated.

BAVARIA.



2A

3B

1870, 1 kr., green, watermark A; 3 kr., rose, watermark A; 6 kr., stone, watermark A; 7 kr., blue, watermark A. 1872, 9 kr., brown, watermark A; 10 kr., yellow, watermark A. 1873, 12 kr., lilac, watermark A. 1870, 18 kr., red, watermark A. 1874, 1 M., lilac, unperforated, watermark A. 1876, 1 M., lilac, perforated, watermark A; 1 kr., green, watermark B; 3 kr., red, watermark B; 7 kr., blue, watermark B; 10 kr., yellow, watermark B; 18 kr., red, watermark B. Present issue of Bavaria are also watermarked cut B.



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BELGIUM.

Note. The 1c., 10c., 20c. and 40c., 1863, similar to the 1850 issue, are on unwatermarked paper. 1849, 10c., brown; 30c., blue. 1850, 10c., brown; 20c., blue; 40c., carmine. (Cut 4.)

BRUNSWICK.

All the stamps from 1853 to 1865 have the foregoing watermark, (cut 5). The 3 stamps of the 1852 issue, viz.: Ein S. G., rose; Zwei S. G. blue; Drei S. G., red; come on unwatermarked paper, as do the 1865 issue.

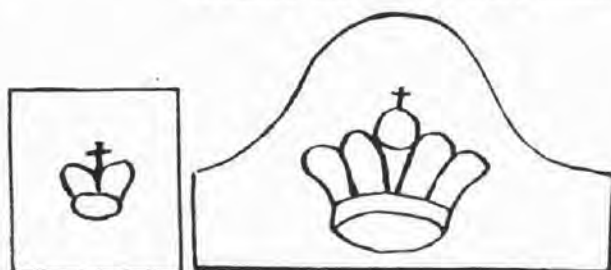


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CHILI.

Only the first stamps of this country were issued on unwatermarked paper; the watermark being the numeral of value of each stamp. 1852, 5c., red, blue paper, watermark 5; 10c., blue, blue paper, watermark 10; 1c., yellow, white paper, watermark 1; 5c., red, white paper, watermark 5; 10c., blue, white paper, watermark 10; 20c., green, white paper, watermark 20.

DENMARK AND DANISH WEST INDIES.

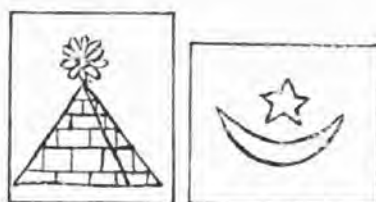


7A

8B

All the stamps of Denmark and Danish West Indies are watermarked. The adhesives having cut A. The envelopes have cut B, on the flap of envelope.

EGYPT.



9A

10B

The 1865 issue of this country, with the exception of the 1 pi., rose-lilac, which comes unwatermarked, come with watermark A. Watermark was changed in 1867 to B, which is still used at present date.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

 THE UNITED STATES PENALTY ENVELOPES.

There are no doubt many things in philately which puzzle greater heads than the writer claims to possess, and yet one of the things which I can't understand is why philatelists will collect almost anything in the nature of a stamp, or anything that has any connection with the postal or telegraph service, and yet when they get a department penalty envelope, they consider it as being of no value. Many collectors will take postage, local, telegraph, custom house stamps, or any piece of paper which is perforated, whether it be a Chicago Letter Return Association label or one of Fleishmann's bread, things which have no connection at all with philately, or any other collecting pursuit, and give them a place in their collection, and yet a penalty envelope or wrapper, which will carry a letter or a bundle throughout the length and breadth of our land, is thrown aside as being worthless!

Now don't for a moment allow yourself to think that I am a dealer with a big stock of these things on hand which I am trying to "hoo," for if you do you will

make a big mistake. I have a few of them which have come into my hands through a friend in the post office, but the number wouldn't reach over fifty. I am simply looking at this matter from an impartial standpoint, up a tree for instance, and I am only giving my thoughts on the subject.

Have my readers ever stopped to consider what the penalty envelopes are? If you haven't, then just let me tell you. They are the authorized successors of the department stamps, the latter having been abolished and their use virtually discontinued in April, 1879.

The Post Office department found that the use of the official stamps was being badly abused, as the stamps were not only used by everyone in the government service for official business, but thousands of them were given away, and they were used freely for the carriage of all kinds of mail matter by all into whose hands they came. This state of affairs naturally caused the government to suffer a heavy loss every year, as those who could obtain the official stamps for nothing, would not only use them for personal correspondence but took delight in so doing, as the nature of the stamp would suggest to most minds that the writer was either in the counsels of the nation or was gifted with a political "pull."

Coming at last to realize the condition of things, a law was passed in March, 1877, providing for the issue of official envelopes bearing a notice of the penalty for their misuse. These at first were only to be used by certain officials of the government, but in March, 1879, another law was passed making their use general among all branches of the government service.

Although these laws provide for the issue and use of the penalty envelopes, yet no law as yet had been passed against using the department stamps which were still on hand in the several branches of the service. They were, therefore, continued in use for various purposes until June, 1884, at which time a law was passed declaring the stamps invalid for postage. The remaining stock in the hands of the engravers was destroyed, and from this date penalty envelopes and wrappers were used almost exclusively, the only exception, I believe, being in the case of some of the War department envelopes in the hands of the public, and which were used for the signal service bureau.

The penalty envelopes are issued in all sizes, from about ordinary letter to extra official, and the colors as far as I have seen are white, yellow and manilla.

The printing on them varies greatly, but an essential for all is the name of the department in prominent type, this in every case, I believe, being in old english. On some the printing is all in the upper right hand corner, and in others it is on the upper left corner, while again it appears partly in both. There would seem to be no established rule as regards the printing, with the exception that the name of the department, the words "Official Business," and the penalty notice be attached.

I have often wondered what connection telegraph stamps had with philately, and the only reason I have ever seen assigned for their collection by philatelists, is that there is a *possibility* that the government may control the telegraph companies sometime in the near or distant future, and if this event should occur, then these stamps would prove very interesting as early issues! Here then is a pretty go. Philatelists are collecting these things in view of a possible chance of their becoming a part of the government issue; telegraph stamps and franks without number are eagerly sought for and placed in albums, and yet the penalty envelopes, which are already a part of the postal service, are ignored and thrown aside as being of no value! Is this consistent?

It seems to me from my impartial standpoint up a tree as aforesaid, that if we as collectors are to claim that our pursuit gives us knowledge regarding the postal systems of the world, the financial methods of nations and the revenue of governments, then we must in all candor give some attention to the penalty envelopes, as they represent a franking or free postal delivery amounting in money value to about *ten millions of dollars per year.*

ALVAH DAVISON.

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EDITORIAL.

An explanation is due the readers of the NEWS on account of the suspension of publication for the last twelve months. Well, to tell the truth, (which we always aim to do), it was all on account of the same old trouble—too much other work to do. Yes, that is a "chestnut," if I may use the term, but it has a certain ring of truth about it which makes it believable. The other work to do was simply this—the Editor is a "hardware man," and having to attend to that and the paper was a little too much work, so he dropped the NEWS. But we now have it so arranged that we can give our unlimited time to the paper. We are here this time to stay through everything, and you need not be afraid to trust us with your subscription money, and if you like you may contract for a year's advertising at once.

In this number appears the first instalment of T. J. Mitchell's article on "Watermarks." This subject is fast becoming very popular, and as you should keep up with the times you should read all about it in the PHILATELIC NEWS. It will run in several more numbers, and as we send only one copy to each collector you should subscribe *now* so as to get the entire article.

We would refer you to the fifth page of this number, and you should be interested, "Go thou and do likewise." *Join the League.*

We hope soon to complete the arrangements for publishing a series of sketches of some of our most prominent philatelists. Among the list will be the following: T. J. Mitchell (Wanderer), Alvah Davison, E. R. Aldrich, J. W. Scott, H. S. Harte, E. B. Sterling, and others. The series will consist of photographs and biographies if possible.

Our guaranteed circulation this month is 1,000 copies, and no person, except our exchanges, will receive more than *one* copy. Send in an advertisement for the October number and reap great benefit. Our circulation next month will be 1,500 copies, guaranteed. Ask our printer.

We have made arrangements by which our foreign subscribers and advertisers can send their advertisements to and have their questions answered by our new foreign agent, M. Bernhard Blunhute, Konigsplatz 16, Leipsic, Germany. Our American agents are: Geo. H. Richmond, 5 Beekman St., N. Y. City; W. B. Whitney, Marlboro, Ulster Co., N. Y.; M. G. Biting, 2622 Jessup St., Philadelphia-Penn'a.

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As the time is drawing near when the Penna. Stamp Collectors' League will meet in Convention, we do not think it too early to present our ticket for the consideration of our readers:

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All members who are arranging to attend the 2nd annual convention of the League, commencing Thursday, Oct. 17, 1889, at Cambridgeboro, Pa., will please send their names to the secretary. The convention will be held in Wilber Opera House, which is tendered free. Those who cannot be present and wish to be represented can send their proxies to the secretary, with full instructions how to vote. Every member should make a great effort to be present and make the convention a great success. There will be an exhibition of postage stamps, opening Saturday, Oct. 19, at 2 P. M., at the Opera House.

A QUESTION FOR A. P. A. MEMBERS.

The American Philatelist is a fine paper, in fact there are none finer, and yet it seems to me that its usefulness can be still further enlarged, and one way to do it is to have an exchange column for the exclusive use of the members. There was a time when such columns were considered only of use to boys, but that time has long since gone by, as many of the leading philatelic papers now have such a column, and few indeed are the collectors of to-day who haven't use for one. Collectors are an exchanging class, and we all accumulate certain things which we do not desire to hold, and yet others are seeking for them. For the exchange of stamps and literature we have our departments, and yet there are many wants of collectors which cannot be supplied through them.

Old catalogues, works on philately and the many things desired by advanced collectors could readily be obtained through a small notice in an exchange column, while months and even years might be required to get them in any other way.

It don't seem just for the members to be compelled to use other papers for this purpose, while we have one of our own and one which will put the notices before those we want to reach. We want to exchange with our fellow members, and in no other way can it be done except through the official organ.

The column wouldn't be patronized did you say? Well, now, just let it be tried, and I'll wager you a dollar to a cent that it would soon prove one of the features of the paper.

Mr. Meckel, awake to the wants of collectors, has opened such a column in his paper at nominal rates, although he permits small advertisements, things which of course would be excluded should such a column be opened in the American Philatelist.

Our organ is published for the good of the Association, and if enough of the members favor the opening of an exchange column, the Literary Board would no doubt accede to the request of the members in that direction, and the column can be opened under the necessary restrictions.

Let all the members who are in favor of this departure give voice to their sentiments through the press, so that we may arrive at the pulse of the Association regarding it.

ALVAH DAVISON, A. P. A. No. 4.

We are in favor of the above. We think much good could be derived from having an exchange column in our official journal where it would be free to the members only. We hope the Literary Board will see this in the proper light and make room for an exchange column.—Ed.

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SECRETARYS REPORT.

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The following is a list of new members.

No. 14. Ph. Heinsberger, Jr., 138 Ludlow St., New York, N. Y.

No. 15. Wm. D. Saxon, Cambridgeboro, Pa.

Every member should strive to get one or more new members to the League, as we cannot live without more. I hope to have the constitution printed soon after the convention at Cambridgeboro, Pa., Oct. 17-19, which I hope all members will attend if possible. *Every member come.*

Yours,

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Aug. 15, 1889.

ELECTION NOTICE.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STAMP COLLECTORS' LEAGUE:

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We understand there is a movement on foot by a certain clique to centralize all the officers in New York. This we are very much opposed to, and intend to fight it most vigorously if any such attempt is made. It certainly would tend to hurt the A. P. A. in a great many ways. We are very well satisfied with our President and Exchange Superintendent and mean to have them stay there if such a thing can be done. Any of our readers who will find it inconvenient to attend the convention can be represented by proxy by P. M. Wolseffer of Chicago, Ill., Box 707. Address him with full instructions.

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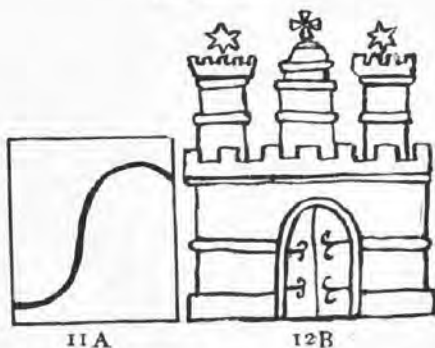
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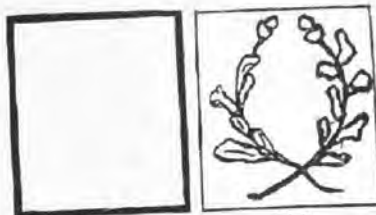


11 A

12 B

With the exceptions of the 1 1-4 sch., purple, and the 1 1-2 sch., rose, 1866, (perforated), all the adhesives are watermarked cut A. In 1867 four values of the envelopes, 1-2 sch., 2 sch., 3 sch. and 4 sch., were watermarked B.

HANOVER.



13 A

14 B

1850, Ein G. G. blue, watermark A.
1851, 1-30 Thaler, salmon, watermark B.
1851, 1-10 Thaler, yellow, watermark B.

1851, Ein G. G. green, watermark B.
1851, 1-15 Thaler, blue, watermark B.
1856, 3 pfg., rose, watermark B.

ITALY.

This country first commenced to watermark their stamps in 1863, and have continued the same watermark up to date.



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LUBEC.

This country has a set of stamps similar to the 1859 issue, which were issued in 1863, having the above watermark.



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LUXEMBURG.

Only two stamps of this country are watermarked.

1852, 10c., black.

1852, 1sg., red.



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MODENA.

The 1 Lira, white, 1852, is the only stamp of this country we find with a watermark.



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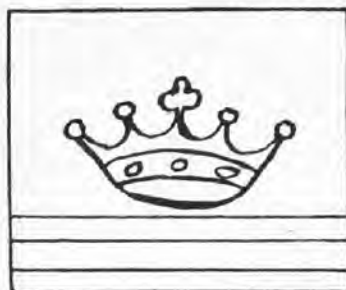


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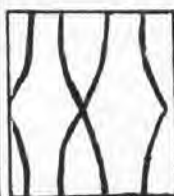
NAPLES.

All the stamps of Naples are watermarked with a "Fleur-de-lis" in sheet. This includes the two provisional 1-2 T. of 1860. The collector can easily distinguish the genuine stamps from counterfeits by the watermark.

TUSCANY



20A



21B

There are two watermarks in the stamps of Tuscany; one (A) is composed of 12 Ducal Crowns and three lines below each crown, to the sheet. The other (B) is interlaced lines. The inscription, "H. e R. R. Poste Toscane" is placed diagonally across each sheet in the "B" watermark, from the lower left corner to the upper right corner. This some of the stamps will have in addition to the lines-portion of the letters. I give a list in full of this country's stamps.

ON BLUISH PAPER.

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| 1849, watermark A, 1 quat., black. | 1849, watermark A, 1 sol., yellow-orange. |
| " " " 2 sol., vermilion. | " " " 1 crazia, red. |
| " " " 2 cra., blue, bl'e-gr'n. | " " " 4 crazia, deep green. |
| " " " 6 " " | " " " 9 crazia, brown. |

1852, watermark A, 60 crazia, red.

ON WHITE PAPER.

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| 1854, watermark A, 1 quat., black. | 1854, watermark A, 2 crazia, blue, blue-gr'n |
| " " " 4 crazia, green. | " " " 6 " blue. |
| 1856, same design, "B" watermark. | 1856, 1 quat., black. |
| " 1 sol., yellow-orange. | " 1 crazia, rose-red. |
| " 2 crazia, blue, blue-green. | " 4 " green. |
| " 6 " blue, dark-blue. | " 9 " lilac. |

The 1859 series, (Provisional Government) are all watermarked B.

NETHERLANDS.

The issue of 1852 is watermarked with a post-horn.

5c., dark blue, light blue.

10c., lake, red.

15c., yellow, orange.

NORWAY.

This country commenced to use the above watermark in 1872, and used it until the post-horn was printed on the back of the present issue of stamps.



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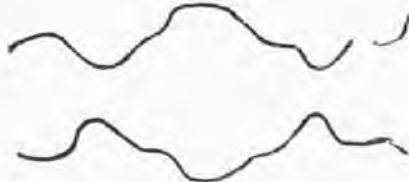
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PRUSSIA.



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RUSSIA.



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A wreath of laurel was used as the watermark of Prussia from 1850 to 1856.

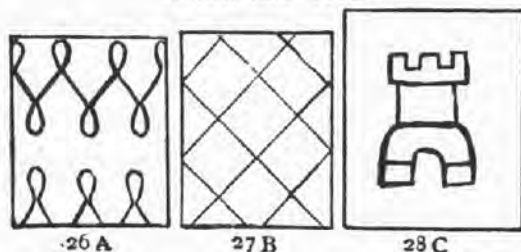
In 1870 Russia used a watermark of undulating lines on three stamps, the same as the 1858 issue.

1870, 10 kop., brown and blue. 20 kop., blue and orange. 30 kop., rose and green.

SAN MARINO.

These stamps have the same watermark as the Italian stamps.

SPAIN AND CUBA.



The Spanish and Cuban stamps of 1855 have a watermark of hooks. (A.) The same countries in their 1856 issue used a watermark of crossed lines. (B.) The Spanish issue of 1876 has a castle for a watermark. (C.)

SWITZERLAND.

Switzerland used an imitation watermark, impressed on the back of her stamps issued in 1863-78. Her envelopes have a watermark of a carrier pigeon, with spread wings, having a letter attached to its neck.

In my next paper I will give the cuts of Great Britain and her countries. I would be pleased to hear from any one who know of other watermarks than those I have given, also for cuts of same.

NOTE. Russian envelopes of 1848-66 were watermarked by a large double eagle in oval, occupying nearly the entire front of the envelope.

ABOUT SHOWING COLLECTIONS.

It is strange that there are so many philatelists who are ashamed to let the world know that they possess a collection of postage stamps, and that they take pleasure in this pursuit; and yet there are hundreds and perhaps thousands who are ashamed of it. This may appear to be a broad assertion with little foundation, and I know of collectors who would resent such an imputation on their manhood, but literally they are ashamed of their hobby. I don't mean to say that they never show their collection to anyone; oh, no! but he who is lucky enough to have that honor must be a member of the mystic brotherhood whose password is "philatelist." This is the "open sesame" to many collections, the pages of which sparkle with philatelic gems of the first water, and without this password you might enter the house many times, and be a close acquaintance of the proprietor, without ever becoming aware of the fact that he was a stamp collector.

These remarks I am led to make through personal observation, and from remarks dropped by different collectors whom I have met at various times. We often wonder why the public call stamp collectors "cranks," and the pursuit "child's play," but if we will stop and consider for a moment we can readily find grounds for their opinion. The younger element of the fraternity come out openly, and show their stamps to any and all people, it mattering little to them whether they have one hundred or one thousand stamps in their collection, or whether they are mounted in a scrap book or an album; but the older and more advanced collectors, those whose standing in society would command respect for anything to which they gave countenance, and whose collections are rich in varieties and numbered up in

the thousands, these often stand in the background when the public are around, fearing possibly a few sarcastic remarks, not stopping to think that the maker of them would only show his ignorance by giving an opinion on anything, the nature of which he was entirely ignorant of.

If my remarks apply to any of the readers of this paper, and I am constrained to believe they will, as this class is a numerous one, then I would remind you that you are on the wrong track, a track not only detrimental to your personal interests, but also to the interest of the pursuit for which we all have a regard in common, and which we desire to see promulgated to the uttermost limits of the earth! How can we expect to overcome the public verdict regarding stamp collecting being "child's play," unless we each individually do our utmost to show that such a verdict is a false one? To this end we cannot work in any way with more chance of success, than by exhibiting our collections to those with whom we have a chance acquaintance.

Large stamp exhibits in the big cities are good in their way, as thousands of non-collectors view the stamps and hundreds of thousands read about them; but in my opinion one respected resident of a village can do more toward elevating his pursuit in the eyes of his neighbors, than the newspaper accounts of any number of exhibits. In one case the account is read and soon forgotten; in the other there is personal knowledge, and lasting remembrances.

I have always made it a point to show my collection to visitors, especially if they be of the male persuasion, but usually to both sexes, never of course forgetting the *young* ladies. The first mention of it is usually greeted with an incredulous look, as though they thought it strange that a person who had reached the mature age of twenty-six, and who was always given credit for the possession of a sound mind, could be a collector of postage stamps. This however never deters me, and I have invariably found that they had a higher opinion of stamp collecting when they got through than when they commenced.

I have already stated that it is to the collector's personal interest to show his collection to the public, and I will give an instance of it. A few months ago a young man moved to our village and shortly afterward I invited him to call, which he did. In the course of the evening I brought out my collection to show it, and he had no sooner seen the first sheet containing the 1847 issue of United States, when he said: "I know where there are some of those stamps!" On questioning him, I learned that his father had many of his old letters with the envelopes covering them, and many of these letters he said had the stamps attached to the sheet. He remembered playing with them in his boyhood days. The outcome of it was that I secured some old U. S. stamps, but not as many as I hoped for, as his father would not give them all up. This, however, illustrates the point.

Some time after this I was showing my collection to another visitor. He hardly thought he would care to see it, as it could possess little of interest to him, but I turned over the sheets, explaining a little and telling him that this stamp was worth fifty cents; that one two dollars; the one here would take a five dollar bill, while this other one would bring twelve dollars at an auction sale. At this his eyes began to open and he took more interest. "Why," he said, "I had no idea stamps were worth so much, I thought they were more like playthings!" I told him they were, in fact, but costly playthings. When he got through he thought I must have fifty dollars invested in those stamps, but when I informed him that it would require several hundred to buy them, he remarked, "Well, there is a good deal more in stamp collecting than I ever thought!"

The foregoing is but a sample case. Non-collectors all think about alike regarding philately; and we who love the pursuit for what it is, for what it teaches, and for the vast amount of pleasure it gives, would only show our collections more to those unacquainted with it, I am constrained to believe that the fair goddess would have a much larger following and the general public a far greater knowledge of our aims.

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We intended that this number should contain a full report of the American Philatelic Association Convention at St. Louis, Mo., October 7th, 1889, but have decided to wait until next month, as it would delay the printing of our paper somewhat.

Our visit to the Buffalo fair was a very enjoyable one, as we had the pleasure of meeting several of Buffalo's well-known philatelists. We first called on Mr. W. F. Dent, at 192 S. Division St. We found him to be a man of about 30 years of age, with of course not a very large family. He showed us his collection, which to our "notion" was a very fine one. He also showed us a collection of about 1200 varieties which he paid \$15.00 for, many stamps of which would sell for more than \$15.00 each. We also had the pleasure of meeting C. J. Manning and H. J. Turner. The Turner Bro's have a very fine collection of stamps, it taking 12 volumes of 30 pages each to hold it. Mr. Manning also has a very fine collection of U. S. stamps. At the exhibition, Mr. Manning, the Turner Bro's, and Maj. F. J. Grenny of the C. P. A., had their collections on exhibition. Maj. Grenny has the finest collection of Canadian bill stamps we ever had the opportunity to see. His collection of Canadian proofs is also very fine.

A LITTLE FREE NOTICE.

There are a couple of gentlemen, one residing in Cincinnati, O., and the other in Salem, Mass., who are indebted to us. One for the amount of 50 cents and the other for the amount of 70 cents. These gentlemen are both well-known philatelists and able to pay these small bills, but won't. We have sent them statement after statement, but it seems to do no good. Unless these accounts *are* settled by October 25th, we shall be under the "painful (?)" necessity of publishing the names of the "aforesaid gentlemen," so the philatelic public can see who and what they are.

THE PHILATELIC NEWS.

TRANS-ATLANTIC MAIL STATISTICS.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, NEW YORK.

Year by year the mail communication between the United States and the European countries has improved and in our present time we have reached the highest point of rapid trans-atlantic postal service. "Uncle Sam," as well as European countries, forward as a rule mail matter with the first and fastest steamers available. An exception from this rule and many other postal rules is England, who has the habit to forward all mail matter to the United States by the "favored" Cunard line, and by the favored White Star steamship line, via. Queenstown. For the information of the numerous subscribers of the PHILATELIC NEWS in the United States and in foreign countries, I publish some details and statistics about the trans-atlantic mail service. All mail matter from Great Britain to the U. S. gets collected at the Grand Post Office in London. The mail time from London to Queenstown, the English trans-atlantic terminus, is 18 hours and 35 minutes. But the mail time from London to Southampton is only 2 hours and 45 minutes. At Southampton, is the "calling port" of the mail steamers of the general line, "North-German-Lloyd," (Bremen-New York). But those German steamers, calling at each trip at Southampton, do not get the English-American mail, although the mail time from London to Southampton is only 2 hours and 45 minutes, also the "shortest route." As a consequence of the contract with the "favored" Cunard line and the White Star line, who get all English-American mail from London to Queenstown (landing port), also the longest way, 18 hours and 35 minutes, large quantities of English-American mail matter is laying around at Queenstown. The mail must wait for the departure of a steamer of the favored Cunard line or White star line for the U. S. from the North-German-Lloyd line whose steamers call regularly at Southampton, the shortest route, and therefore are in the advantage, and could have that in Queenstown "piled up and so long remaining mail," until a favored English steamer sails. In such a case, the English-American mail would arrive two or three days earlier in New York than now. The steamers of the favored Cunard line and White Star line leave Queenstown regularly two days later than the North-German-Lloyd steamers from Southampton to the U. S. The government of "Uncle Sam" since many years is urging "Grandmother Victoria" of England to send English mail to the U. S. with the first and fastest steamer, without a difference to nationality, but "John Bull," the commercial enemy of Germany, has always deaf ears!

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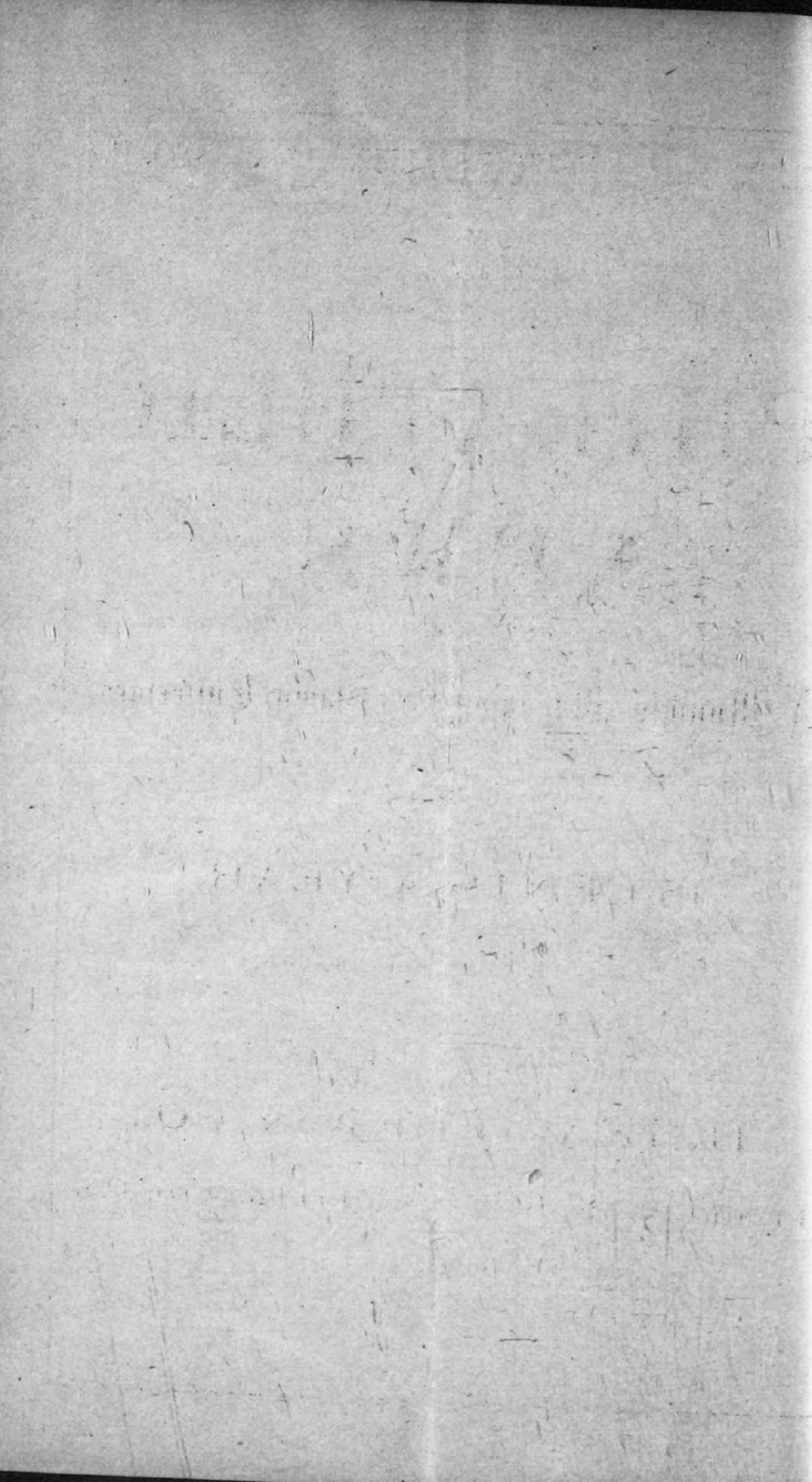
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BY T. J. MITCHELL.

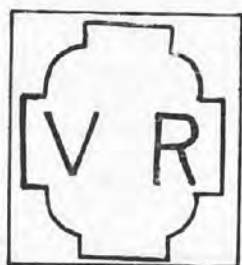
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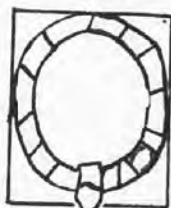
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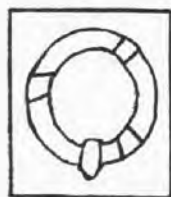


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- 1840, 1d., black, watermark 1.
 " 2d., blue, watermark 1.
 1841, 1d., red on blue, watermark 1.
 " 2d., blue, watermark 1.
 1850, 1d., red, perf., watermark 1.
 " 1d., red on blue, perf., watermark 1.
 " 2d., blue, perf., watermark 1.
 1856, 1d., red, perf., watermark 2.
 1856, 1d., red on blue, perf., watermark 2.
 " 2d., blue, perf., watermark 2.
 1864, 1d., red, perf., watermark 2.
 1858, 2d., blue, perf., watermark 2.
 1848, 10d., brown, no watermark.
 1847, 1s., green, no watermark.
 1847, 6d., violet, watermark 3.
 1855, 4d., rose on blue, watermark 4.



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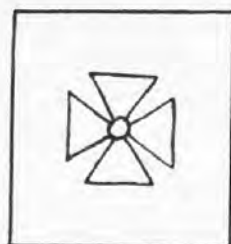


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- 1857, 4d., rose on blue, watermark 5.
 " 4d., rose, watermark 5.
 " 6d., lilac, watermark 6.
 " 1s., green, watermark 6.
 1862, 3d., rose, watermark 6.
 " 4d., vermilion, watermark 5.
 1862, 6d., lilac, watermark 6.
 " 9d., bistre, watermark 6.
 " 1s., green, watermark 6.
 1865, 3d., rose, watermark 6.
 " 4d., vermilion, watermark 5.
 " 6d., lilac, watermark 6.



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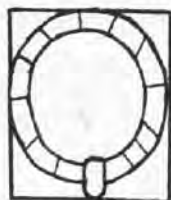


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- 1865, 9d., bistre, watermark 6.
 " 1s., green, watermark 6.
 " 6d., lilac, no watermark.
 1867, 3d., rose, watermark 7.
 " 6d., lilac, watermark 7.
 1869, 6d., lilac, no hyphen, watermark 7.
 1867, 9d., bistre, watermark 7.
 " 10d., brown, watermark 7.
 " 1s., green, watermark 7.
 " 2s., blue, watermark 7.
 " 5s., rose, watermark 8.
 1878, 10s., gray, watermark 8.
 1878, 1£, lilac, watermark 8.
 1882, 5s., rose, watermark 9.
 1883, 10s., gray, watermark 9.
 1882, 1£., lilac, watermark 9.
 1870, 1-2d., red, watermark 10.
 " 1 1-2d., red, watermark 11.
 1872, 6d., gray, watermark 7.
 1873, 6d., brown, watermark 7.
 " 3d., rose, watermark 7.
 1874, 6d., gray, watermark 7.
 " 1s., green, watermark 7.
 1875, 2 1-2d., lilac, watermark 12.



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- 1876, 2 1-2d., lilac, watermark 13.
 1880, 2 1-2d., blue, watermark 13.
 1876, 4d., vermilion, watermark 14.
 " 8d., vermilion, watermark 14.
 1877, 4d., green, watermark 14.
 1880, 4d., drab, watermark 14.
 " 1s., salmon, watermark 7.
 " 2s., red brown, watermark 7.
 " 1d., claret, watermark 11.
 1881, 2 1-2d., blue, watermark 11.
 " 3d., rose, watermark 11.
 " 4d., drab, watermark 11.
 " 6d., gray, watermark 11.
 " 1s., salmon, watermark 11.
 " 1-2d., green, watermark 11.
 1884, 1-2d., purple, watermark 11.
 1881, 1 1-2d., claret, watermark 11.
 " 2d., rose, watermark 11.
 " 5d., purple, watermark 11.
 1883, 2s., 6d., lilac, watermark 9.
 1883, 5s., rose, watermark 9.
 " 10s., blue, watermark 9.
 1882, 5£, orange, watermark 9.
 1884, 1£, maroon, watermark 11.
 1883, 3d., lilac, watermark 11.
 " 6d., lilac, watermark 11.
 1881, 1d., lilac, watermark 11.
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 " 2 1-2d., lilac, watermark 11.
 " 3d., lilac, watermark 11.
 " 4d., green, watermark 11.
 " 5d., green, watermark 11.
 " 6d., green, watermark 11.
 " 1s., green, watermark 11.
 1884, 5s., rose, watermark 11.
 " 10s., blue, watermark 11.
 " 1£, maroon, watermark 11.
 Jubilee stamps, all watermark 11.

BRITISH COLONIES.



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ANTIGUA.

- 1862, 1d., lake, watermark 1.
 " 1d., vermilion, watermark 1.
 " 6d., green, watermark 1.
 1873, 1d., carmine, watermark 2.
 " 6d., green, watermark 2.
 1880, 2 1-2d., red brown, watermark 2.
 " 4d., blue, watermark 2.
 1882, 1-2d., green, watermark 3.
 " 1d., carmine, watermark 3.
 " 2 1-2d., red brown, watermark 3.
 1887, 2 1-2d., blue, watermark 3.
 1882, 4d., blue, watermark 3.
 1887, 4d., red brown, watermark 3.
 1882, 6d., green, watermark 3.
 1886, 1s., green, watermark 3.

BAHAMAS.

The Bahama stamps were first issued in 1859, and until 1862 we find them on unwatermarked paper. In 1862 the C C and crown watermark was used (No. 2), and was succeeded in 1882 by the C A and crown (No. 3).

BARBADOES.

This colony first issued stamps in 1852, but it was not until 1871 that watermarked paper was used. In that year the star (No. 1) watermark was used, and continued until 1876, when the C C and crown (No. 2) succeeded the star, to be finally superseded by the one in present use—C A and crown (No. 3).

BERMUDA.

Stamps were first used in 1865, and were issued with the C C and crown watermark, which was changed in 1884 for the present one—C A and crown.

BRITISH GUIANA.

Although this colony was one of the first to issue stamps, it was not until 1876 that they used watermarks. The C C and crown was used until 1882, when it was changed for the C A and crown.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

The 1865 issue were on unwatermarked paper. In 1872 the C C and crown was introduced and in 1882 the C A and crown appeared.

CANADA.

While some of the stamps of this colony have appeared on watermarked paper, yet I can find nothing that would make me think that it was by error, and part of the paper manufacture's initials. It was certainly never authorized by the Government, therefore in my opinion these stamps should be rather classed among the oddities than a regular issue such as have been given.

NOTE. I have used Durbin & Haines' 17th edition catalogue principally in listing the stamps of Great Britain and Colonies, and any one interested in watermarks will find it to their advantage to own a copy of this catalogue, as it gives the prices and description of watermarks used, making it of great advantage for reference.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

 POSTAL SYSTEM OF JAMAICA.

BY VEDA.

Besides the general post office at the Capital (Kingston), there are ninety-five post offices in the island. Letters for local delivery or exchange between Kingston, Up Camp Lake, Half-way Tree, Gordontown, Cold Spring, Port Royal, Spanish Town, Linstead, Ewarton, Old Harbor, May Pen, Four Path, and Porus are charged at the rate of one penny for each one-half ounce, to all other points two pence for each one-half ounce. Printed matter is sent by "book post," at the rate of half penny for each two ounces. The limit in weight is three pounds, and in size two feet in length and one foot in width or depth. Merchandise is sent by parcel post, two pence for each two ounces. Limit of weight, eight ounces.

Postal cards for local delivery cost a half-penny; for inland postage, two penny. Reply cards cost twice the ordinary cards. The Governor, his private secretary, the colonial secretary, the protector of immigration, the attorney general, the auditor general, chief justice and a few other officials, are entitled to send and receive correspondence free of postage. Registration costs four pence. Post office money orders are sold and foreign money orders on nearly all foreign countries can be obtained at Kingston. Parcel post communication with foreign points is carried on through the medium of the British post office. Exchanges of parcels are however, by a recent treaty, effected directly with the United States. Postage stamps have been employed since May, 1858.

REPORT OF THE SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
THE PENN. STAMP COLLECTORS' LEAGUE.

Owing to the non-attendance of the members, the convention was not a very "glorious" success. Nevertheless, the League has been organized and it has got to live, if such a thing is possible.

The Board of Trustees had prepared blanks for the election, which resulted as follows:

President, Geo. E. Pryor, Scranton, Pa.

Vice President, Wm. B. Whitney, Marlborough, N. Y.

Secretary, H. B. Wilber, Cambridgeboro, Pa.

Treasurer, W. J. Day, Titusville, Pa.

The following cities were brought forward for the Third Annual Convention, but not enough votes were cast for an election: Philadelphia, Pa., and Germantown, Pa.

The dues of the League were reduced from \$1 to 50 cents, as it was thought that it might induce other collectors to join.

The constitution has been at last adopted and will be printed as soon as possible.

The PHILATELIC NEWS was unanimously chosen the Official Organ of the League.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6.75 in the treasury, and the Secretary's report showed a total of fifteen members, distributed as follows: Pennsylvania, 8; New York, 5; Ohio, 1; Kentucky, 1; total, 15.

THE EXHIBITION.

The exhibition was more of a success than the convention. There were two collections on exhibition, those of Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, No. 15, and H. B. Wilber, No. 1. Mr. Heinsberger's collection consisted of foreign stamps only, mostly revenues, and contained many fine and rare ones. It was arranged on approval sheets, and the entire collection was held for sale after the exhibition. He also had a very fine collection of foreign postal cards on exhibition. Mr. Wilber's collection consisted of U. S. adhesives only, arranged in one of the 'Turner Bros.' albums. Another thing that attracted much attention, was the motto, "Penna. Stamp Collectors' League" made from the common 1, 2 and 3c. stamps, it being the work of the Secretary. Also a frame which contained the portraits of Pat. and James Chalmers, and the portraits of the Organizing Committee of the League, Messrs. W. B. Whitney of Marlborough, N. Y., and H. B. Wilber, of Cambridgeboro, Pa.

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The best album we have ever yet seen was one invented by the Turner Bro's of Buffalo, N. Y., and it probably will soon be placed on the market. It is a book of thirty folding pages, so arranged that by taking hold of the last page and drawing out, the entire collection can be seen at once. The leaves are placed in a heavy cloth-bound cover, and are held in place by four rubber cords, two in front and two in the back. This album will take the lead, for it is the *only* first-class permanent album yet published.

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In recommending Mr. Walton for Secretary of the A. P. A., we feel safe in saying that should he be elected he would fill the office to the satisfaction of all.

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EDITORIAL.

We have seen for the last two months that advertisements were encroaching on our reading matter space, and to avoid it we have decided to add a cover, which appears this month. We shall keep it on as long as business warrants and as long as our readers wish it to remain, the only consideration we ask is, that you send 15 cents for a year's subscription. We have just one page left for advertisements and we would like to dispose of this before the December number is issued. To dealers who desire any portion of it we will quote very low rates for three or more insertions. We would ask every dealer not represented in our columns to give us a trial advertisement. Our rates are low and our circulation one of the best. A glance at our advertising columns will show the popularity of the *Philatelic News* as an advertising medium.

We have been favored with a copy of "C. H. Mekeel's Descriptive Priced Catalogue of American Postage Stamps," and can say that it is the best and most complete catalogue of American Postage Stamps ever issued. It consists of 112 pages, 68 of which contain the descriptive portion, and the remaining 34 the illustrations, which are of a better class than those in most catalogues. Every philatelist should have a copy of this catalogue.

We would call the attention of our readers to advertisement of Mr. Millard F. Walton of Philadelphia, Pa., which is in this number. Mr. Walton is a large advertiser and does a large business for one established so short a time.

We learn from Mr. Geo. H. Richmond, 5 Beekman St., N. Y. city, that he intends issuing a circular which he proposes to send to every dealer. He wishes to have every publication in the interest of Philately represented.

As stated in the October number, we publish below the names of the gentlemen mentioned in the "Little Free Notice," because as yet we have received no remittance.

F. C. T. Davis, Box 21, Salem, Mass.

Jas. D. Carr, Publisher (?), Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.

REVIEW.

BY THE REVIEWER.

We have also received the following papers, publishers will please accept thanks. *American Philatelist*, *Philatelic Gazette*, *Eastern Philatelist*, *N. Y. Philatelist*, *American Journal of Philately*, *Philatelic World*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Plain Talk*.

We have been favored with a copy of the *Southern Philatelist*. It resembles the defunct *Charleston Philatelist* very much, the editor being the late editor and publisher of the *C. P.* We wish you every possible success.

We extend our thanks for a copy of "McLean's Stamp Collector's Guide." It is a very good work and should be in every collector's library.

That *Curiosity Collector* is as regular as usual in its monthly visits.

The *New York Philatelist* still continues to improve.

The *Peninsular Philatelist* is on hand from Grand Rapids, Mich., and is to be enlarged to 8 pages, so the publishers state.

The *Eastern Philatelist* comes promptly every month and is one of our best philatelic papers.

We have received the *Nebraska Philatelist* for November. It is a very creditable paper.

The *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* has been consolidated with the *Hoosier Philatelist*.

DEALING IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

PART I.

At a first glance, the title of this article would seem to indicate that it was meant for only a select few, but the number of collectors who at some time during their philatelic career take to dabbling in stamps, is surprising. If I were asked to hazard a guess, I think I would put it at fully forty per cent. of the total number of collectors.

I don't wish it to be understood that I place this number as being dealers at one time, or that this percentage of collectors are dealers; that is not my intention. My idea is that forty out of every one hundred collectors get the fever at some period and try their hand as a dealer.

Some, it is true, remain so but a few months, while others will keep it up for as many years, while a few—a very few—hang on indefinitely.

One might say that such a large number of dealers could not be supported—that there is not enough trade for them, but this person would forget that the small dealers are still collectors, and as such they are constantly buying from the larger ones; in fact many of them put all their earnings into enlarging their collections, and in this manner keep the trade in a healthy state, so that their existence as dealers is hardly noticed.

Many of the small dealers are led to become so, through acting as agent for other dealers, and as for hurting the trade, I think they benefit it. Each of them, in their desire to sell, no doubt interest some of their companions in the pursuit, and these after once being started, will soon find their friend's stock inadequate to their needs, and will therefore look further; in this way the ranks are being constantly replenished and the number of collectors increased.

Now having seen that dealing in stamps possesses more interest than a casual thought would seem to warrant, let us look further and examine some of the methods used by the dealers in conducting their business. Each one has ways of his own, which he thinks most suitable for obtaining a desired end, and an exchange of opinion cannot fail to be productive of some good. Owing to other demands on

my time, my days as a dealer are about over, but some of the experiences which I have gained during the last four years may be of value to others, and if so, they are welcome to them.

There are some dealers who have thousands of dollars invested in the stamp business, but their number I believe could almost be counted on your fingers. A very small business can be done on a capital of twenty-five dollars to start with, but to do a trade in which you can see some profit, requires at least one hundred dollars, while about three hundred is much better, as it needs considerable money to keep a stock. My advice to a boy desirous of entering the business, would be to invest only a few dollars at first. Make as varied an assortment as possible from the list of some wholesale dealer, and these mount on sheets, being careful to place them neatly, as looks often count a great deal to an intending buyer. If you have a good local trade—a trade among your companions or in your own vicinity, circulate your sheets first among them. You can get an idea of about what stamps they desire most, and it should be your aim to supply this want. If you can get a few of your friends to act as your agents, do so by all means. You can allow them a commission of say twenty-five per cent., and still have a profit; it may be small, but little things are not to be despised.

When your first lot of stamps is sold, or nearly so, invest the amount received in a new lot, taking care to add some new varieties this time, as those to whom you have sold, already have the others.

I speak of selling to your companions first, because in that there is seldom, if ever, any loss; and you are put to no expense for anything but blank sheets and hinges, the cost of these being very small. After you have sold in this manner, if you find that you make a profit, and are desirous of continuing, you can then branch out on a larger scale.

The approval sheet business has grown to enormous proportions, and justly so, as it would appear to be the only proper way of buying. This branch of the business always pays best, and it is the one to which the most attention should be given.

After you have concluded that your local business is not large enough, and you desire to enter new fields, there is one important point to be decided in regard to sending out sheets: Will you require a reference from those to whom you send, or will you take "pot luck," and stand the consequences? On the question of reference or no reference, there is a very wide difference of opinion; some claiming that the dealers who require a reference meet with the fewest losses; but against this is the fact that those who ask for no reference do a much larger business, and the greater profit naturally accruing from it will more than cover the greater percentage of loss, and amount of postage expended in enquiring into the references. It is an easy matter for a collector to give a number of names as "references," and unless they are looked into somewhat, it is a waste of time to ask for them. If a dealer will keep a record of the dishonest collectors whose names he will see published occasionally, he will need have little fear of loss, as those who appropriate stamps to their own use usually make a habit of it, and a reference to your list before mailing any sheet would show their name.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT ST. LOUIS, OCT. 7th, 8th and 9th, 1889.

The Convention was called to order at 10.30 A. M., Monday, Oct. 7th, at Odd Fellows' Hall, by President Tiffany. In the absence of Secretary Bradford, Mr. E. T. Parker was elected Temporary Secretary. The President appointed Messrs. Bradt, Scott and Sterling, Committee on Credentials and Messrs. Bogert, Rodgers and MacCalla, as Committee on Standing Rules. The following number of proxies were held by the members: E. B. Sterling, 109; J. W. Scott, 87; C. B. Corwin, 71; H. L. Calman, 34; P. M. Wolsieffer, 40; S. B. Bradt, 27; J. K. Tiffany, 25; R. R. Bogert, 16; F. J. Grenny, 14; W. A. MacCalla, 11; W. C. Michaels, 2; Scattering, 3. Total number represented, 439.

After the President's annual address had been read and a vote of thanks tendered him, the following reports were read:

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MILLARD F. WALTON.

Mr. Millard F. Walton, our newly elected Secretary of the A. P. A., was born in the city of Philadelphia, on December 5th, 1856. He has been an ardent collector from his boyhood days and has been the possessor of a number of collections. In the early part of this year he sold a very fine collection of stamps, numbering nearly 10,000 varieties. His present collection numbers over 5,000 varieties, including postage, envelopes, and revenues. He is at present head-bookkeeper and cashier for one of Philadelphia's largest mercantile houses, and has been employed in this capacity for a number of years. His stamp business is a side-issue and is more for pleasure than remuneration. Mr. Walton is member number 415 of the A. P. A., Secretary and No. 1 of the N. S. D. A., and No. 105 of the N. P. S.

DEALING IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

PART II.

In managing my approval sheet trade, I always found it not only cheaper, but much more satisfactory, to make my own blank sheets. Go to any paper warehouse or printer, and have him cut for you some good white calendered paper, five and one-half by twelve inches; rule three lines across and four lines down, and after folding the sheet in the centre and then folding again, you have a first-class sheet, holding thirty-two stamps, with spaces one and one-half inches square. The paper for one thousand sheets would cost less than one dollar, perhaps fifty cents. On the face or outside of each sheet I used a rubber stamp with the following words: "No—Value— This sheet should be returned within 10 days. All stamps are genuine. Alvah Davison, Helmetta, N. J." It is necessary to have your name and

address on all sheets, as often an agent will have a number in his hands at one time from different dealers, and he would be liable to get them mixed.

A complete record should of course be kept of all sheets sent out, and for this purpose a blank book with a page eight inches across is the best. A "Record" book is the kind for this account and it should be ruled as follows: Three narrow columns for the date of sending out sheet, number of sheet and its value; then a wide space for the name and address of party to whom sent, and lastly two more narrow columns for the date of return and amount taken. If sheets are sent out on which different discounts are allowed, it would be well to add a column showing the discount allowed on each sheet. This method gives you a complete record of all sheets, and by glancing over a page you can readily see if they are kept longer than the time allowed.

The approval sheet trade has many annoyances connected with it, and some of them even go beyond that and reach positive losses—not only of time but of money. Is there a dealer who has not had the experience of sending out a fine sheet of unused stamps, and of having it come back with the stamps "glued" to the page? If there is such a dealer, his lot is a happy one. This is not done with an intention to injure the stamps, or to give the dealer any extra trouble, but the parties doing it simply don't stop to think. If an unused stamp happens to get loose on the sheet, they wet the back of it and stick it on again; and when the dealer sees it, he wishes he wasn't a christian. After standing these annoyances for some time, I at last thought of a plan which very materially lessened them; it was simply to purchase a rubber stamp and print on the back of each sheet as follows: "Do not write or mark on this sheet. Use the printed envelopes when returning sheet. Don't stick the unused stamps to the pages; if you do the page and often the stamp is torn in getting them off, thus causing much loss. If possible remit in postal note." This stamp paid for itself many times over the first month, and reduced the annoyances to a minimum.

It is always best to enclose a printed envelope for the return of your sheets, as otherwise the agents will use all shapes and sizes and the sheet will be folded to suit.

In fastening stamps to your sheets use a hinge attached to the top of the stamp and then turned over, this will allow of an examination of the back. Another important matter is to mount your stamps neatly, have each on a line and squarely in the center. Nothing so prejudices a purchaser as to see a sheet with the stamps mounted in any way, some torn, and others with the paper on the back.

An old way of making trade, and one which applies to the stamp business as well as others, is to offer "leaders"—by this I mean to sell some stamps very cheap. If on each sheet you send out you put a few stamps priced very low, the agent will get the idea that all your stamps are cheap and he will work with that idea; his additional sales will compensate you for any loss of profit on the "leaders." The same can be said when stamps are priced very high. If a few of your specimens happen to be above catalogue price, the agent and his customers at once think that your stamps are too high and they very likely will look for other dealers.

To be a successful dealer you should study your business; study your catalogue, and above all, study your wholesale price-list. There are a number of wholesale dealers and their prices on different stamps vary somewhat. You should have all their lists and buy from the cheapest. In buying new varieties it is best to buy in small lots at first, and after you have learned which are the "slow sellers" you can increase your orders. Often stamps are priced on wholesale lists which upon comparing with a catalogue appear to offer a big profit, but after they are bought, there is found to be no sale for them and their low price is thus accounted for.

ALVAH DAVISON.

MY SECRET.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

Speed away, little stamp, on thine errand;
 My letter I give to thy care,
 And carry it safely, I pray thee,
 I've written the hopes of life there.
 Thou wilt go where my lady love lingers
 Far away on the shore of the sea,
 And where, in her rose-covered cottage,
 She will ponder this missive from me;
 Thou wilt see, as she reads my petition,
 Her look, if of joy or regret,
 And know if with pleasure or sorrow,
 With *yes* or with *no* it is met.
 Then guard well my secret, I pray thee;
 From thy keeping O ne'er let it go,
 And we'll never, no never divulge it
 In case the reply should be *no*.

REVIEW.

BY THE REVIEWER.

The *Philatelic Gazette* for December contains Convention Notes by S. B. Bradt, which are very interesting. The *Gazette* is one of our best exchanges.

The *New York Philatelist* comes to us with the November and December numbers combined. Its illustrated article on the "Stamps of Dominican Republic" is quite interesting.

We have before us the same old *Stamp Collector's Figaro*, only with a new publisher. The former publisher is now associate editor. Long may she live.

We have received the following papers. Publishers please accept thanks and come again: American Journal of Philately, Boodle Philatelist, Rhode Island Philatelist, Plain Talk, Eastern Philatelist, Philatelic Gazette, Stamp Collector's Figaro, American Philatelist, Philatelic World, Philatelic Era, Curio Informant, Empire State Exchange.

We have received the prospectus of the *Midland Philatelist* from Geneva, Neb. It is to be 16 pages and cover. We wish you success.

The Mexican Post-office in Monterey, is conducted strictly on Mexican Manans principles. The mistakes which the clerks, who understand no language but Spanish, make, are enough to make an angel weep. There is no drop letter system, and no city delivery. While postage to the United States, Canada and Europe is only six centavos per half ounce, it is 25 centavos to any other part of Mexico. Mexican postal cards are three centavos each, good for any part of the world except in Mexico. It is one of the many rules of the Government that they will not sell postage stamps to take away with you, and to crown all, the office in Monterey is frequently closed for hours at a time, while the postmaster and all his clerks are enjoying a long siesta.—N. S.

A letter passed through the Shields Post-office, a short time ago, "For Betsey Robinson, a Scotch Woman with one eye, Carey Bank, North Shields.

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OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 2d Annual Convention of the League is a thing of the past, and we are at work again. The new officers will at once assume their duties and *work* for the League. I am glad to welcome all members, and I will try and fill the position you have so kindly tendered me, to the satisfaction of each and every member.

The annual dues are now due, and all members should at once remit to the Treasurer.

I have the following changes in addresses to report:

Ph. Heinsberger, 9 First Ave., New York, N. Y.

W. D. Saxson, Washington, Pa.

T. C. Trask, Yale College, New Haven, Conn.

A. K. Bales, Cor. 11th and Magazine Sts., Louisville, Ky.

H. W. Langhurn, Chicago, Ill.

I will try and secure the full addresses of those not appearing.

I hope all members will try their utmost to secure new members. Now that the dues have been reduced to 50 cents, no one can have "poverty" as an excuse for not joining. I will furnish application blanks, etc., to *all* writing. I hope to have at least a dozen applications to report next month.

Dec. 5, 1889.

H. B. WILBER, Secretary.

EARLY POSTAL HISTORY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BY VEDA.

The first stamp (2 1-2 d.) for this colony was issued in 1861. It was designed, engraved and printed by De La Rue & Co., of London. They are found in several shades of brownish-red, in both perforate and imperforate condition. This amount, (2 1-2 d.) undoubtedly only paid infernal postage, although prior to 1864 no schedule exists as far as I know.

On the first day of June, 1864, Warner R. Spaulding, the Postmaster General, authorized a schedule, the salient points of which are: For a letter of one-half ounce between British Columbia and Vancouver Island, delivered at Victoria or New Westminster, 3d. Each additional oz. or fraction thereof, 3d. Each Newspaper, 1d. Between all other offices, 6d. Letters of 1-2 oz., 6d. Each additional 1-2 oz. newspaper, 6d.

On June 11th, 1864, a further order from the Postmaster General authorized the selling of 2 1-2 d stamps for 3d. Here for once, at least, the opportunity to surcharge a stamp was lost. Why it should not have taken place at this time as well as in 1867 is one of those things which passeth man's understanding. This state of affairs evidently continued in force until Nov. 1st, 1865, when a new design was substituted and the 2 1-2 d declared obsolete.

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EDITORIAL.

We present this month a photo and biography of Mr. Millard F. Walton of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Walton is well known to all our readers and they will be glad to see his photo. Next month we intend to present our readers with a photo-engraving of Mr. Jas. Chalmers, the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp.

Our readers must be sure, when writing to us to address their letters to H. B. Wilber & Co., 14 and 16 Main St., Cambridgeboro, Pa., and not to the News Publishing Company, as mail addressed thus will be delivered to the publishers of the *Cambridge News*.

We are very sorry to state that on account of not receiving the copy in time to have the cuts made, Mr. T. J. Mitchell's article on Watermarks will have to be omitted this month. It will be concluded next month, however.

We have been favored with a copy of, "The Stamp Collector's Vest Pocket Dictionary and Guide," and must say it is a good one and should be in every collector's Library.

We have been favored with a copy of C. H. Mekeel's Address Book. It consists of 224 pages of advertisements and addresses. Each advertisement faces a page of addresses. It is a fine book and should be in every philatelic library.

A FEW UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS.

Stamp collectors will find in the "Philatelic News," issued by H. B. Wilber, a paper worthy of their patronage.—*Plain Talk* (Nov.)

The publishers of the "Philatelic News" of Cambridgeboro, Pa., have resumed the publication of that paper. In appearance, it is the "pink of beauty," being from the press of F. H. Pinkham. If this paper holds on for a little while, it will soon go to the front, as philatelists can appreciate a good thing when they see it. T. J. Mitchell opens with an illustrated article on "Watermarks."—*Philatelic Dept. Plain Talk* (Oct.)

This new stamp was the now familiar blue stamp with the large fancy V and crown. Moens is in error in assigning June 20th, 1864, as the date of issue of this stamp, as proved by the following proclamation of the Postmaster General:—

GENERAL POST OFFICE, 28th September, 1865.

It having been found necessary to issue a new stamp to meet the requirements of the postal ordinance, 1864, notice is hereby given that from and after Nov. 1st next, the stamp at present in use will not be received by the Post Office. Persons in possession of the stamp at present in use may exchange the same on application at any of the Post Offices of British Columbia on and after the 1st of November.

WARREN R. SPAULDING, Postmaster General.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Renewed activity is visible all around our borders, and Philatelia's cause bids fair to flourish in our Dominion this winter.

One of our prominent philatelists was the lucky finder a few weeks ago of a large number of 3d and 6d stamps. Among the number were several cut six pence on the original covers.

The government of New Brunswick have just ordered a fresh supply of Law Stamps. The present order calls for 2000 each of the \$2 and 50c. varieties and 5000 each of the 20c. and 10c. varieties.

There is quite a marked change for the better in the *Dominion Philatelist* since it became the official organ of our Association. May it continue to improve.

Mr. Young's scheme to procure a large photo plate of the members of the C. P. A. is gradually but slowly working itself into definite shape. It is hoped that the photo will be ready for delivery early in the winter.

We have not seen any thing lately of the resuscitated *Niagara Falls Philatelist*. We fear it has gone back to the tomb to take another much needed rest. Peace to its ashes.

The Exchange Department of the C. P. A. is continually becoming more and more a successful organization, and gives general satisfaction to all members of the Association.

We are hoping against hope for the new Canadian postage stamps that were almost promised us by the new Postmaster-General last spring. We suppose we must agitate the matter afresh.

Canadian pence issues are sure to advance considerably in price during the next few months. The supply just meets the demands at present. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Our philatelic societies in Montreal, Ottawa and St. John, which have laid dormant to some extent during the summer, will soon be in full blast again. We shall speak of them in future notes.

Canadian philatelists think our "Yankee Cousins" are great for running philatelic papers, and often wish that their pluck in that line turned out as successful.

More Anon.

HENRY S. HARTE.

OUR YOUNGER "PHILS."

We have decided to publish a series of portraits and biographies of our younger philatelists, instead of the ones we intended. We will not give the list, but intend to have the list contain from fifteen to twenty photos.

ANCIENT POST OFFICES.

The post office is one of the most ancient institutions of the world. The post existed in the remotest times in China, in Egypt, in Assyria, and in the kingdom of the Medes. A system of posts was established, according to Xenophon, by Cyrus, in the immense empire of the Persians, and it was continued under his successors. Upon each high road were stationed, at equal distances, relays of men and horses, housed in buildings erected for the purpose. The small Grecian Republics of antiquity had a somewhat similar system. When Cæsar was first Consul of Rome the post office was so well organized, both in Gaul and Italy, that of the two letters Cæsar wrote during his sojourn in Brittany to Cicero, who was at Rome, the first reached its destination in twenty-six days, and the second in twenty-eight. This was for the period a very rapid rate of progression. In his Commentaries Cæsar details the system of stations and relays by which this rapidity was achieved. The Emperor Augustus still further improved the postal system, and in his day the couriers were furnished with certificates of competency, which were issued in the name of the Emperor. These couriers were solely charged with carrying official messages, and were paid and maintained out of the municipal and provincial funds. Private persons were not permitted to avail themselves of the official couriers, but had to send their letters by their own slaves. Augustus was the first to commence the use of vehicles for the transport of the couriers and their dispatches. Under Diocletian the post was first used by private individuals, and in that reign two postal systems were established, one fiscal and administrative, the other military. Even the Vandals, and other barbarian hordes which invaded ancient Rome, possessed postal services; and Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths, established the Roman system of posts in Italy, immediately he became master of the peninsula. Charlemagne, who, until the reign of Charles V., more than twelve hundred years later, was the most powerful monarch of the world since the birth of Christ, established in A. D. 307 postal service in Italy, Germany, and a great part of Spain. As the means of communication became easier the postal system of all countries slowly improved, until within the last half century the general adoption of railways made possible the establishment of the penny post.—*Cassell's Saturday Journal*.

In 1865 an attempt was made to impose on Continental amateurs a stamp entitled a Garibaldian essay. *Le Timbre Poste* stated that it was prepared in 1848, whilst the general was in Rome. It bore a full-faced portrait of him in an oval, the border of which bore the inscription "ROMA" above, "VENEZIA" below, and a sabre on each side. The left side of the frame was inscribed "Il Grand Generoso," the right, "Glorioso Generale;" the top, "Guiseppe;" the bottom, "Garibaldi." This remarkable stamp, of which only two or three specimens are said to exist, was lithographed and, to crown all, perforated. Collectors, however, who had been duped by Bavarian essays on porcelain paper, could not swallow this self-styled stamp. The length of time between its fabrication and its discovery, the fact that at the time it was said to have been designed stamps were hardly thought of in Italy, and that the improvement of perforation was not introduced until several years after, combined to consign these audacious frauds to well-merited oblivion.—*S. N.*

SPECIAL TO THE PHILATELIC NEWS.

The official vote for Secretary resulted as follows:

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DEALING IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

PART III.

In this business, time is a very important factor; it requires so much of it in making up sheets, that a dealer who has much trade wants to do as little writing as possible. When sheets, packets or single stamps are ordered, it is proper to acknowledge the order and say what is sent; or if it be a sheet of stamps, to give the discount or commission allowed. To write a letter for each of these would require a large amount of time, and to avoid this most dealers use a printed form. On mine I had the following wording in addition to the heading: "Mr.—Dear Sir: Your valued favor of—at hand, enclosing—for which accept thanks. I herewith send you stamps as requested at —commission, and trust they will prove satisfactory. Awaiting your further favors, Very Truly Yours." This was followed by the signature. This wording when printed only took up about three quarters of a note sheet, leaving two inches of space at the bottom for any further remarks or an enumeration of certain stamps.

A printed form like this will cost about two dollars a thousand, and it will pay for itself many times over in a saving of time. As these letters go to a large number of collectors in the course of a year or more, I found it well to print on the following: "Wanted, all kinds of old U. S. stamps, for which cash or good exchange will be given." This wording can be changed to suit the taste, and it is likely to bring you many offers, as collectors often are selling out or have good duplicates on hand to dispose of.

Among other expenses, postage is a considerable item, and a dealer should strive to make it go as far as possible. If you issue a price-list, enclose one with the first sheet you send to an agent, instead of mailing them separately; and so with other printed matter. I found that it paid to have small slips printed announcing "Bargains," "Packets," &c. The cost of printing them is small, and being enclosed in your letters, the postage is nothing, and yet they bring you considerable trade.

Some dealers have a habit of sending out approval sheets unsolicited, but this practice is to be condemned, as a person should not be bothered with a sheet unless he should ask for one; but in case anyone does send them out in that way, a stamped and addressed envelope should always be enclosed with it; otherwise the party receiving the sheet has good grounds for never returning it, as he should not be expected to pay the return postage on something he never asked for.

All dealers after being in the business for any length of time, accumulate a lot of stock which is like so much dead material on their hands. This is made up of cheap stamps for which there is no sale singly, but all such accumulations should be worked off in packets. They may not bring very much from being sold in this way, and yet a low price for them is preferable to carrying them along.

A dealer to get the best profit out of his business should keep turning his capital over, and refrain from allowing any of it to be invested in worthless stock. If you have an opportunity to purchase a quantity of good salable stamps, even though it be more than your present needs require, if the price is low, it is best to take them, as such stock represents capital, and it would bring it any day should the occasion arise. Many, and in fact the majority of stamp dealers keep their stamps in envelopes, and while this is all right as far as keeping each variety by itself is concerned, yet in making up or filling up an approval sheet a large amount of time is wasted if each stamp must be taken from an envelope. A good part of your stock should be kept in envelopes, properly marked, in order to be able to put your hand on any variety that should be asked for, and yet for regular approval sheet business I found the following plan not only labor-saving, but satisfactory in every re-

spect. I first had a large pasteboard box made, dividing the lower part of it into three apartments; then to fit in the box and cover the other places I had another part made, this also being divided with partitions into about eight spaces. Into the three apartments in the lower part of the box I put stamps priced at one, two and three cents; and in the spaces above, stamps priced from four cents to ten. Such a box can be made to hold any number of spaces to accommodate the different values of stamps. When making up a sheet I could fill up with stamps of the same value, or make an assortment, at my pleasure. When filling up a sheet that had some of the stamps removed, this arrangement came in particularly well, the different values being so handy. As the stamps of any value run low, the apartment can be filled up from the envelopes, it being desirable to always have a good assortment to pick from.

Many young dealers make the mistake of pricing their stamps too high. If a specimen is catalogued at ten cents, they will mark it so on the sheet, although possibly the stamps cost them but two cents each. Now if those stamps can be bought for two cents, you can be sure that many dealers are selling them for five, and if you expect to get ten, you will be mistaken. Unless they are stamps that are seldom met with, you should not go by the catalogue value; but if you can undersell the catalogue and make a fair profit, do so.

Every dealer should use printer's ink to a more or less extent; not only in the line of philatelic papers, but by issuing circulars, price-lists, etc. It is an old saying that "advertising pays"; so it does, if done judiciously, and it don't if care is not exercised in placing the advertising. Money can be lost in this way as well as any other, and the thing desired is to get the best results for the least outlay. To an ordinary dealer my advice would be to choose rather small advertisements and wide circulation, to large advertisements and a narrow circulation; or to make it plainer, I believe a small advertisement placed in a dozen papers, is better than a large one placed in only a few. If your advertisement occupies one or two inches, you need have little fear in regard to its not being seen, and the wider publicity given to an advertisement of that kind, is better than the amount of space given to the other. All you want is to have your advertisement answered, and you can then send all the printed matter you desire. There are cases probably where a page advertisement has paid, but such instances are rare, and in this matter I speak not from my own, but from others' experiences.

The stamp business is the same as any other line of trade, it has its light and its dark side; its gains and its losses, and just in proportion to the care and energy displayed in its management, so will the profits be. That there is money in it, goes without saying, but just how much, depends on the amount of capital invested and the time that can be devoted to it.

ALVAH DAVISON.

A CORRECTION.

BRADFORD, PA., Dec. 22, 1889.

H. B. WILBER & Co.,

Dear Sirs:—In T. J. Mitchell's article on watermarks, in the stamps of Great Britain, it was stated, either through a mistake of the author or printer, that all the Jubilee stamps were watermarked with an anchor (type 11). All my stamps of Jubilee set are watermarked like the annexed drawing. I find that all those marked 11 in the list are watermarked with the crown.



Yours Truly,

R. W. McCURE.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT, JANUARY, 1890.

The following is the list of

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, LIST NO. 3.

Walton, M. F., Box 38, Philadelphia, Pa. References, A. P. A. and H. B. Wilbur.

The League has made a grand New Year start and I hope to see the membership soon advance to one hundred. The Exchange Superintendent informs me that his department is in running order and requests all members wishing sheets, mounts, etc., to send for them at once. All the Appointed Officers should make monthly reports for publication in the Official Journal. I have the constitution in press, also a list of the members and hope to have them ready for mailing by January 1st. Now that the dues have been reduce I we ought to receive quite a number of applications for membership. The Treasurer informs me that some of the members have not paid their dues for 1888 (!). I must again request all members to remit their dues for 1888 to me AT ONCE without fail, also those who have not yet paid their dues for 1889 to do so at once. Members, you must not fail in this, as this is one of the principal supports of the League, in fact, the only one at present. You may think I am preaching quite a sermon, but somebody must say and do something, and as yet I seem to be the only one. H. B. WILBUR, Secretary.

Dec. 25, 1889.

MAPLE TERRACE, MARLBOROUGH-ON-THE-HUDSON, N. Y.

H. B. Wilbur, Secretary Penna. Stamp Collectors' League, Cambridgeborough, Pa.

Dear Sir: I hereby acknowledge receipt of yours of recent date, notifying me of my election as Vice-President of the Penna. Stamp Collector's League. I accept the office, with thanks for the honor conferred upon me. I will qualify according to the By-laws and enter upon duty at once. Thanking the many members for their continued esteem I remain Very Respectfully,

WILLIAM B. WHITNEY.

A new device in the way of a postage-stamp-saving card is being circulated for the purpose of explaining its merits, and will be presented to Congress this winter in the hope that it may secure the approval of that body. It consists of folded cards with spaces on the inside where postage stamps may be affixed, and is to be used for the saving of small sums, and likewise for the remittance through the mails. The plan is one which has been in successful operation for some years in several foreign countries. It is very simple in its details, and for making small remittances seems preferable to the money order or the postal note. On receiving the card with the stamps securely affixed to it, the receiver takes it to the post-office and receives the money value of the stamps, or he may if he chooses, endorse it to bearer. The plan is a most feasible one, and merits favorable consideration.—*Boston Traveller*.

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EDITORIAL.

This month we favor our readers with a photo and short biography of Mr James Chalmers, the inventor of the Adhesive Postage Stamp.

In our biographical sketch of Mr. Walton last month, we omitted to say that he also was a candidate for membership in the Penna. Stamp Collectors' League. He will probably be elected.

It is our intention, should we be forced to discontinue the publication of the PHILATELIC NEWS, to refund all subscription money. But we don't intend to suspend right away.

We have received a letter from Mr. H. C. Kendall, and in vindication of the charges made against him in the A. P. A., says, "It grieves me to see my name in such a bad light, when no thought of dishonesty ever entered my mind, and is but a misfortune which may overtake any of us, and has many before me." He further says that owing to some unfortunate investments in real estate, which did not "pan" out very well, he was forced to make his creditors wait. He says he intends to pay dollar for dollar and with interest. We hope the A. P. A. will not proceed too fast in these cases, but give the persons time to bring out their evidence.

We have received the following papers this month. Publishers will please accept thanks. *American Stamp Journal, Dominion Philatelist, Philatelic World, Stamp World, Western Philatelist, Farrago, Essex County Philatelist, American Philatelist, Post Card.*

THE REVENUE STAMPS OF MODENA.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, NEW YORK.

That former Duchy of Modena was situated in present Italy. The ducal family of Modena were related to the Austrian emperor, but were from a side-line,

called "Austria-Este." The duchy had an area of 2,400 square miles, and a population of 400,000 inhabitants. The capital of Modena was the city of Modena, with 275,000 inhabitants. The last duc was Francis V., who in the year 1859 was forced by political events, to abdicate. During his reign he issued revenue stamps of Modena, and the first issue appeared on February 1, 1853. The value was 9 centesimi, black. Amid the revenue stamp, inside a double circle, is the Italian inscription "Gazette Estere," and the value. This revenue stamp is printed on white paper. The second issue appeared on April 1, 1853, and the value is 9 centesimi, violet. Amid, in a square, is an eagle with a crown. On top are the words "Stati Esterre," and below the revenue stamp are the letters "B. G.," and the value in black color, and on white paper. In the year 1853 was also issued a revenue stamp of the same value, 9 centesimi, violet, but without the letters "B. G." The other description is the same. The third and last issue of Modena revenue stamps appeared in the year 1859, and the value is 10 centesimi, black. Amid the revenue stamp is an eagle with crown, inside a circle. Around this circle is the inscription "Tassa Gazette," and the value in black. The paper of the revenue stamps is of white color. All the revenue stamps of Modena were used only as a duty medium for foreign newspapers, that means, each newspaper, issued in a foreign country, and mailed to Modena, had to pay a duty. According to the weight and numbers of newspapers, the duty was 9 or 10 centesimi (1 1-2c to 2c). The government of Modena has issued only a small quantity of revenue stamps, as in the year 1859 King Victor Emanuel of Sardinia conquered Modena, and the duchy became a province of that now united Italy.

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*THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADHESIVE
POSTAGE STAMP.*

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, NEW YORK.

On December 26th, 1889, the adhesive postage stamp will celebrate its 50th birthday! We postage stamp collectors are also glad of this, because we know that we all celebrate in this year the 50th anniversary of "postage stamp collecting." Of course, there are very few who can say that they began at this early date to collect. But, no matter, if such happy men, or women, are dead or alive now, we will believe that there was someone or other who took interest in collecting at that time. Fifty long years have passed since that beloved little thing, that adhesive postage stamp, was invented. You numerous readers and subscribers of the PHILATELIC NEWS in the U. S., and in foreign countries, do you know perhaps the name of the "Inventor of the Adhesive Postage Stamp?" His name, and a well known one, is James Chalmers, of Dundee, in Scotland (died 1853). Chalmers is the only "inventor," and this fact is recognized by the international stamp fraternity. But, the "invention" of the adhesive postage stamp was not sufficient to make happy the stamp collectors. "Stamps must be issued!" To another man it was left to make general use of Chalmers' invention. His name also is well known! Readers, do you know him? Rowland Hill is his name, and he "introduced" that adhesive postage stamp to the public. By Hill's influence, Great Britain in the year 1840 issued the "First Adhesive Postage Stamp." To both men, to Chalmers and Hill, belong the laurels, and their names are since long written in the golden book of mother "Philatelia." These facts have for years been recognized by the international stamp fraternity. In our country, there are some narrow-minded people (I mean some stamp men and some publishers of stamp papers,) who fight in long speeches and articles, for the idea, to give Hill the sole honor. A useless question that! Some others are fighting for the Chalmers idea,

What for? Facts remain facts, and I should think that the leading European stamp authorities have never had any doubt about this matter. The best proof that the honor belongs to both men, to Chalmers and Hill, is the fact that the leading stamp papers (and they are in Europe) bear on the front page the pictures of Chalmers and Hill (Honor to both.)

As I have mentioned above, Great Britain issued the first adhesive postage stamp in the year 1840, on May 6th. But, the decree to accept the adhesive postage stamp as prepayment for letters was issued on December 26th, 1839. I will give here a short sketch in which succession other countries did soon follow suit, in issuing "first" the adhesive postage stamp. Vide: 1843, Brazil; 1845, Switzerland; 1846, United States; 1847, Mauritius; 1849, Bavaria, Belgium, France; 1850, Prussia, Schleswig-Holstein, Saxony, Spain, Victoria, Austria, Hanover, New South Wales. Since 1850 many, many, states have followed, and the handful of independent countries on the globe who have not yet issued adhesive postage stamps will and must in course of time issue them—if they want the name of a civilized country. My dear readers, as all postage stamp collectors will celebrate with me (in thoughts) the 50th anniversary of the invention of the adhesive postage stamps, I will show you the "duty" of that little thing. The postage stamp pasted on a letter is travelling all over the world. It travels from North to South, from East to West, over hills, mountains, rivers, valleys. It calls at the shanty of the poor, and the palace of the rich men, for every one it is a friend. It is the silent witness, if the letter brings joy, or sadness! In short, the public does recognize it as a benefactor. A benefactor to all? I guess not! Suppose, that the postage stamp (letter) calls at the home of those "unworthy" adherents of Philately, I mean all such stamp men who substitute and steal stamps intrusted them from a stamp dealer, or fellow collector. I mean those rascals, frauds, and thieves among the international stamp men! If that beloved little thing, the postage stamp, brings him a message from his creditor,—to settle up matters—I guess such people have only a curse for the postage stamp (message). The occasion of the 50th anniversary of the adhesive postage stamp may remind such people to be ashamed of themselves and to become in future honest and trustworthy. Fifty years have passed since the time, as there was the first change, to collect postage stamps. Since that time, many, many true stamp collectors have died, but certainly many more, since 1840, have become collectors. I may wish that the readers of the PHILATELIC NEWS may in future celebrate many, many, many, more "Anniversaries of the invention of the adhesive Postage Stamps," "invented" by Chalmers, and "introduced" by Hill. Honor to both.

At the close of the old year I appeal to all philatelists to subscribe (15c a year) and to advertise (40c an inch) in the "PHILATELIC NEWS." The publishers (Messrs. Wilbur & Co.) have, and will further, spend time and money and do all to make their paper first-class, and will bring it in equal line with the older leading contemporaries. Your humble servant will continue to furnish the numerous subscribers with choice articles about the "foreign stamp and mail service." Thanking you for your support of my "Stamp and Book Department" I kindly solicit your further patronage for 1890.

PH. HEINSBERGER, New York.

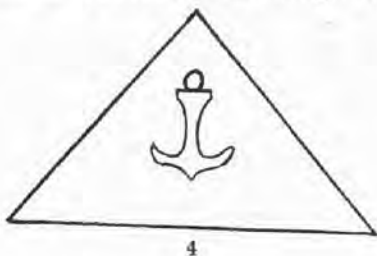
WATERMARKS.

BY T. J. MITCHELL.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The triangular Cape of Good Hope are all watermarked No. 4, excepting the wood blocks, which are on laid paper. It is said that the one penny, red, was issued on paper watermarked No. 2. It is very doubtful, however. In 1863 the

stamps were watermarked C C and crown (No. 2), in 1882, C A and crown (No. 3), and in 1885 the watermark was changed to No. 5.



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GRENADA.

1860 issue, unwatermarked.

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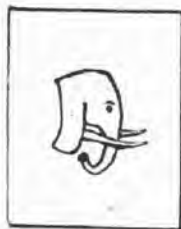
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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

1868 issue, watermark 2.

1882 issue, watermark 3.

TASMANIA.

1853, unwatermarked.

1855, watermark 1.

1856, unwatermarked. From 185 to 1870 the stamps were watermarked with numeral of value. There are stamps found with errors, having been printed on the wrong sheets, such as the 1p, watermark "4." In 1870 the watermark was changed to No. 14, which is still in use. Specimens of this issue are met with occasionally on watermarked paper.

TRINIDAD

Stamps were first issued on watermarked paper in 1864, this issue being watermarked CC and crown, No. 2. In 1882-83, watermark was changed to No. 3.

TURK'S ISLAND.

1867 issue, unwatermarked.

1873 issue, watermark 1.

1881 issue, watermark 2.

1883-9 issues, watermark 3.

VICTORIA.

I will not attempt to catalogue these stamps as they appeared, but will give a list of the watermarks. Star (1), V and crown (13), numerals similar to Tasmania were used, also the value of the stamp, for example, ^{FOUR}PENCE. There are a multitude of errors, and the watermark collector is in his glory here.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.

In 1879 the CC and crown was used, and in 1883 changed to the CC and crown watermark.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



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In 1855 stamps were watermarked No. 15, which was used until 1865, when stamps were watermarked CC and crown, succeeded in 1882 by C A and crown. In 1864 there was an issue of stamps on unwatermarked paper, and in 1865 the 1 penny, straw, was issued on the Swan watermarked paper, for the purpose, I believe, of using up the last of the old watermarked paper. The stamp is quite scarce.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.

All the stamps of this place were watermarked CC and crown (No. 2), excepting the 2 1-2 p, pink.

BRITISH GUIANA

Stamps were first watermarked in 1876, No. 2 watermark being used. This was changed in 1882 for the C A and crown, which is still in use.

 WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH OUR DUPLICATES?

This is a question of considerable importance to all collectors—not with reference to those rarities that can be placed on the exchange sheets and so disposed of to benefit our own collection by obtaining their equivalent—but with regard to the hundreds of common stamps whose individual value is less than 3 cents, ranging to a fraction of a mill—stamps that most of the collectors who have arrived at the dignity of being admitted to the American Philatelic Association are for the major part supplied with. Their value is so small that ordinarily they must be kept off the present department exchange sheets in order that the valuation limit of \$2 prescribed by the Association may be obtained; their sheet contains 40 stamps, the



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average price must therefore be at least 5 cents each. Now what shall we do with stamps ranging from 3 cents down? Virtually the Association has prohibited their circulation within the U. S., except for local exchange, sale to school children, or to make up the bulk of dealers' "cheap packets."

Though my collection is a pretty fair sized one, there are numerous cheap stamps I still require, especially of the late issues, which not caring to purchase even through our economical purchasing agency, I have been waiting the chances of picking up, when they should become common and cheap, instead of importing them during the early period of their issue. My experience leads me to surmise that the albums of members of the American Philatelic Association are rapidly being filled up in these commoner varieties, as every year fewer cheap stamps are removed from my exchange sheets, especially those that circulate through the City Branches; still there are always some valued under 4 cents taken, and I am led to believe that there are yet a large number of collectors in the U. S. who would be glad to obtain many of my duplicates that are lying idle and useless among my reserve stock, of which I have between 10,000 and 12,000, could I ascertain their requirements and effect an exchange. U. S. and continentals of the last 15 years seem impossible to dispose of either at home or abroad, so far as my experience goes, as one seldom obtains correspondents except among "advanced" collectors.

So it appears we must hoard our common stamps for years until they become rarities—if they ever do—for though some of the stamps 25 or 30 years old are hard to obtain among collectors, they are priced in the catalogues at only 1 or 2 cents. If one lives in a large city, where they have an opportunity to dispose of them to the young school children just starting to collect, thereby educating the rising generation to appreciate our science—or to sell them in bulk to dealers who store them away for future ages—until they have a definite value—or drop them from time to time in "Packet No. 97;" "a great prize!"—then they may probably not accumulate more than they require for a reasonable reserve.

The problem still remains for the rest of us, and though I do not pretend to have solved it entirely, I offer a suggestion that presents some advantages. While we must still store away large numbers in boxes, &c., I have adopted the plan of using an old discarded album to paste the best of my duplicates in, keeping as many specimens of each stamp as the space will afford. Having transferred my collection to one of the Staten Island permanent albums, I had an old Scott's International album which was otherwise useless; but a large blank book with appropriate headings for countries would serve the purpose just as well. The most serviceable method is to give a line or two for each denomination, so as to have from 6 to 20 specimens, if you obtain so many copies, for reference or use. Also to confine the use of each page to one issue only. Put the stamps on with good hinges, and treat them with the same care and respect that you would were you inserting them in your collection. I think it may be accepted as an axiom of Philately, that if duplicates are worth keeping at all, they are worth preserving carefully. Though they may be common and cheap at present, we cannot foresee how soon their value will enhance or to what extent. Note the U. S. issues of 1861 and 1868 (the latter grilled), formerly considered as the same issue, now no one who considers himself anything of a collector would classify them under the same heading. Instances of such distinction, occurring in years after the issue had been first classified, are too numerous to mention, but warn us that it is often advisable to preserve specimens of later copies of an issue than those of the first year of its advent.

I consider my "Duplicate Album of Duplicates" a great source of occupation, amusement, instruction and actual value, though most of the stamps are of the commonest character. Occasionally I discover a variety I had overlooked and was

not previously acquainted with, or a better stamp than I had in my album, and I then transfer the "find" into my collection proper. In fact I grow more and more in favor of preserving all my duplicates in this manner, and would surely do so if I had a sufficient number of blank books and room space to accommodate such a library. Another great advantage of such an album is its convenience as an exchange book to carry around with you, either in a town or while travelling. When you may chance to meet a brother collector who could not visit your Philatelic sanctum, or who would not care to delve among a heterogeneous mass of loose stamps to discover the single specimen he required, but with a rapid glance through your book recognizes in a moment the wanderer.

C. A. COOLIDGE

1889.

BY ERA.

Gone into the irretrievable past is '89. It is gone, but many a pleasant memory it has left behind. If the events of political and social history have been eventful and important, so likewise has philatelic events. Probably the most important "Stampie" event of the year was the crusade against reprints. While in completing sets of several countries reprints do still and will continue to hold their own, yet in cases like Sardinia and Saxony, where genuine used specimens can be easily procured, let us hope they will be permanently retired. Allied to this anti-reprint movement, and while not so prominently before the philatelic public, was a still but very efficient crusade against counterfeits.

In society matters, the clouds which overhung the American Philatelic Association and threatened to destroy it as with a cyclone have blown away, and our grand old society is now more firmly established than ever and will, we fondly hope, remain so until the "Rock of Ages" shall be no more. Our northern neighbors have also made many accessions to the Canadian Philatelic Society, and a prosperous outlook is before them. The Philatelic Society of America is in a state of "inocuous desuetude," but will, let us hope, be alert and active with the new year. West of the Mississippi the Universal Philatelic Union has been born and is a strong, sturdy and rapidly growing youngster. Of local societies, the Chicago and the National of New York have made gigantic steps forward, and each will soon rejoice in two hundred members.

Journalistically, 1889 will compare with its predecessors most favorably. While many papers which started have fallen by the wayside, yet a few really valuable and let us hope staple additions are with us.

While abroad quite a number of valuable works were sent forth, yet there was really nothing valuable as reference books produced in the U. S. which 1889 can claim. To be sure Horner's lists have been republished, the valuable Philatelic Catalogue continued, but these were not really of 1889. The articles published in our journals was the only real work of the year.

Amid the sweet must always be mixed some bitter, and pleasures are also usually sooner or later followed by sorrow, so it is with 1889 philatelically. The heavy and unrelenting hand of death has not spared our circle, and several vacant chairs are left. Among the number who have passed to the silent majority, most conspicuous was James Beebe Smith of the Springfield, Mass., *Republican*, who by his articles in that paper has probably done more than any other one person to place philately before the general public in the right and proper way. Another one who will be missed is the venerable Geo. B. Mason, one of America's pioneers in stamp collecting. May they sleep, peacefully sleep, until the angel Gabriel shall summons them to that elysium where

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EDITORIAL.

We owe our readers an apology for not "showing up" for February, but it could not be helped. Two small words will suffice we think—"La Grippe." We have been "knocked out" for about four weeks and could do nothing, but we promise our readers that if nothing more serious happens we will appear on time hereafter.

We are pleased to announce to our readers that we have secured the services of one more of Philately's most prominent writers, Capt. C. A. Coolidge, who contributes an interesting article this month, entitled, "What Shall We Do With Our Duplicates?"

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Penna. Stamp Collectors' League are out, and we have been favored with a copy. If the Constitution counts anything we think the League will reach the goal of success.

N. B.—ADVERTISERS: With this number, our terms to advertisers will be *cash in advance*, and these terms will be strictly adhered to. Advertisements now running in the NEWS will not come under this, but all advertisements received after this number is mailed will have to be accompanied by the cash to secure insertion. We have learned that reliable dealers and those who advertise to any great extent are as willing to pay cash in advance as at the end of their contract.

In this number we make a grand premium offer to secure new subscribers. We have decided to publish the portraits of the five lucky winners, providing they are not too modest to allow their faces to be seen.

We wonder why the *Philatelic Journal of America* and the *American Journal of Philately* will not exchange with us. If you don't consider *one copy* of your paper worth *one* of ours why *two copies* will be acceptable.

LITERARY REVIEW.

BY ZENO.

The editor of the *Post Card* has favored us with a bound volume of his paper for 1889. The editor of the P. C. has done what no other philatelic paper has ever done or tried to do—issue thirty numbers for a volume in one year. We hope to see the *Post Card* often.

We have received the *Philatelic Nonpareil*. It is a good paper for a small one. *Plain Talk* has added a cover which speaks well for it.

We have received a copy of *Trijel's Monthly Galaxy of Music*, and can say that for the price (\$1.00 per year) it is the best musical paper we have ever seen.

The *Philatelic Era* continues to improve. It is publishing a series of prominent philatelists.

The *Nebraska Philatelist* has reached our sanctum, and is quite a creditable paper.

The *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* is a representative paper from Indiana.

The *Stamp World* is as regular as ever in its monthly visits.

The *Rhode Island Philatelist* for January comes out with an engraved cover.

The *Western Philatelist* is improving every month.

The *Philatelic Beacon* for February continues its "Justice Triumphant," but only publishes one side of the question. Why not get the opinion of Davison, Mitchell, Massoth, Wolsieffer, Parrish, Bradt, Tiffany, Brock, Van Derlip, Mekeel Sterling, and a great many others we could name.

The *C. P. S. Bulletin* is at hand, and is just what it claims to be. Published in the interests of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

The *Dominion Philatelist* is Canada's representative philatelic journal.

The *American Stamp Journal* appears for February with twelve pages, and is a credit to its publishers.

We learn that at a joint meeting of the National, Brooklyn and Staten Island Philatelic Societies, held in New York on the 21st of January, it was decided to start a monthly magazine called *The Metropolitan Philatelist*, in the interest of the above named societies. The following is the Board of Managers: C. B. Corwin, Manager-in-Chief; J. W. Scott, Business Manager; and Messrs. R. R. Bogert, Charles Gregory and E. L. Shuman as Managers. The first number will appear this month, and we may look for something very good each month, as the managers are all well-known philatelic writers.

The *Stamp News* (London, Eng.) for January contains the portrait of James Chalmers, the inventor of the Adhesive Stamp, also much interesting reading matter.

We have been favored with a copy of the *Stamp Collectors' Library Companion* and "Addenda" by J. K. Tiffany, Esq., and the emissions of China, Shanghai, Corea and Japan, by Wm. A. Warner. Published by the Western Philatelic Pub. Co., of Chicago. These books should find a place in every philatelist's library.

The *Eastern Philatelist* with the December number began a "History and List of the Telegraph Stamps of the World," by Jno. R. Hooper, which we think will prove to be quite interesting.

We learn from our esteemed contemporary, the *Philatelic Era* for February, that the *N. Y. Philatelist* was consigned to the silent tomb, but such is not the case, for we have received three copies of that paper for February.

We learn from the *Buffalo Philatelic Press*, a new addition to the philatelic field, that C. J. Manning is about to resuscitate the *Buffalo Philatelist*, only under a new name, the *Stamp Crank*. We admire Mr. M's pluck and wish him every success (?) of the philatelic publisher.

Where is the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine* which was to appear in Dec. (!) from Calmar, Iowa? We smile to ourselves to think how many publishers inserted their inch ad. with the expectations of getting one in return. But the returns "that they longed for never came."

ON HILL VS. CHALMERS.

Hill seems to be gaining ground. He has some of the most noted philatelists on his side, among them being Edw. B. Evans, John R. Hooper and E. R. Aldrich. The following papers are on his side: *Quaker City Philatelist*, *American Journal of Philately*, *Stamp World*, and the *American Stamp Journal*. I have read all of Hill's pamphlets and most of Chalmers, and am convinced that Rowland Hill was the real agitator of the adhesive postage stamp.—*American Stamp Journal*.

The above is all right as far as we can see, and we have always admitted that Sir Rowland Hill was the "agitator," but we have always thought that he was *not* the "inventor." There is a great difference in the meaning of the two words.

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16. Walton, M. F., Box 38, Philadelphia, Pa.

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The Late Change in Our Adhesive Postage Stamps.

The philatelic world—and Americans especially—have been waiting with much interest the appearance of the new issue of adhesive postage stamps, announced some months ago to be in course of preparation, and which has now made its appearance, and every item of information that from time to time was published concerning it was eagerly scanned. From such fragmentary portions of news as were vouchsafed the public regarding the expected

set, such as the change in size, the re-distribution of colors, the alteration in the vignettes, etc., there was one general feature that appeared, which was of particular interest, and should afford matter of gratification to philatelists, indicating a new departure from the policy that seems to have actuated the department for the past twenty years in its preparation and issues of stamps. That is to say, the fragmentary or piecemeal method of changing, now one value, now another, or two or three others, that has been going on with us ever since 1870, has in this case been abandoned; the late existing set of stamps was now to be dropped all together, and a new issue complete to take its place. Thus in 1869 the entire preceding set was simultaneously discontinued, and a new one complete took its place; so likewise in 1870; and in fact this had been pretty much the policy from the beginning, in the succession of issues. But what a changing, kaleidoscopic view philatelically the past twenty years has presented us! As before stated, in 1870 a complete new set appeared, but even this might be called a trial issue, as a part of the stamps,—and a very small part, it seemed—of each of the denominations were grilled; the rest were plain. Thus the writer found in recently looking over a large box of letters that had been preserved by an old merchant, those of each year having been sorted out and tied up separately, that among the hundreds dated and stamped in 1870 and 1871, not one in a dozen of the stamps were grilled. But to continue: the 1 ct. ungrilled of '72 was ten years later re engraved or retouched; in fact at this date all of the lower values were thus manipulated, the larger ones being left untouched. The 1 ct. also appeared in a lighter blue, for a time almost of a milk blue; and in '87 an entirely new design was produced. The 2 ct. of 1872, brown in color, and bearing the vignette of Jackson, was changed in '75 to vermilion; in '83 a new stamp altogether with the head of Washington appeared in claret, to be later varied to the "sickly green," so much criticised. The original green 3 ct. of '72 was in '87 changed to vermilion. No 4 ct. or 5 ct. values were includ-

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ed originally in the '72 set, but later, in '83, the green 4 ct. with a new bust of Jackson, made its debut, later to bluish in carmine; and in '75 the blue 5 ct. stamp with Taylor's likeness was issued, to be followed by an entirely new design and color, presenting Garfield's bust, first in brown, and afterwards in dark blue. So with the 6 ct. with its minor changes; the 7 ct., to be later dropped, as were likewise the 12 ct. and 24 ct. denominations. To hasten through, the 10 ct. and 15 ct., with slight variations, have remained with us through the whole twenty years to the present time, and but one change, and that in color, has marked the 30 ct. and 90 ct. values. Was ever such a bewildering, unsympathetic policy known in the history of philately? Well, on second thought, perhaps Great Britain has equaled it, but in her Jubilee set she has returned to first principles and better methods. And probably in other countries the like slipshod, haphazard manner of emitting their postal issues has at times prevailed; but never before in the philatelic history of the United States has it been known.

To return to a feature touched on before—who can account for the partial grilling of the adhesives of 1870? Some at least of all the denominations of that issue were embossed; but why, so long as part were thus treated, were not all? In fact it would appear that in some cases a portion of the stamps in a sheet were grilled, and the balance not, as on one occasion I discovered an unsevered trio of the 2 ct. brown stamps on a letter, of which two were very plainly embossed, while the remaining one showed not the least perceptible trace thereof. And I have seen notices of other blocks of the stamps of this issue in the same anomalous condition. It is evident, however, that towards the last the grilling was only carelessly done, many stamps showing the very faintest indications of the embossing process. And finally the conclusion seems to have been reached by the authorities that the operation, thus for four years experimented on, was of no practical use or benefit, and the grill was permanently abandoned. But an element of much interest

had nevertheless been added to three issues of stamps, in a philatelic point of view, and a fresh instance furnished in illustration of the truth of the old adage, "It is an ill wind that blows no one any good."

In this connection I will take the opportunity to touch on another point relative to one of the stamps of this period, the 5 ct brown Garfield. Several months ago the editor of the department of "New Issues" in the *American Philatelist* reported the discovery of a heretofore unnoticed but distinct variety of this adhesive, in which the background of the medallion in front of the head was composed of cross lines, as in the present dark blue stamp. On reading this notice I referred to a lot of about 100 of these stamps, used, of all ages, that I had from time to time casually preserved, and I found that on fully a half of them the crossed lines were plainly observable, giving of course a darker shade to the oval. In fact among them the specimens that distinctly showed only the horizontal lines were comparatively few; and it was not long previous to that time that I had noticed one such, so marked in its absence of crossing diagonal lines, and thus rendered so light in shade, that I had at the time taken it for a new variety, and preserved it on that account. So the reporting of the "crossed lines" struck me with surprise.

At last, however, all these divers stamps have been relegated to the limbs of obsolete issues, hereafter to be of interest only to the devotees of philately. And once more a distant line of demarkation separates the outgoing from the incoming new and entire issue, the former being "sawed off" square. And that the new one may be adjudged an improvement artistically on its predecessors should be the hope at least of all American philatelists.

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HARRY B. WILBER,

June 15th. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Cambridgeboro, Pa., May 30, 1890.

To the Members,

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It was beyond my expectations that I should ever become the chief executive of our now rapidly growing society, and it was only at the urgent request of our Treasurer that I allowed my name to be used. I ask the hearty co-operation of all the members to help make the League a power in the philatelic world. We now have a membership of about fifteen, which should soon be increased to fifty and over. If every member would try and secure at least *one* new member, what a great good he would be doing the League. Hoping all members will respond with a hearty "P" at my request "How many will try and secure one member?," I will close. It now devolves upon me to appoint, with the approval of the other officers, the appointive officers.

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Librarian.

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June 10th, 1890

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By Order President.

Cambridgeboro, Pa. June 10, 1890

The time is nearing when we should think of holding our Annual Convention for 1890. The following places have been proposed: Philadelphia, Pa.; Ashtabula, O.; Germantown, Pa.

A Talk With My Friend, The Philatelic Public.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

The editor of this paper has asked me to write "something."

What a comprehensive word that "something" is!

I might give you a "history of the rulers of stamp issuing countries on the globe." I *might*, but I *won't* just yet.

Perhaps you would be edified by a brief *resumé* of the Chalmers-Hill controversy. I use the word *perhaps* advisedly. In all likelihood you would reach for your nearest fire-arm, and begin a search for me with an energy born of desperation.

I could exercise my literary ability in a tirade against the reprint, but I have some regard for suffering philatelic humanity, and so will delay the article, for the present at least.

Why shouldn't I tell you that story about a "stamp fraud in Stettin, Germany?" There, there, my friend, sit down. There is no occasion for your starting up in that way. I wasn't in earnest when I spoke those last words.

Bring up your children and let me tell them about the "benefits of stamp collecting." What? Do you think the subject too old. Why, it is just in its prime and has only reached the height of its usefulness. It has only been written upon twenty years, and now it is being revived again, and we may look for its reappearance in all our leading stamp journals. The "counterfeit" is left yet, as also the "merits and demerits of revenue collecting."

Did you ever notice that philately seemed to have about a dozen leading topics? I have given some of them. They are a few others. These subjects are proper ones for an article at all seasons of the year. They flourish in the balmy days of summer, and winter with all its power cannot quench their lustre. The world wags on but these topics of discourse retain their importance unimpaired. I have read dozens of the articles, yet I devour with great avidity each new one that is produced, and digest it as thoroughly as I would were its arguments as new and bright as a dollar. What if the points made by it have become mildewed and moss-grown through the lapse of ages? What matters it if the production shows plagiarism upon its very face? We can't get too much of a good thing, and therefore I swallow the sentences whole. I simply shut my eyes, give a "gulp," and down they go.

Men must have something to talk about. Philatelists are no exception to the rule. If

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one thing cannot be obtained another must take its place.

Draw your chair up closer and let us talk over a few of the subjects which have been especially prominent in the last few years.

That's right. Put your feet up on the hearth, and prepare to rest comfortably

What will I speak of first? Well, the first thing that comes to mind; Frauds. I never was any great lover of these gentry, and so perhaps it is only natural that I should speak of them first.

Just now I think of L. L. Troeder of Boston, Mass. You doubtless remember how this young printer swindled scores of dealers. You know he printed bill heads with the names of supposed business firms. Writing on these he made requests for stamps, signing the name of the firm whose name was at the top of his letter.

He was discovered of course. Dishonesty never pays. The courts dealt with his case and his game was up.

The arrest of this young fellow occasioned a good deal of excitement among philatelists. Almost everything else was forgotten for a time and the "Case of L. L. Troeder" was dealt with.

Ah, you remember now I see. Yes, the *Philatelic Gazette* did have an article concerning him if I remember rightly. He soon dropped out of sight however and was forgotten, and the philatelic public was ready for something else.

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To Philatelia.

By GUY W. GREEN.

Philatelia, fair Goddess,
Thou who watchest o'er us now,
At thy feet we do thee rev'ence,
As before thy throne we bow.

Thou dost countless blessings grant us,
Thou dost treasures round us show'r,
In thy realms we find our pleasure;
We revere thy strength and pow'r.

Round thee will we ever rally;
We will fling thy banner wide,
Till thy legions strong, triumphant,
Gather in from ev'ry side.

We with joy recount thy goodness,
High uplift thine honored name,
Let us then extend thy praises
Into one prolonged acclaim.

Philately; As She Was: As She Is.

By "PHILA."

IN SIX PARTS.

PART I.—INTRODUCTION.

Conscious of the fact that my subject is a time-worn one, and has been treated in numberless ways by more able writers than myself, I have endeavored, throughout this article, to introduce new and original views on the matter, and have given the reader much that was hitherto unknown, and concerning philately. I refer to the numberless interesting statistics which cannot but prove invaluable to both, stamp collectors and dealers.

PART II.—THE BIRTH OF PHILATELY.

To stand by the mighty, bubbling spring and watch the crystal waters thunder and roar down the rugged mountain side into

the plain beneath, and thence on over countless miles of country, and finally into the ocean's gulf is a grand and pleasing sight, and reveals to the watcher the sublimity of Nature, and is a fitting illustration of how a comparatively small thing can grow and become, as it were, a power in the world.

Metaphorically speaking this is exactly how philately has sprung into existence, gathering fresh power and influence in its onward course through the channels of the public mind. From a mere speck in the sky it has assumed the proportions of a huge glowing cloud which covers and illuminates the horizon.

To determine with any degree of accuracy the date at which philately saw the light of the world is a task of no little difficulty, inasmuch as there are so many conflicting statements made by various writers on the subject.

A French writer claims—naturally of course—that his country was the birthplace of philately, and that it was towards the close of the year 1845 that his countrymen first introduced the mania (so he is pleased to style it) for collecting the postage labels of all nations.

As to the authenticity of this I leave my readers to judge for themselves.

Another writer—an Englishman—chronicles the fact that the collecting of foreign stamps was confined to Britain for some years, after which the (at that period) hobby was introduced to several European countries, and thence to the New World.

After a careful and minute analysis of the various conflicting statements, I have come to the conclusion that it must have been between the years 1850 and 1854 that philately came into existence—in England at any rate, and at the same time I think it highly improbable that any other country can rightly claim priority in this respect.

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The first person whom we hear of as dealing in foreign stamps is Mr. J. W. Palmer, who is still living, and who, for what reason does not appear obvious, styles himself "The Philatelic Millionaire."

This pseudo millionaire, for it is very evident that he has not by any means netted, or any way near it, a million sterling from his stamp transactions, is still in the trade, and occupies somewhat ancient looking premises in the Strand, London, where he announces to the public through the medium of a small leaflet, containing nothing except his own advertisements, that he sells, buys and exchanges foreign stamps to any amount from "5 | - up to £1,000," at least so says this gentleman's advertisements.

In a certain number of his publication, which by the way is entitled "Bric a Brac," Mr. Palmer asserts that his stock of stamps is the largest in the world, and that he has during his career as a stamp dealer made a clear profit of upward of £20,000.

This last assertion may be true, I do not attempt to refute it, but I question very much whether he has a just and legitimate claim to the first.

In making the statement that he holds the largest stock of foreign stamps in the world, this would-be millionaire has evidently forgotten that such a country as America existed, and that its stamp dealers and merchants are as thick as mushrooms.

I think, nay I am sure that there are several dealers in the States who can claim priority in this respect.

The immense stock of stamps of some of the American dealers would, I am afraid, put Mr. Palmer's in the shade.

As regards the millionaire part of the business, it is, a matter of fact, universally known that twenty thousand does not constitute a million, nor a 40th part of it.

Yet in spite of this stubborn fact, Mr. Palmer has the audacity and presumption to style himself a millionaire.

Some men are not accountable for their actions. Perhaps our friend is one.

Be all this as it may, however, there is

every reason to believe that Mr. J. W. Palmer was the first person to introduce philately into England, at all events.

As I have mentioned before this would be somewhere between the years 1850 and 1854, probably in the year 1850.

Ever since then—40 years ago—philately has advanced with mighty bounds and leaps, until at length in the present day it has become a recognized trade and study, in fact I might almost say science, as some deeply versed writers on the subject have almost successfully demonstrated that it contains the germs of science.

When philately made its *debut* before the world, it was not by any means received favorably, in fact it scarcely attracted any attention at first, and those who did take notice of it were so slow in expressing anything but a complimentary opinion of it.

It was called a mania, hallucination, a mental derangement, and other such terms, whilst those who engaged in it were looked upon as fanatics and lunatics of the worst kind.

The wheels of time rolled on, and with the advancement of the age philately likewise advanced, until the day dawned when it had become a mighty power in the land; an intermediate factor in education and intellectual progress, and an influence which could not be thrust aside with impunity.

PART III.—ITS CHILDHOOD.

Allegorically speaking the childhood days of philately were like unto those of all human mortals. Like many a newly born child it was threatened more than once with premature death, but there was in it from the commencement that which has all along been its great centre of success; there was embodied in its constitution the very essence of fascination and deep interest,—a fascination which once allowed free play was certain to overcome all obstacles—an interest which supplanted everything else.

Today philately is as fascinating and interesting as ever it was, it has lost none of its intellectual and educational beauty, none of its originality and freshness, in

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tact the older it grows the more interesting and fascinating it becomes. Evidently it can never reach a climax, for if it could there is no doubt but that the crisis would have been reached ere now, but with what result it would be difficult to determine.

As I have mentioned before, the birth of philately was not regarded by many with a favorable eye, and in its infancy and in its infancy and childhood it received but scant attention from the public.

Its early struggles were witnessed by only a few, and the assistance which it received in the way of dissemination was very little indeed.

In spite of such treatment, however, it at an early date began to assume an important aspect, and the public began to open their eyes to the growing "child," who was some day to become a huge giant, as it were.

During its childhood days its most prominent votaries were schoolboys and office boys, who by their united efforts no doubt did much to propagate its principles amongst a sceptical and stubborn public.

As to the favour which stamp collecting found in the eyes of the heads of the juvenile fraternity, it is not on record, but the fact is chronicled that in many instances the hobby or craze which a few well-meaning individuals regarded it as, was looked upon by paternfamilias with suspicion and distrust, for they senselessly argued that it was instrumental in proving detrimental in many respects to the moral and educational welfare and advancement of their sons, whereas, if they had only looked at it in the proper light, they would have at once seen that it was a most useful auxiliary in the education of their offspring.

Unfortunately human nature was always slow to comprehend the good things of this life, and to take advantage of them. So it was with philately at the outset. The public looked upon it as a waste of valuable time; an incentive to fraud, and a means whereby one's pocket was materially relieved of its contents.

Happily for the world at large the day was ushered in when almost every civilized nation became alive to the importance of philately, and since then it has

been fostered and cared for until it attained its present position.

PART IV.—ITS PROGRESS.

The age of progress and advancement, if ever there was such an epoch in the annals of the world, is undoubtedly the the nineteenth century—a century which has witnessed many mighty triumphs in science, art and literature—a century fraught with many national aspirations and successes. Morally and socially, the progress of the British and American nations has been such as to place them side by side on the highest pinnacle of excelsiorship, for the whole world to gaze upon and imitate.

In the struggle of the sciences, arts and trades for supremacy, philately takes a high standard, its progress being phenomenal in the last degree.

For nearly 35 years it has held dominion over the entire category of the hobbies, amateur sciences, and educational pastimes, and allegorically speaking it has sprung from a grain of mustard seed to be a mighty tree, casting its shadows over every nation.

Convinced that there was *something* in philately, not only the juvenile portion of the general public began to interest themselves in it, but—strange as it may seem—the adults began to open their eyes in the matter, and many of them even went so far as to engage in its pursuit.

Pasinated and interested by it, those who had taken it up were drawn deeper and deeper into the philatelic vortex, with the result that in a comparatively short space of time the mania (which it was then) spread with tremendous rapidity throughout the length and breadth of the land.

From the commencement there were signs which indicated that the sale and purchase of foreign stamps was destined to become a most lucrative business, and these signs have long ago been verified.

As I have previously stated, Mr. J. W. Palmer is supposed to have been the first foreign stamp merchant, in England at any rate, and his followers were no doubt mere youths, school boys and clerks.

(To be continued.)

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THE A. P. A. EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

There seems to be a great deal of dissatisfaction in regard to the Exchange Dep't of the A. P. A. Some having sent in books do not get any returns, but statements are always received promptly. The editor of the NEWS has been a member of the A. P. A. since July, 1888, and from then to this time has seen but *two* exchange lots after two requests. He has been a member of the C. P. S. only since April, 1889, and from one request he has received *eight* exchange lots. Another thing, the stamps on the A. P. A. sheets don't seem to be of the kind wanted by members, while on the C. P. S. sheets the stamps seem to go like "hot cakes" with

one or two exceptions, reprints and such like. Why can't these things be remedied? We think they can.

Mr. O. P. Tedford has settled his bill. He did not intend to defraud anyone. Having been away his bills and letters remained unsettled and unanswered. His address is Box 1405, Denver, Colorado.

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The above is our League ticket, and we venture to say it is a good one. B.

Philatelic Gleanings from Non-Philatelic Papers.

HENRY S. HART.

The comments which are to be found from time to time in the general press on our hobby and circumstances in connection with it, are oftentimes sources of no little wonder and amusement to the everyday philatelist. I have clipped a few such of recent date from my scrap-book, thinking that they would no doubt be interesting to the readers of the PHILATELIC NEWS, and herewith submit them for the careful perusal of the philatelic public.

No. 1 is from a magazine called *Good Housekeeping*, and is headed

"THE STAMP SWINDLE.

THE 1,000,000 POSTAGE STAMP SCHEME
STARTED IN GERMANY.

Now and then some one announces himself as a victim of the one-million postage stamp hoax. It is firmly believed that if 1,000,000 stamps are collected and forwarded to some one, a bed will be provided for an invalid boy in some hospital, or a home for some orphan. Christian

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churches have been the special victims, and there is hardly one in England, the United States, Australia, India, or in any other country that has not had several members begging, borrowing, and even stealing postage stamps in order to make up the million that will go to feed some orphan.

This swindle originated in the fertile brain of a postage stamp collector at Stettin, Germany. He desired to get vast collections to sort out and sell again, and hit upon a plan to set the whole civilized world to go to work for him free of charge. He preyed upon the sympathies of the people by announcing that an orphan would be cared for in the "Syrian orphan home" for every million stamps sent to him. This worked well; and the next dodge was the starting of a mythical mission in China, the Holy Sisters of which agreed, for every million stamps sent to them, to save from the jaws of the crocodiles of the Yellow river at least one Chinese baby, and educate and Christianize it. The stamps were to be sent, not to Jerusalem or China, but to Munich or Stettin. The last claim on the sympathy of the world that has been made by this German is that for 1,000,000 stamps a home for an old lady or an old gentleman will be provided in one of three homes—one in London, another in New York, and the third in Cincinnati. For 500,000 stamps a bed will be endowed in a hospital, and for 100,000 a home would be found for an orphan for one year. There are agencies in various cities to forward stamps to Stettin. It is estimated that this swindler has collected over 100,000,000 stamps in the United States alone, and that these were worth from \$500,000 to three times that amount."

Clipping No. 2 is from the New York *Tribune*, and contains some *wonderful and interesting information* (?). It says:

"Those who do not keep track of the postage stamp collection craze can hardly realize how the fad runs away with a man's judgement. At a recent sale of rare postage stamps in London a single British Guinea stamp of 1856 brought \$250, and was considered cheap at that

price. Some Russian stamps are so rare that they will command almost any price, and attempts are frequently made to forge them. The great collection of Phillippe Ferrari of Paris contains a quarter of a million of stamps, and is thought to be worth about \$1,000,000. Mr. Philbrick recently sold his collection to M. Ferrari for \$50,000; and Sir Daniel Cooper, the well-known Australian collector, has sold his fine collection to the same collector for \$15,000. The collection of the late Duchess de Galliera is said to have cost nearly \$300,000, and the cost of the 3,000 volumes in which it is contained was about \$65,000. At the Paris mint there is a remarkable collection, while the Rothschild collection in Paris is almost priceless in value. Rare stamps sell at from \$100 to \$1,000, and the collectors keep a close watch on all sales throughout the world in order to secure the specimens they desire. Altogether the craze represents a fictitious value of millions of dollars."

Clipping No. 3 gives us to some extent the opinion of *London Truth* on Philately. In a recent issue it says:

"The highest price on record for a postage stamp was realized last week, when an unused four-cent British Guiana stamp of 1856 was knocked down at auction to Mr. Buhl, the dealer, for \$250. The same gentleman also bought a similar stamp, which had, however, been through the post, for \$190. I presume Mr. Buhl was commissioned to buy these rarities by some customer of exceptional wealth, or perhaps exceptional idiocy."

If space would permit one might go on in this way to quite a length in exhibiting the high (?) and correct (?) opinion of our hobby which must possess the minds of many, who gather all their knowledge of it from the pens of those who seem to take but meagre pains in assuring themselves of the correctness or incorrectness of what they are writing about. Methinks our hobby would be none the loser if the non-philatelic press were supplied from time to time, at the hands of genuine philatelists, with correct conceptions of the important part philately plays in the world's great drama.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

August, 1890.

The following is the List of Applications.—List No. 4.

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References: John Roth, T. R. Johnston.

KUTSCHE, PAUL W., Hampton, Va.

References: A. Lohmeyer, T. R. Johnston.

SCHAEFER, WM., 138 S. 5th street, Stuebenville, O.

References: P. F. O'Keefe, H. B. Wilber.

The above will be entitled to membership on Aug. 25th if no objections are received. Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, Jr. has paid his dues and has sent in his resignation.

The following have been dropped for non-payment of dues:

W. D. SAXON, No. 16.

The above for re-instatement must apply to the Official Board.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY B. WILBER,

Secretary.

The following nominations for officers of the Pennsylvania Stamp Collectors' League have been received. Take your choice and vote for the best man.

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"Our Critic."

The *American Stamp Journal* has the A. P. A. ticket headed with Van Derlip. What's the matter with Tiffany?

The *Yankee Philatelist* seems to have its share of advertising patronage. Goldsberry gives quite a spicy paper.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* contains the usual amount of highly interesting matter and continues to improve.

The *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* seems to have given Voute the shake, as I see no more of his "maniacal" remarks lately. Very good.

The *Canadian Philatelist* has the whole Dominion to itself now, it being the only philatelic paper "over the line."

Parrish is making a good paper out of the *Rhode Island Philatelist*. Keep it up.

The *American Philatelist* for June contains the usual amount of good things. Walton seems to be trying to increase the A. P. A., and we hope he will have very good success.

I thought that little note of Bro. Wilber's in the March NEWS would "fetch em." I refer to the *A. J. of Philately* and the *Philatelic Journal of America*.

The *Philatelist* seems to prosper with Aue at the wheel. Longlife.

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The 9c. lilac Modena stamps were prepared but never used. Their status is rather questionable. They are not remainders, and as they were accepted by the government they cannot be listed as essays.

A Talk With My Friend, The Philatelic Public.

(Conclusion of first "Talk".)

As soon as this act became known a storm of indignation was raised. Dealers in the outcast article arose in their might and championed the cause of their adopted child. Collectors, who had been gulled, raised a shout of approval after the stand taken by the A. P. A. became known.

You know the rest of the story as well as I. The agitation raised by that storm has not subsided yet. Occasionally we catch a slight indication of the strife that raged in articles which appear in stamp periodicals.

You took great interest in the discussion at the time? In all probability you did. Come to think I noticed several exceedingly bright, new, and finely appearing specimens of locals in your collection this afternoon. Oh yes, they were "reprints from the original plate and as good as the genuine thing." You were told that and believed it. Did you ever see a reprint that wasn't from the original plate? Yet there are some very material variations between different specimens of the same local. There is an Ethiopian in the wood-pile somewhere. You had better throw those reprints out of your collection hadn't you?

Let me touch upon one or two other favorite topics of the philatelic press and I am through.

I see you are getting restless, and I will let you go.

While the agitation concerning the reprints was in progress the Chalmers-Hill controversy still held its own. This hoary subject, like Tennyson's brook, seems likely to "go on forever." You have become tired of it. So have I. Let us drop it and rejoice as we shout above its remains: *Requiescat in pace.*

What? Going? Have I tired you? Well, I have made my talk rather lengthy. Drop in again, and we will have another chat in regard to some phase of philately.

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No. 5.

Notes from the Convention.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the A. P. A. met in the rooms of the Lincoln Club at 56 Clinton Place on Monday, August 4th, at ten in the morning. The Lincoln Club is one of the political organizations of New York, and from the walls of the rooms the benign faces of Washington, Lincoln and other noted men looked down serenely on the deliberations of the assembly.

There was a goodly number of collectors in attendance, but not as many as was expected, the number at any one time not being over sixty. The first session of the day was consumed in appointing various committees and an adjournment was then had until the afternoon.

Messrs. Tiffany, Mekeel and Fläschkamm came from St. Louis, but Chicago was not represented. Many from the East made a visit to the Empire City, but the majority of those present were members of the Metropolitan Societies.

The officers elected for the next two years are John K. Tiffany, President; Chas. B. Corwin, Vice President; M. F. Walton, Secretary; Chas. Gregory, Treasurer; and Joseph Rechert, International Secretary. There was a discussion lasting for hours over the question as to whether two men from the same state could be installed in office, and the President gave it as his opinion, that if the laws of the Association were changed before the men were installed, then they had a title to the offices to which they were elected. When the vote was taken on the changing of the law relating to the officers being from different states, it was lost, and had it remained in that condition a new election would have been called for the officers of Vice President and International Secretary, but on the

last day of the Convention, another vote was taken, and this time with the aid of additional proxies, the law was changed. The ballots sent in for Vice President gave Mr. Corwin 248, and Mr. Wolsieffer 161. The other officers were elected with large majorities.

A vote was taken to appoint the *Metropolitan Philatelist* of New York as the official organ of the Association and it was carried. On a vote to abolish the publication of the *American Philatelist* the members pushing the scheme failed to get a two-third vote and they were defeated. This also was brought up again on the last day's session and was carried, so that the *American Philatelist* will be published for two months longer to complete the volume, and will then die the death of strangulation, unless it can be prevented before that time.

Among other out of town members present I noticed the following; E. B. Sterling, H. E. Deats, J. B. Vreeland, J. H. Houston, E. A. Holton, E. Doebelin, T. C. Bacon, J. D. Bartlett, E. T. Parker, W. A. MacCalla, and from Canada, F. J. Grenny, H. F. Ketcheson, and H. L. Hart.

The exhibition of stamps was far behind the one at the Boston Convention, the only stamps shown being some in frames on the walls. There were probably about twenty frames, and in value they would run way up in the thousands. The exhibition this time was not made a special feature as it was at Boston. Among the exhibitors were C. B. Corwin, Chas. Gregory, H. E. Deats, J. W. Scott, C. B. Rogers, and the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. The largest part of the exhibit was sent in by Messrs. Deats and Rogers. One unique exhibit belonging to Mr. Deats consisted of a lot of brass cotton stamps.

The Convention just over is the longest

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one in the history of the Association, it having taken four days to complete the business, and that included one night session, which held forth from seven until eleven o'clock. On Wednesday a secret session was held to consider some private matters, and at which some of the members were given a good shaking up, but owing to the good offices of Sergeant-at-arms Mekeel I did not hear of anyone getting hurt. The secret session of the A. P. A. is now a fixture, and woe to the poor mortal who has cause to be brought before it! Some hot-headed ones strive to rush things through these sessions, but fortunately for the good name of the Association they failed, and possible trouble in the future is averted. One of the fundamental laws of the A. P. A. is that no one shall be adjudged guilty until he shall have had time to put in his defence, but this law is often lost sight of, and we can thank the cool ones for having it brought out.

The East and the West were never pitted against each other as they were at this Convention, not that all the Eastern men voted with the East every time. Oh, no, far from it. Some of the strongest speakers against centralization were Eastern men, and it was only by securing the proxies of absent members that the thing was put through. Mr. Mekeel led the western hosts, and right well did he stand to his trust. Time and again was he applauded to the echo for his championship of justice and right, and it was only an accumulation of proxies that beat him at last.

The exchange and International exchange departments were changed in order to put them on a strictly cash basis, after a plan formulated by Mr. Henry Coltz. Hereafter when members remove any stamps they will forward the amount to the Superintendent at once, instead of doing so when statements are sent.

The President's address, which occupied about forty minutes in its delivery, was listened to with rapt attention by the audience. A large part of it was devoted to the claims of the several inventors of

the postage stamp, and while the President maintained a neutral position as to who the credit should be given for this, still it was plainly seen that he believed Mr. Patrick Chalmers was entitled to some credit. The address which will appear in the *American Philatelist* will pay for a careful perusal.

The committee which was appointed at St. Louis to look into and report on the Chalmers-Hill controversy not having been able to do anything in the matter, it now remains in the same shape as previously, namely, that the American Philatelic Association endorses the claims of Mr. Patrick Chalmers as the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp.

THE BANQUET.

At four o'clock on the third day of the Convention, the members met in a body at the foot of Whitehall street and took the boat to Bay Ridge. From there the party was whirled by rail to the Metropolitan summer resort, Manhattan Beach. Arriving here at about five o'clock, they had two hours time in which to see the sights before the supper. They scattered. Some went to Brighton Beach to see the visible and invisible elephant, others tasted the joys of old Neptune at Brighton, while some wandered about the beautiful grounds at Manhattan breathing the ocean breezes. At seven in the evening they all met again in one of the large rooms of the Manhattan Beach Hotel where covers were laid for about one hundred guests. There were but fifty-two in attendance, and a merry crowd they were. In front of each member's seat on the table was a foreign postal card bearing the name of the member. The menu cards were thick double folders and bore on the face an unused four-cent stamp with Lincoln's photograph, this being in honor of the place of meeting, Lincoln Hall. The courses served were many and elegant, and a repetition of them here would but serve to make the members' mouths water. Mr. C. B. Corwin as President of the National Philatelic Society, presided in an able manner, while to the right and left of him sat President Tiffany and Chas. Gregory.

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The banquet started at about 7 o'clock, and for three hours thereafter the fun was fast and furious. Various toasts were answered by Messrs. Sterling, De Jonge, W. F. Gregory, Grenny, Ketcheson and Calman, while each of the Presidents of the local societies were called upon and responded with a speech. Mr. Mekeel responded to the toast of the "Wild and wooley west," and his speech was the best of the evening. Mr. De Jonge, President of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, was as irrepressible as a mosquito, and his mirth flowed like beer from a Coney Island keg. The Staten Island men were in fact in their glory. Wine was more plentiful than water, and under its enervating influence cheer upon cheer rent the air whenever a speaker was called upon. "What's the matter with Corwin?" was asked at one time, and the "He's all right" that went up from those throats was enough to make Gilmore and his band turn green with envy. The mosquitos at the beginning of the banquet were pretty thick, but after the wine got to working and the throats got to yelling, it is reported that the pesky little creatures all slid out and drowned themselves in the ocean, whether from the effects of the wine or the noise I am not able to state, but it is an undisputed fact that they went.

While the fun was going on Mr. De Jonge arose and in a neat little speech presented President Tiffany with a gavel from the Staten Island Philatelic Society. This is to be used at all conventions of the A. P. A. and is to be handed down to posterity as the President's gavel.

The banquet continued until ten o'clock, at which time the last train was about to leave and the wine no more continuing to flow the assemblage broke up with many cheers for the A. P. A. and anything and everything connected with it. The return journey was made over the same route, but many of the members preferred to go to Brighton and West Brighton and go home on a later train.

On a ballot for the next place to hold the Convention, New York secured the bun against many other places that were

put up. As the 1892 convention will be held in Chicago it was thought best to hold the '91 here. Messrs. Corwin and Scott held between them about 185 proxies, and later on this was increased to over two hundred.

ALVAH DAVISON.

Our Critic.

The *Philatelist* for July contains a very interesting article by Chas. Gregory entitled "Recollections of an Old Collector." The *Philatelist* has been chosen the official organ of the Philatelic Society of America.

The *Southern Philatelist* for July contains the photo and biography of Chas. Beamish, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., a young stamp dealer of no little fame, also an article by Ph. Heinsberger.

Chas. Gregory's translation in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* is proving to be quite interesting. The title of it is "The Cantonal Stamps of Switzerland and their Falsifications."

The *Quaker City Philatelist* for July contains an article in regard to the finding of a new local stamp for Philadelphia.

The *Rhode Island Philatelist* for July contains among other good things an article by "Strebor" (A. C. Roberts), "Philatelic Discussions."

The *Philatelic Journal of America* for July contains quite a lot of interesting notes on the stamps of Mexico by C. H. Mekeel and a report of the London Philatelic Exhibition.

Notes.

BY E. A.

I recently met with a forgery of the 1850 Brazil issue, 10 reis. It was lithographed on paper similar to the original. The 0 is rather botched, but taken all in all, it would be a dangerous counterfeit if anything like a quantity were placed on the market.

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EDITORIAL.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the A. P. A. is a thing of the past and, just as expected, the New York members run it. They are to have the '91 Convention, and also two of the officers. This does not seem as fair as it might be, but now that the N. Y. members were lucky enough to get their wishes, we hope they will use them to the interests of the Association. We print elsewhere in this column an editorial by Alvah Davison on the Convention, also an interesting lot of notes.

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REVIEWS.

The useless remarks in reviewing our philatelic papers such as the "*The Phil-*

atelic Pen is received and is a credit to its publishers" is as useless as a pen without paper or ink, and does not interest the subscriber the least particle. Hereafter our Review will contain only that which interests our readers and will be edited by one who has the experience of several years' philatelic writing.

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The A. P. A. Exchange Department is at last to be run on a cash basis. A member removing stamps must remit at once to the Supt. so as to save time and trouble.

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Next month we intend to continue our biographical sketches. We shall try and publish only those which have never appeared.

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THE A. P. A. CONVENTION.

The long looked for meeting of the American Philatelic Association has been held, matters of great importance for the future guidance of the Association have been passed upon, and the Fifth Annual Convention is a thing of the past. Everything passed off serenely, and although there were times when the discussions were heated, the members managed to keep their heads and any open rupture was thus prevented.

The New York members in accordance with their programme, carried everything as they wished, and if these are not to

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the members' liking the blame will have to fall on Messrs. Scott and Corwin to whom they intrusted their proxies. These gentlemen no doubt voted for what they thought was for the best interest of the Association, but some of the laws passed by their efforts will meet with strong criticism.

We will hope that all done was for the best, and if failures have been made this time, they have been made in the past, and can be rectified at the next meeting. It seems to me that a long, long step backward has been taken in choosing the *Metropolitan Philatelist* as the official organ of the Association. Not but what that paper is well edited, but we tried that experiment some years ago, and it proved a failure, and now to go back to it again and pay a goodly price for doing so, will seem to many a wrong move. From the figures given by the Literary Board for the last ten months, it is evident that the Association can issue a paper containing 24 pages monthly, and a Convention number containing 80 pages at no cost to the Association at all, and yet in the face of this the Association will now have to pay the publishers of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, over three hundred dollars for the privilege of printing its official matter. Were this resolution put to a mail vote, it would undoubtedly be killed by an overwhelming majority, but through the aid of proxies it was put through.

The putting of the exchange department on a cash basis, will probably meet with universal approval, as it is evident to everyone that that is the only way to get quick settlements and to make prompt returns to the members. While the new system will undoubtedly decrease the amount of the sales, yet the quicker and surer returns will overbalance that defect.

That the members attending the Convention had a good time is now a matter of history, and in order to bring about that result there was tedious and hard work to be done. How much of it, no one will ever know, but those who have had similar experiences can possibly compute it. To the unflagging energy of Mr.

J. W. Scott is due honor for the magnificent entertainment given, and for his constant efforts to promote the success of the Convention, and all those who enjoyed the festivities will unite with me in saying, Great Scott, what a time we did have!

ALVAH DAVISON.

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BY "PHILA."

PART IV.—CONTINUED.

Other individuals with a keen perception of the lucrateness of the foreign stamp trade in the future, followed in the wake of Palmer, until at length the time came when England was literally studded with stamp merchants and dealers.

America was not by any means slow in following suit, and the Yankee has by his characteristic forethought and enterprise eclipsed the whole world, England included, in this as well as in many other respects.

France, Germany and all the other European countries quickly caught the infection, and today France and Germany occupy the foremost position in the philatelic ranks.

Perhaps—comparatively speaking, of course—there is no country which possesses so large an army of stamp collectors as Germany. It is an old saying that "every second youth and every fourth man in Germany is a philatelist."

The progress which philately has made in America is worthy of special note, inasmuch as the United States are universally recognized as the headquarters of the trade.

The Americans are not simply content with entering into partnership with one-another, but have actually formed limited liability companies, for the trafficking in foreign stamps.

Then again the American philatelic press is *par excellence*, and is a branch of trade in itself.

In this respect the Britishers are far behind, and they might with profit and ad-

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vantage take a few lessons from the Yankees in the production and publication of philatelic papers.

The whole of the English stamp journals, with one or two exceptions, are very small, and scarcely one in ten give five minutes worth of reading. I do not mean the advertisements, for it is these I expect which exclude the literary portion of the journal.

One of the best English stamp magazines in this respect is the *Philatelic Ad-*

vertiser and Collectors' Referee, which gives to its readers several columns of original stamp articles.

With regard to the American stamp journals—the *Figaro*, the *Philatelist*, the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, etc. the literary part of them can, in many instances, hold its own with the organs of the general press, so far as excellence and literary grace goes.

(To be continued.)

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- 22.—WM. SCHAEFER, " "
- 23.—PAUL W. KUTSCHE, Hampton, Va.
- 24.—EDW. W. HENSINGER, 315 King Wh. St., San Antonio, Texas.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. R. FREY, Long Island City, N. Y.
References, C. A. Durfee, T. R. Johnston.

I am very glad to say that the Exchange Department and Library are booming. Already 3 circuits have been formed and books sent. I must congratulate Mr. Johnston on his success, also Mr. O'Keefe.

I hope soon to have several more applications for membership.

Respectfully,

H. B. WILBER,

Secretary.

THE ELECTION.

A CONVENTION.

In regard to a convention, I do not think it practicable to hold one this year, but of course the members have the control of that. The following cities have been proposed, and if decided to hold one send in your vote at once:

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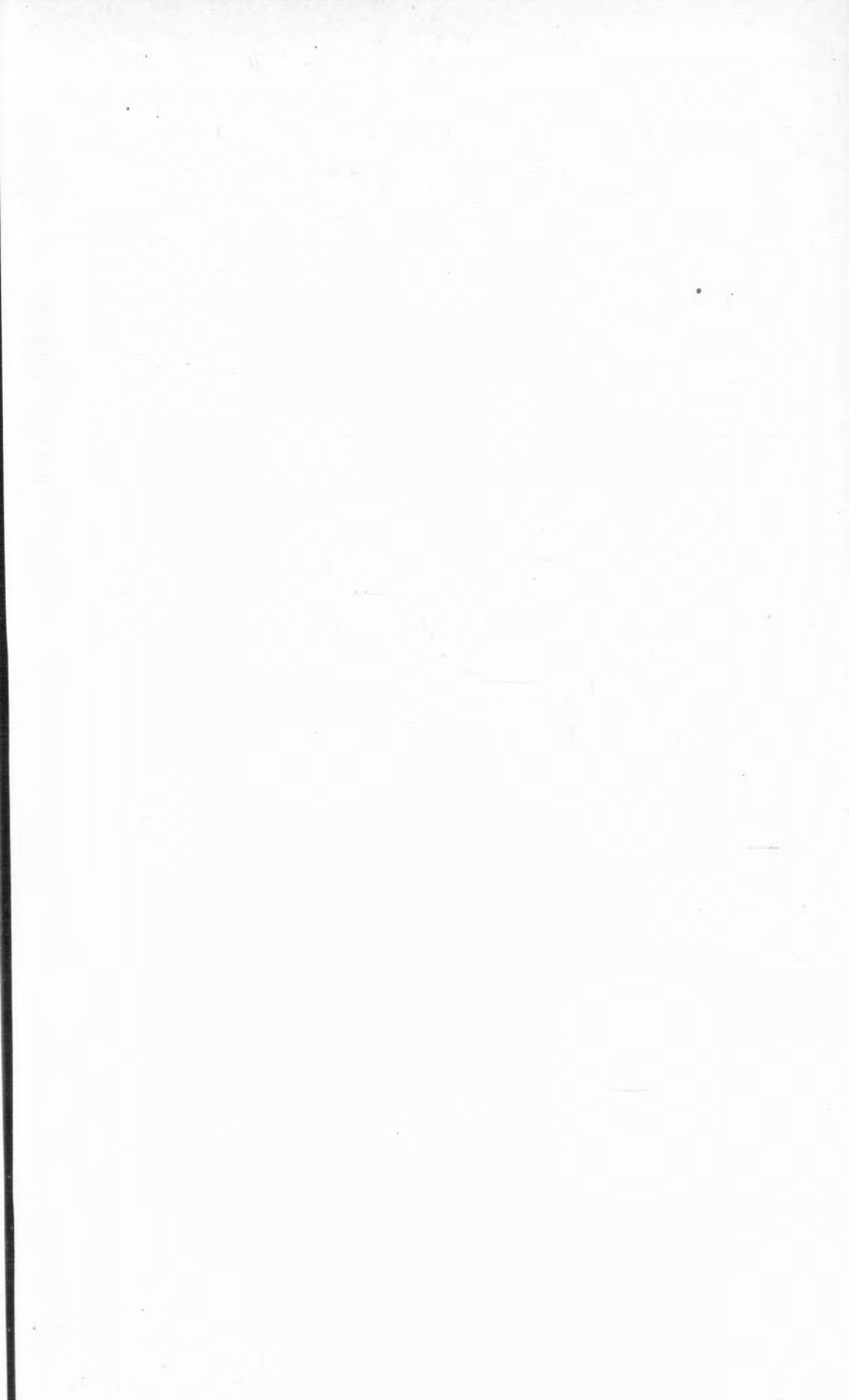
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