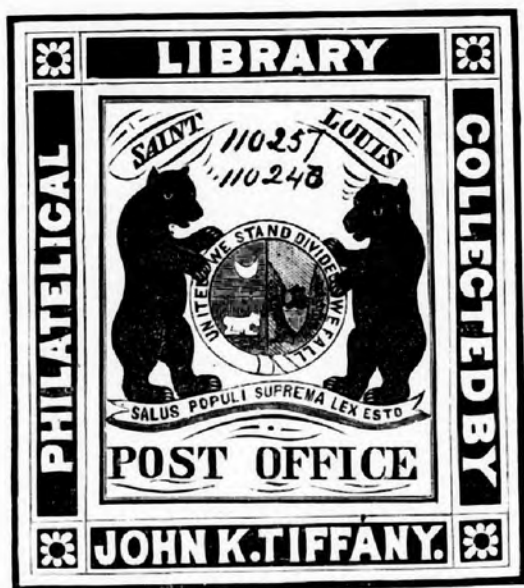


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**HOW JEREMIAH PICKLE BE-
CAME A PHILATELIST.**
By YUM YUM.

frog Hollow, iowa,
desenbur 10, 1887.

Mister Eddyters:-

i see bi yore valubel journal that sum uv the koleekturs hav ben givin ther xspereance as folowers uv our Nöbal Hobby. So I sez tu Myrandy (sheze mi sistur,) sez i Myrandy, i bleve ile rite tu them eddyter fellers an tel them about mi xspereance. Al rite Jeremiah, sez she, you kant make eny biggur fool uv yoreself than yu ar already.

So hear goze. i wuz born, (so thay tel me, i hav no distinck reckoleckshun uv the event,) in Frog Hollow, iowa, jenuwery leventh, ate tean hunderd an sicksty nine. For the first fue yeres aftur this important event i did littul but gro, an i hav ben groen ever sens, if nott in hite in wisdum an intoleck. When i reeched mi foreteenth yere i went with mi paw tu Davenport tu gett wurk. i got a jobb in a facktory wher ther wer lotz uv uther boys.

Wun da i saw a boy with a buk in his hand, i asked him tu lett me se it an he dun so. It wuz fild with bitts uv kullurd paper, the boy sed

tha wuz postage stamps. Frum that instunt i wuz a stamp kollektur.

i asked him tu giv me sum an he tuk a littul buk out uv his pockut, what he kauld his duplykat buk, an gav me a hanful. When i got tu mi rume that nite i pasted them awl in an ole kopyy-buk that i had usd at scule when i lernd tu rite an spel so korrektly. Nex da the saim boy shode me a sheat uy stamps, which he sed he got uv a deelur in nu York an ofurd tu sel me sum at the prices that wer markd on the sheat. i bote sum an spent evry sent i had in mi close. When i wuz kumpletely bus-tid he sed he wud kum tu mi rume that nite an bring sum moar stamps.

When he arove at mi dommysile that evining i had juste thre dolurs an ate sents, an when he left i stil had the ate sents an 3 dolurs worth uv bitts of papur. i stuc them awl in the kopyy buk that nite bofoar i went tu bed. Nex mornen the wum man that oaned the rume i ockupide came in an wantid \$2.50 for rent. i ofurd hur mi ate sents, which wuz awl i had, an she tuk the pokur tu me an firde me boddily an kep awl mi xtry waring aparul an furnytur inklniding: 1 durty kollur, 1 hanker-chif, 1 ole straw hat an a pare uv sox. Al theas valubal pozeshuns i lost in les time than it telz tu take

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We will earnestly endeavor to be out promptly the 10th and 25th of every month and to learn our readers something pertaining to their hobbies each issue.

We positively guarantee that, if for any unforeseen reason, we should be compelled to suspend, we will either turn over our subscription to some paper fully as good as our own, or; refund EVERY CENT of money due to subscribers. So you need not be afraid to subscribe.

Trusting to receive a share of your patronage we are

Very Respectfully,
Ye Editors.

EDITORIAL.

We desire to exchange with every collectors paper published. Send two copies, please.

The *Witch City Philatelist* is a very neat little paper from that city of frauds and witches—Salem.

We are at present the only collectors paper published in Iowa and trust to receive the subscription of every collector in the Hawkeye State.

If any of our readers intend publishing a paper we warn them to steer clear of The Mocking Bird Publishing Co., Bellville, O Judging from our experience they are frauds.

Bro. Jewett is still bravely struggling to "catch up." How many publishers are there who would issue every number, (as he has done,) when three or four months behind?

We have just finished building a new office on Elm Street, where we will have better facilities for attending to our stamp and publishing business. Collectors while in the city, are cordially invited to call and see us in our new quarters.

[Continued from first page.]

, an wuz kast out on the drey
urld without a pare of elene sox
n mi naim.

i wauked up toun with mi album
nder mi arm until i got up tu mane
rete, without enny adventurs that
re wurth relatin. When i got up
i the poast offus a man ran intu me
n nocked mi album out uv mi hand.

It flu about a rodd in the wind an
t at the feat uv a taul gentilman
with a blac mushitash. He pickt it
n lukt at it a miunit an sed "Hulo
oy, wher did you get theas koun-
turfits?" Ar thoze kounturfits?
asspd i. "Evry wun uv them, sed
e. i pade thre dolurs an a haf for
them, cride i. "Thear not wurth a
ent," replide he an wauked off.

i wuz thundirstruc, for theas mis-
rabul kounturfits i had sent awl
mi munny, lost mi bording place an
ni pursunel effex befoar menshund.

At last a dezire for reveng tuk
ozeshun uv me an throing mi albm
ntu the guttur i started tu find the
orggond villin that had mi munny.

i found him playen marbuls on
he side wauk an i ummedeately set
n wurk tu lic him, an i dun so re-
leaving a blaci during the oppura-
hun. Giv me bac mi munny, cride
alass he had spent it an i nevr
aw it agen. i wuz wel ni diskur-
ged an for 3 munths i did no kol-
leckting. Wun da i pickt up a pa-
ir in the strete, cauld the Filatelic
urnal Uv ameryka. i did not then
o it ment for i wuz not so wel ed-
katid az i hav since bekum, but i

found the advirtismuntz uv sum
stamp deelurs in it, an i wroat tu
wun uv them naimd Scott an en-
klosd a dollur an a haf for an intur-
nashunal Album. i got it in a fu
daze an then i ordurd sum stamps.

Evry weak i wud spend part uv
mi urnings for stamps an filatlic pa-
pirs, so that i now hav a kolleckshun
of ovur 2000 varieties.

Hoaping that none uv yore reed-
ers wil hav az mutch trubbul in
startin a kolleckshun az i did, an that
you wil not konsine this tu the waist
basket, i remane

Yoars filatelicly,
Jeremiah Pickle.

Many young collectors are puz-
zled as to the denomination of some
Italian stamps on which no numer-
als are used. We give below a list
of the values.

1 Uno. 2 Due. 5 Cinque. 10 Dieci.
15 Quindici. 20 Venti. 25 Venti-
cinque. 30 Trenta. 40 Quaranta-
60 Sessanta. 80 Offanta.

A revised version of the well
known song, "Climbing up the Gol-
den Stair.

Go and tell S. Allan Taylor
That the sights will make him paler,
When climbing up the Golden Stair;
For St. Peter at the gate,
Will call for him to wait,
And say, "No counterfeits in there."

Chorus.

Then hear dem bells ringing,
'Tis sweet I do declare,
And hear the collectors singing
For Taylor will not "get there."

By YUM YUM.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

WHAT SHALL I COLLECT?

What shall I collect? Doubtless the average stamp collector has been confronted by this question at least one time in his career as a collector. And what answer did he give? At the beginning of his collection he probably said "I will collect everything relating to postage and revenue stamps. In a few years, or even months, after this resolve he found that if he wished to collect stamps of all kinds he must have plenty of time and a long, aye a very long purse in order to keep abreast of the times. In the early days of philately, it was a comparatively easy task to have a collection very nearly complete in all its branches; not so now. The different varieties have increased to such an extent as to make it absolutely impossible to collect all varieties and yet have your collection complete.

There are now collections of adhesive postage, entire envelopes, together with revenues. Either one of these branches will give an ordinary collector plenty of scope for the use of all his spare time and money. Doubtless the collection of adhesive postage is followed by a greater number than any one of the remaining branches of philately, although the ranks of the revenue collectors have been greatly increasing in the last two or three years.

To the new beginners we would

say, collect all kinds of stamps for a short period and then discard such branches as you may decide are not worthy of your time and attention. The varieties of the discarded branches you can exchange to good advantage for others that you may desire to obtain. Do not get discouraged if you do not have an album as well filled as some of your friends, who happen to have a longer purse than you possess, but persevere as: "Perseverance sometimes accomplisheth wonders."

"Don Carlos."

A prominent dealer sent us his stamp photo the other day and it was such a striking resemblance that we, (at a great expense,) had it engraved, and publish it for the benefit of



our readers. A years subscription to this paper will be given to the first person correctly guessing his name.

We begin a new serial story in No. 2., to be continued in about 8 numbers, entitled

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By "RICHMOND"

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By RICHMOND.

CHAPTER I.

Our story opens, at a meeting of the Western Stamp Association at Chicago. Time: 1:30 P. M., May 21st, 1876. The convention was held in the rooms of the Chicago Society, on Lanbell street.

Here were assembled the leading philatelists of the west, called there by a circular from the president announcing very important business.

All were on the *qui vive* to learn what this business was.

At two o'clock the president called the meeting to order, and rising, said: "Brother philatelists, I see you are all anxious to know the object of this sudden and unexpected call. It is this—as you all know for several months past, some secret band of counterfeiters, have been flooding the country, with bogus stamps, of the rarest varieties, so well executed, as to deceive experts. This must be stopped. I have received a letter from the President of

the Eastern Philatelic Union, authorizing me to offer a reward of \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of these rascals. We have recently received information, as to their headquarters, which are at the little city of Silver Creek, Nevada. Who will volunteer to go as a detective and break up this lawless band?"

Every philatelist in the hall, was on his feet in an instant.

"My brave boys," said the President, "you can't all go."

"Draw cuts," cried some one.

This they proceeded to do. The philatelist who had the shortest cut, was to undertake the perilous mission.

When all had drawn one, it was found that the person holding the shortest cut, was a young man in the back part of the hall. As he is to be the hero of this story, we may as well introduce him now. He is about seventeen years of age, short in stature, with a splendidly developed form and muscles like iron. His eyes and hair were black, and his face had a frank, honest expression which made him a pleasure to look at. His name is Frank Lyon and he lived with his widowed mother, in the suburbs of Chicago.

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Did you count your stamps New Year's Day?

The *Youths Leisure Hour* is a fine twelvepage monthly from Boonville N. Y.

We desire to exchange with every collectors paper published.

Send two copies, please.

The *Curiosity World* is now a semi-monthly, but give us a little more stamp matter, Bro. Hubbard.

One of our most regular exchanges is the *Mohawk Standard* and we are very glad to see it come, for it always contains some thing interesting.

The *Collectors Review* has improved wonderfully and dons an engraved cover as evidence of its prosperity

Where, oh where, is the *Empire State Philatelist*? It is our private opinion the adding of "Coin and Curiosity Collector," killed it.

If you will send us ten cents (silver) we will send this paper four months on trial. This will give you the whole of our new serial.

The *Buckeye State Collector* is a new paper from Portsmouth, Ohio. It is neat appearing, and a well edited journal. Success to you.

We fail to see what earthly use can be made of match and medicine stamps. There is about as much science in a collection of buttons, or tin tags.

There is not a philatelic society in Iowa. What are you doing boys of the Hawkeye State? There are certainly enough collectors in our cities to form wide-awake societies. They are a useful institution.

We have secured the services of two well known philatelists who contribute regularly to our paper under the *nom de plumes* of "Richmond" and "Yum Yum." Their articles will be very interesting, so subscribe at once and get all of them.

A PHILATELIC ROMANCE.

By YUM YUM

There was a young man lived all by himself,
 And every postage stamp he got he laid upon a shelf.
 When he had four thousand of all kinds, good and bad;
 He packed them in his grip one day and went to see "her dad."
 "Mr. Smith," said he, "I love your youngest daughter;
 And if she'll have me for her man I think that you had oughter
 Consent to let us married be; and buy a little villa
 Where we can go to housekeeping; myself and your dear Lilla.
 The old man's face grew very stern, and he said,
 "Now see here youngster; you've got no money, not a red
 And I can't let my Lilla go, to live with you forever;
 No sir, I'll do it not, I would rather lose a heifer."
 "Mr. Smith," said Charlie, "do you see my little brown gripsack?
 It is full of postage stamps, dear sir, as full as I could pack
 With four thousand five stamps both rare and old;
 And I will be a richer man when these little stamps are sold."
 "Oh pshaw!" cried Mr. Smith, "do you think I'll believe that!
 Those little bits of paper are not worth my Thomas Cat.
 My daughter shall not marry a man as poor as you
 So you can go to Halifax; and your stamps and grip-sack, too."
 The train that night took Charlie to the city of New York,
 He walked up Broadway with a heart as light as any cork,
 Until he reached the office of a stamp dealer named Scott;
 And for one thousand dollars he offered the entire lot.
 He spread them out on the table, oh, what a pleasant sight
 To the eyes of a philatelist, were those lovely stamps so bright.
 Among the very choicest, of all that grand display
 Was a Brattleboro, a Connell, and the rarest Paraguay.
 Scott's eyes they fairly sparkled, as he drew out his cash,
 And paid to Charles the money, much quicker than flash.
 And Charlie went home that evening to dream of his dear Lilla,
 With a shot-gun, a musket and the money under his "pilla"
 "You here again, you rascal, you," cried Mr. Smith next day,
 When Charlie went to see him, with a lovely, big boquet
 For his charming, little Lilla. Said he, "Dear Sir, those tiny stamps
 Were better than the stories you've read of Aladdin's lamps."

And drawing from his pocket the precious sack of gold
 He threw it on the table; and then Old Smith he told
 How the little bits of paper that he had called N. G.,
 Were sold for a thousand dollars to Scott & Company.

* * * * *

They are married now, and happy; and, living in a villa,
 Are two little boys, a little girl, our hero Charles, and Lilla.
 Their children are collectors, and their father often tells
 Of his wonderful collection, of the cash and the wedding bells.

MORAL:

If you wish to succeed as our friend Charlie did, start a collection and subscribe to a good philatelic paper At Once.

SPECIAL OFFER!

To all persons sending us 25 cents for a years subscription to this paper before February 1st; and inclosing a one cent stamp for postage, we will send a copy of the *Peerless Directory*, a thirty page volume containing the addresses of over 800 collectors of Indian relics, Coins, Birds eggs, Minerals, Stamps etc. etc. Numbers of valuable notes, hints, recipes, etc., and several fine articles by prominent writers. Price 10 cents. Just out! Send at once.

There are but three silver dollars of the coinage of 1804 in existence. Two of these are accounted for; the third is somewhere in circulation about the country. The value of this missing dollar of 1804, as quoted in the last numismatic circulars, is \$800. It is natural, then, that this coin should be much sought.

All advertisements will be placed on the cover, hereafter. This will leave four pages for reading matter.

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CHAPTER II.

After a little farther business, the meeting adjourned, and the Philatelists went to their homes and hotels. Frank remained with the President, who gave him full instructions regarding his perilous undertaking, and, as he started to leave the hall handed him a check for \$200 saying as he did so:

"If you need any more telegraph me, and you shall have it."

As our hero walked down the street, his mind was filled with visions of what he would do with the \$1000, should he earn it; he would pay off the mortgage on their little home, buy his mother a new dress, and for himself a bicycle and many rare stamps for his collection. He was a poor boy, and to him a thousand dollars seemed a mine of wealth.

When he reached his mother's cottage he found her watching for him, at the gate. Frank told her of the meeting, and of his perilous undertaking. At first the widow

would not hear of parting, with her only son, but she finally gave a reluctant consent; and it was decided that he should start the next morning. The remainder of the day was spent in preparations for the morrow's journey; and Frank went to bed, to dream of counterfeiters, bicycles and paid off mortgages.

Next morning he was up bright and early, for he was to leave on the 8:30 train. He had a good revolver, which he placed with plenty of cartridges, in an inside pocket.

"Good bye, mother," cried he, affectionately embracing her.

"Good bye, my son, and may God protect you," said the good woman.

Could she have foreseen the hardships and danger he was to pass through before he saw home again, she would not have allowed him to undertake this perilous mission.

Frank was soon on the train, and being whirled away towards Nevada. Nothing of consequence occurred all day. From Omaha he was to take the Union Pacific R'y.

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Besides the regular U. S. issue, several of the States have issued revenue stamps for their own use. Among them being California, who leads the list with 289 varieties,

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Subscriptions can begin with No. 2.

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The Canadian Philatelic Association now has about 80 members.

Le Timbre Post is now twenty five years old; and is the oldest stamp paper in the world.

We desire to exchange with every collectors paper published.

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The *Charleston Philatelist* is the name of an 8 page quarterly, hailing from South Carolina. It is neatly printed, but contains little of interest to Philatelists.

In San Francisco there are seven dealers and 3000 collectors of stamps

Philatelists will do well to read Mr. N. E. Carter's adv. He offers some fine stamps, very cheap.

The *Philatelic Review*, of Rock Island, Ill., "bobs up serenely," after an absence of several months.

The *Mohawk Standard* Christmas number consisted of twelve pages and cover, full to overflowing with news.

The *Philatelic Gazette* is four years old. Most Philatelic papers die a sudden and violent death, but the *Gazette* will probably die of extreme old age. That this event may be far away, is our wish.

No. 1 of the *Illustrated Collectors' Journal* has been received, pub'l by Haight, of Riverside, Cal., and consists of 16 pages and cover. It is advertised as "Devoted to collectors of all branches," but we failed to discover any "flatlicks" in it.

No. 4 will be greatly improved and will contain better reading matter. It will be neatly printed, on good, heavy paper, and will have a handsome cover; it will consist of four pages and probably a supplement. We are ashamed of our appearance this issue, but it was unavoidable. It shall not occur again.

Our success is assured, and we are HERE TO STAY. So send in your subscription at once.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

GEORGE WASHINGTON JONES' NEW YEARS.

By VICTOR.

In the small town of Kaluck, Kentucky there lived a boy with his widowed mother, and sister. The widow was very poor, and had to work very hard to keep her family clothed comfortably. It was the week before New Year, and the poor people had no money to buy a New Year's dinner with. The son was about sixteen years of age. His real name was George Washington Jones, but he went by the nickname of "Reddy," on account of his immense shock of red hair. "He's the worst young chicken in the hul region" as farmer Slops used to say. "He's up to all kinds of mischief, and yer can't catch him at it, he's so sly."

But this young rascals' chief pleasure was in going up in the garret and hunting over his fathers and grand-fathers old love-letters for the postage stamps that were on them. He had once found a stamp which he sold for ten cents, (to him it was a small fortune) and he was always on the look-out for more of the same kind,

One day he was unusually mischievous, his mother loosing all patience, gave him a tremendous slap on the side of his head, and taking him by the collar, fired him up the "golden stairs" or rather

the garret stairs; telling him to stay there "till he could tend to his own bizness" never once thinking what he would do. This was just what the young rogue wanted although he *did* feel rather sore.

He began looking over the old letters and carefully examined each of them until he had, as he thought, found them all. He was about to throw them back in the old trunk from which he had taken them, when a bit of crumpled paper in the farthest corner of the box, caught his eye. He picked it up and carefully unfolded it. It was an old envelope, wrinkled and discolored by age, and in one corner was a stamp different from any he had ever found before. "Oh ma," he yelled springing down the stairs in about two jumps, "just look here, I've found a stamp like a picture in Fred Snype's stamp album; it said James M. Buchanan on it, and is just like this, he said it was worth two hundred dollars. Just think of it! *Two hundred dollars*. Can't I go and show it to him?"

"Oh pshaw!" said his mother, "a little piece of paper like that worth two hundred dollars. Ha! Ha! the boy must be crazy."

"Well it is, 'cos he said it was, and I don't think he'd lie; 'cos he said he was'nt a lying boy."

"Well I guess you can go," said mother, "I hav'ent any thing for you to do just now."

George Washington ran away as

fast as his legs could carry him.

"What a trouble that boy is," thought his mother. "But if he is right, two hundred dollars will be a *great* help to us."

When George Washington reached his friend's home, he showed him his stamp, with the expression, "aint it a dandy though. I'll bet you wish you had it."

Fred tried to keep cool, but he was terribly excited at the sight of so rare a stamp. He pulled a dollar out of his pocket, and holding it out to George said: "Seeing it's you 'Reddy' I'll give you this dollar for it; but if it was anyone else I would'nt give so much"

"Do you think I'd give you a stamp worth two hundred dollars for one dollar," cried George Washington indignantly. "I guess not I 'aint that kind of a chap."

"How do you know it's worth two hundred dollars?"

"'Cos you said it was. You need'ent think you can cheat me Fred Snype. You want it so you can sell it, and get the money yourself. I know you. I'm going to send it off to Scott & Co., right away."

And away went George to the post-office, and inclosed the stamp with a letter in an envelope, and slipped it in the letter box. Every mail, George would be found at the post-office, eagerly looking for an answer. In about a week's time it came, George grasped it with eager

hands. The address was:

George W. Jones, Esq.,
Kaluck,
Kentucky.

George hurried home holding tightly to the precious letter. Flinging open the door, he rushed in, and startled his mother nearly out of her wits. "What's the matter boy?" cried she.

"I've got it! I've got it!" answered he.

"Got what?" asked his mother.

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POSTAGE STAMPS.

S. T. AMP.

The introduction of the Postal System, as it at present exists in nearly every country on the globe, is credited to Great Britain, who in 1840, issued covers and envelopes to pre-pay letters all over the kingdom at one penny, single rate. This plan was adopted through the exertions of James Chalmers, although the honor has long been given to Sir Rowland Hill, who fraudulently obtained the credit.

It now appears, however, that there is still another aspirant to the honor. In Italy, as far back as 1818, letter sheets were prepared, stamped in the left lower corner; while letters were delivered by specially appointed carriers, on the pre-payment of the postage represented by the stamps. These were of three values and were embellished with the figure of a courier on horseback. They were discontinued in 1836.

Whether Italy or Great Britain deserves the distinction, other countries began to avail themselves of this method for the pre-payment of letters; although they did not move very promptly.

The first country to follow England was Brazil. In 1842 a set of three stamps was issued, consisting simply of large numerals denoting the value, printed in black. Then came the cantons of Switzerland, and Finland with envelopes which to-

day are very rare. Next came Bavaria, Belgium, France, Hanover, New South Wales, Tuscany, Austria, Prussia, Saxony, Spain, Denmark, Italy, Oldenburg, Trinidad, Württemberg and the United States.

Other countries followed in the train, until, at the present moment there is scarcely a portion of the Globe, inhabited by civilized people that has not a Postal System.

Great Britain has enjoyed the monopoly of postage stamps for over 47 years, yet she has made fewer changes than any other country, and has suffered no change, whatever in the main design—the portrait of the Queen; and even the change that forty years has made in her face is not shown on the stamps. In other countries, notably in our own, the Sandwich Islands and Argentine Republic, the honor of portraits on the stamps is distributed among the various high officers, ex-presidents and men who have fought and bled for their country; but on the stamps of England the Queen, alone, figures.

In looking over a collection one is struck with the variety and peculiarities of the designs.

You would not suppose that Cashmere, noted for the beautiful and intricate designs of its shawls, would ever sanction the issuing of such stamps, which it would puzzle a hieroglyphist to decipher, unless he stretched his imagination to see some resemblance between it and the Cashmere goat. These stamps

are printed from ivory blocks, which accounts for their daubed appearance.

The stamps of the Virgin Isles are very significant. The first that appeared represented a Virgin holding in her hand a lamp, and surrounded by eleven lamps. Collectors at once put their heads together and agreed that Columbus, who discovered these islands, having regard to their number, named them in commemoration of the celebrated eleven thousand Virgins of Cologne.

The truth is, however, that Columbus discovered the islands on the Virgin's day and accordingly named them for the Virgin Mary; and the twelve lamps represent the twelve primitive christian charities.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

ODD STAMPS.

By YUM YUM.

Oddities are the delight of collectors' hearts, and it will, perhaps not be out of place to give a brief description of the "oddest of the odd."

The first country which issued stamps that could be called by this dignified title was China, in 1878. They were horrible looking specimens with their wriggling, crawling dragon stamped on them. It is said that the first Chinese stamp sent through the mails to the U. S., frightened a mail agent so by its hideous appearance, that he fainted away, and had to be carried home

on a shingle.

The Cape of Good Hope, triangulars are very odd. It is especially odd when the set for which you paid several dollars is found to be counterfeit. At least that is my experience. These stamps all bear the figure of Hope in a reclining posture, and were issued in 1853 and 1861. The last emissions were printed from wood-cuts and are not as fine as the former.

Egypt's stamps are all queer, with their Pyramids and Sphinx. Every one except the 1865 issues is oblong in shape. The chief productions of Egypt, besides the ones adorning the stamps, are beggars and mummies.

Next in order comes Finland, with the issue of 1856, consisting of two stamps, 5 kopecs, blue and 10 kopecs, rose. The stamps are square and contain an oblong oval resembling a hard boiled egg. Inside the oval is a shield in the center of which is a lion playing hobby horse with his father's cane, and holding an uplifted sword in his right fore-paw. The shield is surmounted by a crown, while at the bottom is a pair of crossed post-horns, or dinner horns I can not determine which.

The Indian states issue a great many queer and unsightly stamps which I have not the space to enumerate. A single glance at any of them would be quite enough to convince you that they were the

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“Anything that is worth doing is worth doing well.” Remember that, collectors; and if you follow it's principle your collection will be something more than a mere assortment of stamps, or coins, kept simply to look at.

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emission of a half civilized country.

Cashmere's stamps are printed in water colors on very thin paper, which is the reason you find a colored spot, for each stamp, on the opposite page of your album from this country.

Mecklenburgh Schweru in 1856—66 issued some rather odd stamps. They consist, virtually speaking, of four tiny stamps, each adorned with the head of the cow "that jumped over the moon," comprising each 1 schilling stamp. Each of these small parts is marked $\frac{1}{4}$ schilling, so that they could be cut apart and used as separate stamps, when desired.

The New Brunswick and Nova Scotia diamond shaped issues of 1851 are very pretty, and consist of a crown in the center of a sort of maltese cross with rounded ends. The point of the cross above the crown contains a rose, the emblem of England; to the right is a thistle Scotland's flower; at the bottom is the emblem of Wales; and to the left old Ireland's shamrock.

Old Sol's mug beams on us from the Persia, 1862 issue and also from many of the Peruvian stamps.

The stamps of Paraguay present a fine appearance, the main design being a lion supporting a pole, which is surmounted by a liberty cap.

The 1852 issue of the Sandwich Islands consists of four stamps, of the values 2, 5 and 13 cents, two varieties. These are all blue, and are

simply numerals surrounded by an orange hedge, above which is printed Hawaiian Postage, and below the denomination.

Shanghai and China's stamps are enough alike to be sisters, and very homely ones at that.

Jumbo does not appear on the stamps of Siam but is represented by a young man, who may be his keeper for aught I know. Someone says his name is King Chulalongkorn, and that he is the son of his father, which explanation we will have to accept, for want of better one.

South Australia issued a tiny stamp in 1862. It is one of the smallest ever hatched by Mother Earth, and of course is embellished with the Queen's picture.

Turkey's stamps are quite pretty, and are nearly all adorned by the moon and a star to keep her company. It is probably a young man star, who is talking to Luna "Over the garden wall."

The U. S. of Columbia issued a triangular stamp in 1870, value 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ centavos. It contains the national arms partially surrounded by stars. It reminds me more of a piece of mince pie, than anything else I know of, and is about the size of the pieces which the landlady of my boarding house, cuts for the boarders.

The smallest set of stamps ever issued is the 1863-6 issue of Bolivar. They are of three varieties—ten cts. green, 10 cts., red and 1 peso, red.

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The Tolima issue of 1870 is very queer, and also very rare. They consist simply of a border, which resembles an Iowa rail fence, enclosing "E. E., U. U., DE C., Correos De Estado. Vale 5 cts." The varieties are 5c., black on blue, 5c. black on buff, 5c., black on white and 10c. black on white.

The 1880 issue of Uruguay is adorned by the head of a young man in the last stages of consumption who is just getting ready to cough.

Victoria issued a rather pretty set of stamps in 1852, of three varieties 2d. lilac, mauve and light brown. They represent the Queen of England when about "sweet sixteen" sitting on a throne. The 1874 1/4d. red is one of the smallest stamps ever issued.

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By RICHMOND.

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By PHG.

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the old German States are very rare, and the early issues of our own country are eagerly sought after by advanced collectors.

The only correct way to collect envelopes is whole, as by cutting out the stamp, the size of the envelope, water mark, etc. are lost; then again envelopes are used whole and if one wishes to collect stamps, why not collect them the way they are used? There is just as much sense in collecting the stamp (or properly speaking, the impression of value) on postal cards, as to collect the same stamp impressions on envelopes.

A great many philatelists are devoting their entire attention to envelope collecting, and it is to be hoped that some enterprising dealer, will issue an album suitable for a collection of entire envelopes.

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engers. The men now noticed with dismay that there were but five. The missing one, was the man who had thrown Frank from the car. Where could he have gone, they asked themselves. No one could tell.

Had they followed the robbers through the belt of woods which surrounded the road, and watched them ride away, over the plains beyond, they would have seen five men on horse-back instead of four, and that No. 5 was their late companion.

Leaving the stage coach, with which we now have no further interest, to proceed on its way, we will follow the adventures of the highwaymen.

They flew over the prairie in the direction of the Toquina mountains, for about two hours without drawing rein on their hardy little mustangs. At the end of this time the mountains were reached and the band begun the ascent. The mountain was heavily wooded, but the desperadoes followed a narrow bridle path which led them up the sides.

At last they seemed to have reached their destination for they dismounted and led their horses toward a huge boulder. Walking up to the rock the leader put his hand on what looked to be the solid stone and threw back a large curtain of heavy canvas, painted the exact color of the rock.

SHALL WE COLLECT USED OR UNUSED.

By FIG.

THIS subject has been agitated by numerous writers, but I am compelled to differ with any opinions, I have ever seen written. I will give you my idea on the subject.

A collector naturally becomes the possessor of both unused and used specimens, and I think he should not be prejudiced as to which to collect. My advice is to take either, but give the preference to the unused varieties, as they allow a better examination of the small varieties between two specimens that are similar. For instance, if a collector has two stamps of a certain country, that are exactly of the same design, but are of two varieties of water marks, then an unused specimen enables him to distinguish the difference in the water-marks; where a used and blotted specimen would prevent a close examination.

A collection of unused stamps presents a much finer appearance than a collection of used ones, and this more pleasure to the observer, as well as to the owner. Many unused stamps are worth double the price of the same specimens in a used condition, and this, I think, is why so many neglect collecting unused stamps, as in such cases they think more of their pocket book, than of their collection, and to my idea are not true philatelists.

STAMP DEALING.

By RICHMOND.

ALMOST from the moment a boy begins to collect stamps, his greatest ambition is to become a dealer. This is the goal he strives to reach, and visions of his name in the philatelic papers, as John Smith, dealer in Foreign & U. S. Stamps, haunt his mind. He must be a dealer; and he begins by buying a cheap pocket and retailing the stamps to his young acquaintances.

When all are sold, he finds that he has a few cents more than his original capital. He is elated, and going home he takes the nickels and comes from his bank, and buys more stamps; invests all he has in a tiny stock, and poses as a dealer.

Alas, he spends one fourth of his capital for an advertisement in a small, and poorly printed paper. After days of eager waiting, an answer comes, some person in a neighboring state wishes a sheet, and sends as reference George Brown, Newdropville. The dealer (?) sends all his sheets, without inquiring in the reference.

Then follow more days of watching the postoffice, and anxious waiting. No reply comes. He writes again, and threatens dire things if his stamps are not returned. Still no answer. His sheets are lost, and financially he is a bankrupt. He returns from business a sadder, but perhaps a wiser, boy.

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The first stamp album was published in 1862.

Postal cards were first used in the United States, in 1873.

THE PRETTIEST STAMPS.

By YUM YUM.

THE stamps of Bolivia are quite pretty. The issue of 1870 consists of five values, 5c. black, 10c. green, 50c. brown, 100c. scarlet and 500c. blue.

They consist of the figure of Justice, standing on a pedestal in the center of an oval, and holding aloft the scales in her right hand and with her left resting on a sword. The numerals are placed in the four corners.

The Costa Rica 1863 issue are some of the prettiest stamps in my album. The values are $\frac{1}{2}$ real blue, 2 reals, scarlet, 4 reals green and 1p. orange. They contain a sort of heart shaped scroll, enclosing a beautiful little landscape representing two hills, forming a cape which extends into a lake, on which two tiny brigs are sailing. Above the scene are five stars, and the scroll is surrounded by eight furled flags.

Guatemala's stamps are all very handsome. The issue of 1878 is rather striking, the figure is intended to represent Liberty, but to my mind it is a poor representation of that goddess, as the face is too hard and stern. The issue of 1882 are quite pretty, and consist of an oval containing a green parrot, seated on a broken column. What this signifies, if any thing, I know not, and you will have to guess at the meaning. The latest issue, 1885, are

beauties. They contain an oval in which is the parrot, not always green now, but printed the color of the stamp, seated on a scroll bearing "Libertad 15 de Septiembre de 1821," above the oval, while on the right side is a steamboat, plowing the "briny deep;" and to the left a locomotive, just whistling for a crossing.

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Mauritius in 1854-59, issued a set of 7 stamps on which no values were printed. They represent Britannia sitting with the left arm resting on a shield, and the right supporting a spear; in the back-ground is the ocean.

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I have not the space to describe one half of the many pretty stamps, so we will simply glance at a few of the prettiest.

The 1866 issue of Peru are nobby. There are but three stamps in the set, 5c. green, 10c. red and 20c. brown. They contain the picture of the two llamas standing on the edge of a precipice.

Salvador in 1867 issued a set of four beautiful stamps, oblong in shape and of the varieties $\frac{1}{2}$ real blue, 1 real vermilion, 2 reales green, and 4 reales brown. They contain an oval in which is a smoking volcano surrounded by seven stars.

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WONDERS OF FT. ANCIENT.

WARREN K. MOOREHEAD.

Upon one of the highest hills in Warren County and overlooking the Little Miami river is situated the largest ancient earthwork to be found in the United States. In outline this earthwork resembles a rude map of north and south America, many who have visited it has noticed the similarity, and have spoken concerning it. Although many of the readers of this paper have doubtless become acquainted with the dimensions of this work, for the benefit of those who have never heard of it I will briefly review the latest survey.

The earthwork or "Fort" is composed of fine clay, no gravel is mixed with the clay, the walls are close together and there is only one spot where the distance between them exceeds 450 yards. The height of these embankments varies from ten to twenty two feet, the width an average of thirteen feet. The entire length of the embankment is 4 19-20 miles, or nearly five miles. Formerly there existed several other embankments in the neighborhood of the "Fort" but no trace of these remains, the farmer's plow have effectually obliterated them.

The earthwork is placed on the brow of the hill, and is by necessity divided into two parts known as the Old Fort and the New. Two deep ravines, through which small streams find their way to the river 240 feet below, have divided the fort into the parts as mentioned above. These ravines nearly meet at one point, there being but one hundred feet space for the two fort walls. The walls come so near together that there is barely room for a wagon to pass. This spot is known as the Gateway. The embankments are about twenty feet high at this point, they are also protected on both sides by a rough stone wall. The stones to form this wall have been brought from the river far below and are laid without cement, one above another making a breastwork about 4 feet high. (This has fallen down in some places and earth now covers the ruin.) Then the clay of which the walls are composed was piled above

this wall. As the walls have stood so long, considerable of the earth from the top of the embankments as well as decayed plant matter has accumulated at the base; and an excavation of two feet is required before one can see the original stones as they were laid.

At one or two points along the deep ravines mentioned the embankment has been carried along their very edge, and some places has been so admirably placed that you can look down a perpendicular of nearly a hundred and fifty feet. The walls in and about these ravines are covered with a dense growth of heavy timber which has in a measure protected them from washouts.

At one point where there is no timber on the Fort walls nearly 60 ft. of the embankment has yielded to the atmospheric agencies and has slid into the deep ravine below.

The northeast corner of the fort (The New Fort) lies in an open field, the ground between the fort walls being under cultivation. The fields here are comparatively level, and when one is two miles away the embankments can be plainly seen. The walls are divided into sections of nearly one hundred feet each, although some of the sections are longer, and some shorter. In the Old Fort the wall extends over a hundred yards to a section without

The most interesting feature of this work is the graves that line the western slope or the decline of the hill next to the river. The frontage next to the river is nearly two miles and for about a half a mile of this distance the steep hill side has been cut away and three terraces formed. On these terraces lie graves of many warriors who perished in the great battle fought so many years ago. The bodies are much decomposed and are covered with two layers of stones. The first layer is placed flat, while the second one is placed on edge. The stones are limestones brought from the river bed below. Accompanying the skeletons have been found various relics and implements of peace and war. Time would not permit me to give a list of these but suffice it to say that the variety is very great.

There is a stone pavement two feet under ground and running for

1400 feet eastward. It starts just outside the fort wall (the east wall, New Fort) and between two parallel ridges originally but these ridges have been plowed down. This pavement is laid in a blue clay and is three feet wide. It has been suggested that it was used as an ancient race course.

At several places within the walls there are evidences of villac sites and broken pottery is found in quantity.

It is well worth a trip of a hundred miles to visit this wonder and I trust that the readers of this paper who are interested in Archaeology will not fail to see the fort for themselves at the first opportunity. I should like to discourse upon the origin of the fort and speculate as to the people who built it but I will trespass upon the time and space of both reader and publisher.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

OLD COINS.

W. H. VERITY.

The use of coined money cannot be traced further back than the ninth century B. C. Money, however, as a medium of exchange existed much earlier, and when metal, it passed by weight, and no piece being adjusted to any precise weight all money had to be weighed in making exchanges.

Early metallic money was in the form of bars, spikes and rings. The ring money could be opened and closed, and linked in a chain for convenience in carrying.

The Lydians are supposed to have been the first people who used coined money, and their examples was soon followed by the several states of Greece. In the early ages the process of coining consisted in placing a lump of metal, of certain weight, over a die on which was engraved the symbol to be impressed. A wedge placed at the back of the metal was held firmly with one hand and struck by a hammer held in the other until the metal received a good impression. From the nature of the process the early coins presented a very rude appearance.

The original coins of Asia Minor were of gold, and those of Athens, silver. The earliest coins of Athens bear the figure of an owl, as a type

of the Goddess Athene; at a later date the head of the Goddess, herself, takes it's place, the owl afterwards appearing on the reverse.

The leading coin of Greece was the stater. The inscription on the earliest Greek coins, consisted of one letter, the initial of the city where they were struck.

One of the most celebrated coins of Asia is the stater of Darius or Daric. It had for a symbol an archer kneeling on one knee, it seems to have been coined for the Greek colonies of Asia by their Persian conquerors.

One of the earliest specimens of a complete coin, is a beautiful medal struck at Syracuse with the head of Proserpine, accompanied by dolphins, and on the reverse a victor in the Olympic games in a chariot, receiving the wreath of victory; a type which is also found on the reverse of the staters of Philip of Macedon, and largely imitated by other states.

Coins of Alexander the Great are abundant, many having been struck after his conquests in the Greek towns of Asia. A rose distinguishes those struck at Rhodes, a bee those struck at Ephesus, these are all type generally accompanying the figure of Zeus, on the reverse and the head of Hercules, which has sometimes been supposed to be that of Alexander himself, on the obverse.

Two most beautiful and important series of Greek coins are those Selencidae in Asia, of silver, and those of Ptolemy in Egypt, of gold.

In Palestine there is an interesting series of coins, which are mentioned in religious history. The shekels bear on the obverse the pot of manna, with the inscription "Shekel Isreal," meaning the shekel of Isreal and on the reverse is Aaron's rod with three flowers and the legend "Jerouschalim hedoschah," meaning "Jerusalem the Holy." There were shekels and half-shekels, coined.

Owing to the small number of articles received for our Prize Competition, we have decided to extend the time May 1st. We hope all dealers will send us an article to compete for the prize.

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E. R. Marshall is employed in the office of the C. M. & St. P. R'y. P. W. Tourtelott is at present attending the Wyoming High School; thus it will be seen that our time is pretty well occupied.

That there are mistakes made we will acknowledge, but we beg your forbearance until we shall be able to improve.

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The *Calmar Exchange* Vol. 1, No. 2, contains a philatelic department, edited by Edgar D. Melville.

The *Collector's World* consists of two pages of reading matter and eight pages of advertisements.

A huge blackfish over thirty-five feet in length was seen in the bay near Whitcom, W. T. recently.

The *Halifax Philatelist* is an excellent journal, and worthy of the support it has received.

The *Philadelphia Philatelist*, a continuation of the *Germantown Philatelist* has appeared, published by Von Utassy and Hoser.

The March number of the *Exchanger's Monthly* is at hand, with the usual amount of solid reading matter. Can't you send us two copies, Bro. Chamberlain?

Each issue of the *Collector* costs subscribers but one cent. You can certainly obtain that much information from each number.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the advertising columns. Our advertisers are all reliable, and offer some great bargains.

Vol. 1, No. 2 of the *Agassiz Record* has been received from Oskaloosa, Iowa. It consists of 12 pages and cover, filled with very interesting scientific matter.

We have received many amateur papers, wishing to exchange. While we would be glad to accommodate all, we cannot afford to exchange with 4 page, 6x9 amateurs.

Le Courier du Timbrophile, No. 12, has been received from Brussels, Belgium. As it is not printed in "United States" we can not pass an opinion as to its merits.

Scott's old paper, the *American Journal of Philately*, has been resuscitated by him. Vol. 1, No. 1 contains 32 large pages and cover, and is beautifully printed on fine paper.

The *World of Nature* has been received from Newport, R. I. It is an eight page, 24 column monthly devoted to Natural History, Numismatics, Mineralogy, Philately, etc. The subscription price is \$1.00 per year. Is that not rather "steep" Mr. Jacobs?

The February *Youth's Ledger* contains an engraving of the well known archæologist, Warren K. Moorehead, of Xenia, Ohio. Mr. Moorehead's present collection numbers nearly 8000 specimens.

The *Western Philatelist*, No. 3 contains an account of a new swindling scheme, by which common stamps of the issues of 1861 and 1870 are made to appear "grilled," and are sold as such. Look out for them.

We have made arrangements with Bro. Scott, of the *Calmar Exchange* that enables us to offer that paper and the *Collector* one year for 35 cents. This is 640 inches of reading matter each month, for 3 cents.

It is useless for dealers to send us advertisements without the cash, for they will be consigned to the waste-basket. Our rates are so extremely low, that all are able to pay in advance, if they intend to pay at all.

What earthly sense is there in making a collection of match and medicine stamps? Of course if a person wishes to collect them it is nobody's business but their own; if they wish to collect buttons, tin tags and beer stamps, barrels and all, they have a perfect right to do so. Still we can not but think that it is time and money wasted. What explanations and history of these can you give to any person outside of Philately? Can you point to a certain stamp, and say, that stamp was issued by Mexico in 1866, it bears the picture of the archduke Maximilian, a brother of the emperor of Austria, who was sent by Napoleon III of France, to set up an empire in Mexico, and who was shot by the Mexicans, and his empire overthrown? No; you can tell him that this stamp adorned a box of Herriek's Pills, which were guaranteed to cure all human ills and pains, and was issued with the sanction of the government by a patent medicine quack, but only for use on pill boxes.

REVIEW.

All articles, publications, etc. sent us will be reviewed.

A four page pamphlet, the "Stamp Dealers of the U. S.," has been sent us by Mr. H. A. Babb, Box 3081, Denver, Colo. It contains the two line cards of 137 stamp dealers, and is very neatly printed.

Mr. J. M. Douglas, Jr., Middletown, Conn. sends us a neat little catalogue of adhesives of the U. S. See "ad" elsewhere.

Every collector should have a copy of Coffin's "Directory of Philatelic Frauds" Price 10c. Geo. P. Coffin, Freeport Me.

THE LA HOYT EXPRESS.

Will the wonders never cease? Our large cities have had their local posts, and foreign countries such as Hamburg, Germany, Sweden and Russia have issued hundred of locals, and Iowa, not to be outdone, comes to the front with two local posts for the transmission of mails. The *Stamp* for January gives a description of one of them, Jay's.

We have received from Mr. J. C. Jay of La Hoyt, Ia. two stamps, oblong in shape and printed in carmine, on white and brown paper. They consist of a double border inclosing a carrier pigeon, above which is "Richwood's Dispatch." Below is "To & from P. O." "Paid," to the left, in pica caps, and "stamp" to the right, in long primer caps complete the description of this curiosity. Mr. Jay kindly sent us a history of this post, which appears below. There is no doubt of their being genuine, and as much entitled to a place in your album as any local issued by Blood's, Hussey's, or other well known posts.

The stamps are cancelled with a fancy rubber stamp.

On October 1st, 1887 C. M. Jay, a country store-keeper, started a local post, and carried letters and other mail matter to La Hoyt, Ia., a distance of three miles, charging one cent for each piece of mail carried to and from the post office. He issued three stamps, carmine on white, blue and yellow.

On Dec. 15th he sold out, and Mr. J. C. Jay, a cousin of his bought the right of the dispatch, and changed it to the Richwood dispatch. He issued two stamps,

carmine on white, for use on matter carried to the P. O., and carmine on brown, for those carried from the P. O. The stamps were printed from a metal electrotype.

Richmond is a thickly settled burg, with no P. O. and M. Jay has the contract for carrying the mail from La Hoyt, for one year.

Unused specimens of these stamps are not sold at any price, as they are affixed to mail matter by Mr. Jay, only.

Mr. Harry B. Myers, the president of the Chicago Philatelic Society, has been obliged to go to California for his health.

Should we, from any unforeseen reason, be obliged to suspend the publication of this paper, we positively guarantee to refund every cent of money due to subscribers, or turn over our subscription list to some paper, fully as good as our own.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

A PRE-HISTORIC RACE. ARCHAEOLOGY IN ARIZONA.

EUGENE A. BROWNE.

Arizona offers a broad field to the lover of the past, containing as it does, the innumerable traces of a by gone prosperous population. On every hand mysterious monuments remind us of the wonderfully successful, but now extinct people, who have so long since passed from the stage of activity, leaving no records to reveal to the inquiring searcher their identity; how long they held possession and the cause of their final collapse. There are evidences of extensive ruins of towns of considerable size and pretensions in this section, and the meandering of their old canals and reservoirs may still be traced for miles upon either side of the Gila River. Some of their edifices were of grand proportions, the most remarkable being the old *Casa Grande*, whose magnificent ruins are an object of curiosity to strangers who visit the cities of Florence and Phoenix. When Coronado led his famous expedition northward in 1540, these ruins were even then ruins, being four stories high with walls six feet in thickness. Other buildings surrounding them had entirely crumbled down to mere mounds of earth showing conclusively the antiquity of the old castle and its probable original dimensions. At that time the Pima Indians who were living in that vicinity had no tradition relating to the builders of the huge structure, nor of the people who formerly inhabited this valley. They were certainly a superior race and not only were they skilled in the manufacture of hard and durable concrete of which they constructed their mausoleums and built their walls, but they were thorough agriculturists, and their old canals and reservoirs also show them to have been possessed of no mean degree of engineering skill. Who they were, how they flourished, and whither they departed are questions that may never be answered, but their tombs are giving the savants a slight clue that may serve to identify them with some of the living tribes who have retrograded in the scale of civilization since those days of peace and plenty. Their cities and their lands, left to decay and ruin, eventually became objects of curiosity only to those who came after them, and finally succumbed to the obliterating influences of ages. It might be well to take a closer look among the remains, especially that of *Casa Grande* (the Grand Castle.) This old ruin excites the

interest and admiration of all who may be privileged to view its massive proportions, so suggestive of its once proud grandeur. It is constructed of a cement, whose remarkable hardness was induced by some process now lost. Pieces are often mistaken by relic seekers for fragments of rock. The walls are six or more feet through, but the devastating hand of Time has reduced its once lofty spires considerably. Broken fragments of Indian pottery are found in countless numbers, but it is only now and then that a piece of any value is met with. As far as the eye can reach, small mounds can be seen, marking the spots where well built houses once stood. Near Temple, within a radius of a few miles, a perfect "Valley of dry bones" has been unearthed within the last six months, in which, according to the Phoenix telegram to the associated press 2,000 skeletons were brought to light; though the number is probably exaggerated. However it is certain that this now comparatively dry and sparsely settled territory was once the very center of a vast city whose borders revelled in the luxurious growth of all that could be desired. To describe the varied interesting scenes and relics would require a good-sized volume, and a mere outline only has been given. Perhaps it will be the privilege of the writer to more minutely describe some of the archaeological features in future numbers of this paper, although the descriptions must necessarily fall short of the reality.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

COLLECTORS AND COLLECTING

RUSSELL E. BARTLETT.

The collecting mania has been growing and spreading for the last twenty five years, until now scarcely a town in the United States but has some enthusiast. As an amusement and source of instruction, and especially to the young, it is invaluable. Spare moments devoted to this "hobby" are never lost.

A young collector in starting in naturally asks, "What shall I collect?" I advise this—Start in to collect whatever comes in your way. You can soon determine and choose whatever particular branch or branches you wish to continue and drop the others, if you wish.

The author's collection consists of Minerals, Sea shells, Indian, Mound Builders, and other ancient and war relics, Fossils, old Coins and various Natural History specimens. I have not a stamp on hand.

I hope my philatelic friends will pardon me if I say something right

here—In upwards of ten years experience in my business, I have had numerous collections of foreign stamps offered me for sale, but a collection of the class mine is—never! Any person (even a philatelist) is attracted by a display of minerals, and admires and wonders at their beauty and formation. The autograph fiend we will pass by. The ornithologist and oologist has a most interesting branch of study but withal a cruel one. Neither is the Indian Relic collector's path always strewn with roses as the following anecdote may illustrate. A college Professor, during a summer sojourn in the country, in the course of his rambles came across a mound of rather aboriginal appearance. He determined to explore it, and early one morning armed himself with a shovel and commenced digging into it. An old woman, stood near by watching the proceedings with manifest interest and finally ventured to enquire "What might he be diggin' fer?" The professor explained that another people formerly inhabited this earth whose "race was run" and that were now extinct; and he was digging for relics in evidence of their civilization. Her reply was crushing—"Well, I guess that you're a little off your bearin's, 'cause there's where them Higgin's children are buried!"

Tableau! The climax may be imagined!

The collector in starting in should write for the price lists of several reputable dealers in his line, and after comparison determine with whom he wishes to deal. In the mineral line, you can start out into the fields and quarries in your vicinity and perhaps find a good number of more common minerals and fossils. These can go into your cabinet and duplicates, if any, exchanged with other collectors. A geologist hammer is not absolutely essential; a bag or something similar to carry your specimens in, a cold chisel or so and hammer come handy, a quick searching eye, and the patience of Job will reward your efforts. A specimen should be carefully examined to determine how it shall be broken to the best advantage; a light oblique blow will generally break the specimen best. A stiff bristle brush, water and castile soap will clean it, and a dilution muriatic acid will make it more clear by ridding it of foreign elements. The epidermis of sea shells may be removed in this manner also.

Everyone wants to know about a "cabinet;" get a book case and slant the shelves downward, and you have it, or get some shelves made

of pine boards of the right size; stain with two coats of cherry stain, or paint black and varnish and you have one to start on. A curtain in front will save dusting your specimens. Every thing should be carefully labeled as to name and locality and numbered if you like and a book kept at hand with corresponding numbers and anything interesting you happen to learn about them I recollect reading about a boy who carefully treasured up everything of interest (to him) he ran across, as relics. These were carefully numbered and a record kept in a small book, somewhat as follows, viz: Number 1, Stone from Mr. Brown's new house.

No. 2, Clamshell from Smith's pond.

No. 3, Our old cat's front tooth. etc, etc." His uncle was one day "admiring" his "collection" and happened to pick up a piece of bark and asked "What is this Tommy?" "That, why that is the most valuable specimen I have. That bark is off from the stick that Jimmy Green and I killed the woodchuck with."

This sort of proceeding is not collecting. I don't know what it might be called, it's nondescript!

Above all things, don't let any trash get into your collection. Every collector should keep up with the times and take one or more collector's papers. Start a scrap book and paste in it everything interesting.

The collecting of minerals and natural history specimens should be made a scientific study. Get your friends together and form an Agassiz Chapter, it will be of inestimable value to you.

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AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

San Francisco, March 10.

Mr. Editor:-

I have a question to place before your readers, that I consider of great importance for all philatelist's consideration, and that is, "Ought stamps imported from foreign countries to be dutiable?"

I suppose that most of your subscribers are aware that a Baltimore dealer has had his foreign mail, held and I believe, made to pay duty; and that of late, things philatelically speaking, are also assuming a complicated state of affairs in San Francisco.

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

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

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

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

Where it is not enforced I have observed dealers prefer to remain quiet, as they probably think it better for their own interest to do so, fearful that in expressing their views they might possibly call the attention of the P. O. officials to the fact that such a law really exists, but which they are negligent of; and, on the other hand, where it is a strict law, one can not blame a person who is having custom house difficulties, in protesting against something, that to every intelligent stamp dealer, must prove to be as

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

Does not this add one more to the postal absurdities?

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REPRINTS.

R. E. PRINT.

Since the death of the late Mr. L. W. Durbin no one seems to have made a stand against reprints. Probably no one ever will. For dealers nowadays care more for the filling of their pockets than for the comfort of others. When they find that they have a chance to get reprints cheaply and perhaps sell them (as originals in many cases) at prices high enough to realize quite a profit, but low enough to induce purchase, they are not slow to seize the chance and let their scruples go. For this is what many of them do, and when they do sell the stamps as reprints, they generally manage to make the purchases, especially in the case of an ignorant one, think that they are just as good as originals. And yet what are they but "Government Counterfeits"? Are they ever struck off for "Postal" purposes? Is it not the chance of putting more money into their treasuries, that induces governments to put so many reprints into the hands of dealers and to do so much harm to Philately. And then, too, what a low level is this for a country to sink to.

It is reported that the United States has taken up the cause and not only forbidden reprints of United States stamps but has gone so far as to say that certain dealers shall not illustrate their catalogues with fac-similies of stamps.

A reliable dealer nowadays is perfectly willing to sell reprints and yet, who would think his honor assailed if accused of counterfeiting. You will at once say "Why should not reprints be sold" and in truth I did receive this letter from a well known New York firm. In their communication they said that reprints were just as good as originals, but they did not pay as high prices for them. What a contradiction was there in this very sentence! If, as they said, reprints were just as good as the originals, why should they not give just as high prices for them? I would have liked to have had this question answered by them and yet, it seems to me, it would have been almost impossible to have done it.

I have no doubt that the reader will think how hard the author is on dealers, but the former must remember that the author is not condemning dealers as a class, but only those who sell reprints, either without marking them as such, or else trying to persuade the purchaser that they are of equal value with originals. Of course there are some that are impossible to tell from originals, and in the case of these the seller is not to blame, but as a general thing the dealer knows what his stock is and if he sells reprints, he selling them wilfully.

Perhaps the reprints most advertised at the present time are the Alsace and Lorraine, reversed network. The original set is classed among the growing number of "Rarities" and yet the reprints are sold at prices ranging from 20 to 30 cents. This one case is enough, it would seem, to convince the most stubborn, but there are hosts of others. Take the set of United States Periodicals. These at face value amount to over two hundred dollars—the reprints in Europe are sold for almost nothing.

This reason is not the only one for classing reprints as undesirable for beside the disadvantage to yourself, there is a great disadvantage to others. Suppose some collector or dealer has, at great cost or trouble procured an original set of stamps, which are much reprinted. Often there is such a slight difference between the two that he is compelled, when selling, to almost give the original away on account of the number of reprints in the market.

I have heard collectors say that since it is impossible to obtain an original specimen of some stamps they might just as well fill up their book and cover blank spaces with reprints. What a foolish argument is this! If they buy reprints, why should they not buy counterfeits, for the two are almost on a par. Can anyone after reading these arguments still protest that reprints are just as good as originals or at any rate are permissible?

In the present system of exchange in the A. P. A. there is a counterfeit detector. Why should there not be a reprint detector as well and why should not reprint sellers be regarded as counterfeiters now

are? Would not every one be the better for it, from the large dealers down to the infant collectors? Perhaps when this day comes a better future will be in store for Philately.

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CHIPS FROM THE EAST.

BY PHOENIX.

The St. Louis stamp auction seems to have been a success, inasmuch as Brother Mekeel is going to try another one. Why cannot other auction sales be held besides in New York? Let other dealers having a surplus stock which they wish to dispose of try the experiment, which I am certain would prove a profitable one.

The *American Philatelist* for March which has just been received is an honor to the association which it represents. Its relative position in philatelic journalism is as the Sun to the Moon and Stars, for its contents are so bright that any other paper casts a shadow on philately when placed side by side with our official organ.

Why not have a philatelic paper exchange department in the A. P. A.? In the February number of the *American Philatelist* J. M. Douglas, Jr., approached the subject and now the Staten Island Philatelic Society has voted to urge President Tiffany to create a new office for the exchange of duplicate philatelic papers. So the world moves on, and "Large oaks from little acorns grow."

I note that a society has been formed in which the only requisite for joining is membership in the A. P. A. or an application for membership to that association at the time of the application to the Germantown Philatelic Society. The originators of this society think this should be made a necessary contingency to membership in any society. It certainly is a good idea, and if every local society would adopt this plan it would of necessity stipulate a healthy growth in the A. P. A.

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BY C. P. G.

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Let us then give a few moments to the study of the stamps of New Brunswick.

This country first issued stamps in (August,) 1851. This issue consisted of three varieties, viz: 3 pence red, 6 pence yellow, and one shilling, violet. Description: Square stamp with design placed diagonally across it. Crown of Great Britain in center, with the top pointing toward the upper right corner of the stamp, or if you consider the stamps diamond-shaped the crown stands upright. Roses above and below, shamrock at left, thistle at right of the crown. Numeral of value in each corner, "New-Brunswick" on upper sides, value and "Postage" on lower sides, unperforated.

These values remained in use until 1860, with no change except in cases where they were cut in two and each half used as a stamp of half the value of the entire stamp. In 1860, the decimal system of currency was introduced to the country, necessitating a change in the stamps. The following were the new values, 1, 5, 10, 12½ and 17 cents. The one cent stamp contained a picture of a locomotive in an oval surrounded by the words, "NEW BRUNSWICK—POSTAGE—ONE CENT." Numerals of value in corners, "Cent" below oval. Color, violet. The 5 and 10 cent stamps consist of portrait of Queen Victoria in an oval, surrounded by "NEW BRUNSWICK" and value in words. Numerals in corners of 5 cent, "X" in upper, "10" in lower corners, also "X" above the 10. Colors, green and vermilion, respectively.

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Several of our exchanges do not like our change of form, and predict for us a sudden and violent death.

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U. S. stamps are printed in sheets of two hundred each, and then cut in two.

Vol. 1, No. 1 of the *Ohio Philatelist* has embarked on the tempestuous sea of Philatelic Journalism. It remains to be seen whether it will float or sink.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

The word *Correos* on the Spanish stamps means *post boys*.

The *Spindle City Youth* contains a few items for collectors.

Timbre is the French for stamps, and *Timbre Post* means postage stamp.

There are said to be 850 shades of color represented by the stamps of the world.

The *Philatelic Advertiser* has been received from across the "drink." It is quite neat.

The *Philatelic Midget* will change to a twelve page magazine with the May number, and has assumed the name *Iowa Philatelist*.

The *Curiosity World* for March appears as a 16-page magazine, with cover. There is no change in the contents, however, which are as interesting as ever.

Mr. N. E. Carter writes us that he has bought out Mr. Judson's share in the *Badger State Philatelist*, and will hereafter have complete control of that journal.

The *Buckeye State Collector* is climbing upward. No. 7 consists of eight pages and a neat cover. Keep it up Bro. Smith, there is lots of room at the top.

There are said to be 200,000 stamp collectors in the U. S. We hardly expect to get the entire number on our subscription books, and will, for the present, be entirely satisfied with the very modest demand of 1 per cent. (2000)

The *Western Philatelist* says that No. 5 of this paper would no doubt please "youthful collectors." Now Brothers, don't you really think that even a *Philatelist* might find something of interest in our two last issues?

The *Hoosier Naturalist* Vol. 3, No. 2 is at hand. 4 pages, 12 columns, 6 times a year, and subscription price 50 cents per annum; one-sixth the amount of reading matter the *COLLECTOR* contains, and price twice as much!

Of the 1 peseta Spain, issue of 1876, there are two varieties. The more common has the numeral 1 in the blocks at the lower angles somewhat thicker than are those of the rarer variety; while the letters in the word "Peseta" are thinner.

The very latest is the *Philatelic Midget* from La Hoyt, Iowa. Well, we should think it was a midget. (3 x 4 inches) It remarks regarding the *COLLECTOR*—"The Hawkeye State Collector, will hereafter be published in newspaper form, this means DEATH." We rather guess not Bro. Jay, not if the subscriptions continue to pour in as they have since No. 6 was mailed.

The *Agassiz Companion* is a fine magazine, and has reached the mature age of three years.

The postal card was first issued in Austria, where it was invented by Dr. E. Herrman.

The *Geologist's Gazette* is quite interesting, but better printing would improve its appearance.

The *March Youth's Ledger* contains an engraving of E. R. Aldrich the well known dealer and publisher of Benson, Minn.

Nearly all the "Connell" stamps in existence are said to be counterfeits made by Mr. Greenslade of Toronto, Canada, in 1880.

The first stamp dealer in the U. S. began business in 1861, the first hand book was published in 1863, and the first philatelic paper in 1864.

The *Culmar Exchange* is to be changed to the *Iowa Philatelist*. That is a good move Bro. Scott. Roll up your sleeves, set your editorial machinery in motion, and go in and win fame and lucre. There are already three collector's papers in Iowa but come on "misery likes company."

The entrance of *One Dime* into our editorial sanctum was hailed by a cry from the Junior—"Devil, bring the microscope." The Senior, who is possessed of very strong eyes, managed to decipher it without the aid of "ocular contrivances" and found it to be an interesting little magazine, size 3x5. Come again.

TROUBLING THE POSTMASTER

A lantern jawed young man entered the post office the other day and yelled out:

"Anything fer the Wattses?"

"No, there is not" replied the postmaster.

"Anything fer Jane Watts?"

"No."

"Anything fer Ase Watts?"

"Nothing."

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"No, nothing."

"Anything fer fool Joe Watts?"

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issues, as every one can find them by any standard catalogue. In the series of official stamps there is a rarity in the 6 ore, which is sometimes found printed grey. I am not aware that this rarity is catalogued by American authorities, but it is nevertheless in existence, and is but little rarer than the 6 ore lilac, although it has never been generally exported.

These oddities are as worthy a place in the collector's album, as the 5 cent. yellow, or the 3 cent, bright red of the United States.

Last on the subject is the relation that Sweden bears to the Philatelic world. I believe that the Swedes, in proportion to their population, take as much interest in Philately as any of their neighbors and rank far ahead in honesty. This, I think, is a fact worth taking into account.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

PROVISIONAL SURCHARGES.

By FIG.

We have a good many pests that infest the extensive field of Philately, but none other so greatly troubles and destroys our pleasure as the provisionals, as they are termed.

They are to my mind a mild kind of counterfeit. I dare say that three-fourths of the surcharges we see in collections and on approval sheets were never authorized by the government from which they were said to have appeared, by the persons that handle them. Some of them are undoubtedly genuine, as for instance a design that is made hurriedly, just for temporary purposes and not a surcharged specimens as many of them are, and of which I wish to speak especially.

There are many philatelists that have made a stand against these surcharged inventions, but a few still hold to them, and to these I desire to speak, in the hopes of throwing the proper light on many of these surcharges.

Now, it is useless to say that they are not used for temporary purposes, for many of them will first appear with a new value printed over the original one, and it might be well to mention that three or four different inscriptions will be used to denote one value, and that is good proof that but few are genuine, and if genuine, they are often for speculative purposes than for a benefit to the government, and my advice is to collect only what one knows to be genuine, and leave the uncertain ones to those that make them.

It seems as though nearly one-half of the stamps offered for sale now, on approval sheets, are nothing but provisionals and the majority are unused, still there are a few that are genuine, *bona fide* issues, made for postal purposes, but the number is so small compared with the number of inventions made by unscrupulous dealers, etc. that it is not safe to handle them. I hope to see the time when such stamps as provisional surcharges shall be discarded by all.

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Oscar H. Spray, La Hoyt, Iowa.

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C. C. Jay, Box V, La Hoyt, Ia.

An Egyptian unused official stamp for every 100 square-cut envelope stamps, 50 U. S. before 1870, 10 revenue or 5 match and medicine stamps. W. H. Verity,

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STAMPS AS AN INVESTMENT.

REGINALD.

The immense demand and consequent scarcity of all obsolete stamps, especially those of which but few were issued, causes a continual rise in their value. Look at a paper or catalogue but two or three years old and compare the quotation with those of today,—nearly all the stamps have advanced in price. The rarer varieties are gradually getting out of our reach, and many are now unobtainable except by the breaking up of an old collection, and then they command exorbitant figures.

Within the past decade, the increase in value of United States stamps is unparalleled in history, the demand for them grew to enormous proportions; and still it continues year after year, as many collectors are making them a specialty. The stamps of our own country then, form the best examples of a safe investment. To see what could be made on some stamps, take a glance over some of the old issues. One stamp each of the 1869 issue, could be bought at post offices 12 years ago for \$1.93. The set is now catalogued at over \$13. At even half this figure they would yield about 23 per cent annual profit. But this example is merely nominal. There are certain stamps which—had some of the older collectors foreseen their coming value, would not now prove a Goleconda to any ordinary mortal. A 5c. of 1856, (then obtainable at face value of course) is now worth \$3.50, equal to 218 per cent annual profit. One dollar's worth of them 32 years ago would equal \$70 worth in 1888. It is needless to go further, or figure on rarer stamps, some of which are worth 1500 or 2000 times their face value.

Durbin's catalogue of 1884 quotes for instance, the 12c. of 1851 at 25c. the 5c. of '61 for 5c. the 24c. of '70 for 10c. the '65 set of newspaper stamps for 70c. besides many others which are worth at least three times that money now. Almost without exception the entire list of U. S. stamps, and a host of foreign as well, show the same natural rise in price. There is no possible reason for lower rates,—on the contrary they will continue to advance until the last collector is swept off the face of the earth—and there is no prospect of this!

Stamp investments, when made with due consideration, are as safe and sure as any known to the financial or commercial world, and would prove a rich field for the speculator. We are often brought

to face lost opportunities and the good fortune lost with them, and wish that the time might be lived over again; but by the lesson of the past let us improve the present.

Philatelists should watch the prevailing state of the stamp market, then govern themselves accordingly—that is if they wish to invest their spare change where it will yield best results. There are numerous ways of advantageously disposing of every stamp you can get possession of.

It will be well to remember that, since philately is universal, all stamps have a value, are good property, and the markets always active and as sure as the pursuit of collecting them increases do they become equally rare and valuable.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

FOSSILS.

WM. J. BUCKLEY.

I have no doubt that all of the readers of this paper are interested in collections of Indian relics, stamps, coins, etc. This article I hope to make interesting to collectors of fossils.

About two years ago, I had occasion to go to the Asbestos mines, operated by New York companies, in Canada. Being employed by one of these firms, I was sent to superintend the mines during the summer months. While there, I noticed something peculiar in several large pieces of asbestos, which led me to ascertain the cause, accordingly I sent several pieces to the experimenting superintendent at the factory, who pronounced them to be organic remains, more commonly called fossils. From that day I became very much interested in the collection and study of fossils.

Fossils are those animal and vegetable substances that are contained in rocky strata, or are found in the earth. In the works of Pliny many fossil bodies are mentioned, particularly the bucardia, resembling an ox's heart, but which was doubtless a cast formed in a shell. The lowest and most level parts of the earth, when penetrated to any great depth, exhibit strata containing innumerable marine productions. Similar formations compose hills, and even mountains, in which the shells are so numerous as to constitute the main body of the rock; and they are often in such a perfect state of preservation, that even the smallest of them retain their most delicate processes.

The fossils of land animals imbedded in strata, and dispersed through gravel, belong to species at

present unknown. In various parts parts of this country have been discovered the remains of the elephant and mastadon; in Ireland have been found the remains of the deer, of a size far exceeding any now known; and in Scotland have been found bones of the elk and ox. In France, Germany, Italy and indeed in most parts of Europe, remains of large animals have been found.

There is hardly a river in this immense universe, upon the shores, or in the bed of which there has not been found the bones of animals. From the mountains by which Asia is bounded, to the frozen shores of the ocean, all Siberia is filled with prodigious bones. The best fossil ivory is found in countries nearest the Arctic circle. The number of fossil remains of the rhinoceros which have been discovered is considerable, not only in Siberia, but in Germany and other parts of Europe.

The Alpine limestone of Germany and Loraine has produced fossils of a large sea tortoise, whose shells measured from 6 to 8 feet in length.

As respects vegetable remains in a fossilized state, collections of bituminized woods and other vegetable matter are found at various depths, in different parts of the world.

Cannel coal, as well as anthracite, frequently exhibits traces of fossil textures in its substance, which could have been derived only from wood. The ironstone and strata that accompany coal contain, with remains of many other unknown vegetables, parts of various plants.

The mineral matters which enter into the composition of fossils, are of three kinds, viz, calcareous, silicious and argillaceous. Iron and copper pyrites are performing the same part, though with less frequency than the substances first mentioned. In conclusion I have only to remark concerning those monuments of former worlds, that in the several formations composing the outer part of the earth down to the primitive rocks, the fossil remains which they contain vary in each formation, and at the same time differ from all beings which now exist.

The success of the Archaeologist's society, which is now being organized by several of our most prominent collectors, seems to be assured.

Such an organization will be of the utmost importance to all followers of this grand branch of collecting, and we hope to see it receive the support it deserves. About 70 persons have already signified their intention of joining.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

SWEDEN AND ITS STAMPS.

WILLIAM B. HALE.

In placing this article before the Philatelic Public, I would first say that I shall treat on the Philatelic relation that Sweden sustains to the rest of the world, and more particularly on its stamps, postage and local. Next to Sardinia, Sweden made an attempt at a postal system. A man in Stockholm named Treffenberg conceived, and proposed to the assembly of Swedish Nobility, the idea of issuing stamped paper, which was to be folded in the form of envelopes for the covering of letters.

Treffenberg received the support of quite a number of the nobility, among whom the Count de Schwerin figured prominently, but the project was rejected by a large majority. This was sometime before the Chalmers or Hill presentation, and dated about 1832-36.

There are many Stockholm locals which are collected by some collectors, principally those living in Scandinavia. There are also to be mentioned a class of stamps called by the Scandinavians "Dienskarten," these are of somewhat odd design and consist of 9 varieties. They are found principally in European markets.

1874 } 6 ore, chocolate,
6 ore, brown,
10 ore, red.

In 1882 a 6 ore, lilac was issued. Surcharges of 5 ore on 6 ore, brown, chocolate and lilac, also a distinct plate of a 5 ore, in green. These were of an 1885 issue. In 1874 may be mentioned the black "P. S." stamps.

The post office authorities have always used great care in the selection of plates for their stamps and the allotting of colors to a series.

The King himself is something of an enthusiast, especially in the way of art and coins.

One of the latest features is the post-horn on the back of the stamps these are to be found on the 10, carmine of 1885, and the 4, 5, 20, 30, and 50 ore of 1886-87. By the way but few collectors are probably aware that the 10 ore, carmine of 1885 with the King's head, is also found unperforated, and is somewhat rarer than when in the usual condition. The unperforated specimen does not have the post-horn on its back.

The 20 ore of 1872 with the words "Tretio ore," color, red may be mentioned among the errors, if such they are.

I will do away with the chronicling of the stamps in the regular

issues, as every one can find them by any standard catalogue. In the series of official stamps there is a rarity in the 6 ore, which is sometimes found printed grey. I am not aware that this rarity is catalogued by American authorities, but it is nevertheless in existence, and is but little rarer than the 6 ore lilac, although it has never been generally exported.

These oddities are as worthy a place in the collector's album, as the 5 cent, yellow, or the 3 cent, bright red of the United States.

Last on the subject is the relation that Sweden bears to the Philatelic world. I believe that the Swedes, in proportion to their population, take as much interest in Philately as any of their neighbors and rank far ahead in honesty. This, I think, is a fact worth taking into account.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

PROVISIONAL SURCHARGES.

By FIG.

We have a good many pests that infest the extensive field of Philately, but none other so greatly troubles and destroys our pleasure as the provisionals, as they are termed.

They are to my mind a mild kind of counterfeit. I dare say that three-fourths of the surcharges we see in collections and on approval sheets were never authorized by the government from which they were said to have appeared, by the persons that handle them. Some of them are undoubtedly genuine, as for instance a design that is made hurriedly, just for temporary purposes and not a surcharged specimens as many of them are, and of which I wish to speak especially.

There are many philatelists that have made a stand against these surcharged inventions, but a few still hold to them, and to these I desire to speak, in the hopes of throwing the proper light on many of these surcharges.

Now, it is useless to say that they are not used for temporary purposes, for many of them will first appear with a new value printed over the original one, and it might be well to mention that three or four different inscriptions will be used to denote one value, and that is good proof that but few are genuine, and if genuine, they are often for speculative purposes than for a benefit to the government, and my advice is to collect only what one knows to be genuine, and leave the uncertain ones to those that make them.

It seems as though nearly one-half of the stamps offered for sale now, on approval sheets, are nothing but provisionals and the majority are unused, still there are a few that are genuine, *bona fide* issues, made for postal purposes, but the number is so small compared with the number of inventions made by unscrupulous dealers, etc. that it is not safe to handle them. I hope to see the time when such stamps as provisional surcharges shall be discarded by all.

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NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

SEÑOR AMERICANO.

I wish to give a brief description of these stamps, for the reason that but few collectors have ever seen the rarest of them, and are even deprived of the privilege of seeing cuts in catalogues, as the postoffice authorities strictly prohibit the making or using of any cut of stamps issued by the U. S. government.

The first periodical stamps were issued in October, 1865 and were of 4 varieties: 5 cents, blue; profile of Washington to right, 5 cents, blue; same as above excepting that it has a white space between stamps, 10 cents, green; profile of Franklin to right, 25 cents, pale red; profile of Lincoln to left.

The government found that other values were needed, and January 1st, 1875 25 new stamps were issued. Since that date no stamps have been emitted excepting the 1 cent of 1885. The following is a list of 1875 issue: 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 cents, which were all printed in black and bore the emblematic figure of America, taken from the original on the dome of the National Capitol building in Washington. On June 1st, 1885 a one cent, black, of the same design was struck.

Next on the list comes the 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 96 cents. These stamps original color was carmine, but at each impression the color changed slightly until it

reached a bright red. This is so in the case of every stamp, making virtually 16 varieties, 8 carmine and 8 bright red.

These stamps all contained the figure of Astræa, the goddess of justice, standing in a niche. The right hand holds the balance, while the left rests on a shield.

1 dollar 92 cents, color, brown.

Figure of Ceres, the daughter of Saturn and Cybele, and the goddess of corn, harvest and the flowers; the left hand holding an ear of corn and the right holds a wreath which rests against the knee.

3 dollars, vermilion.

Goddess of victory attired in full robes; the right hand holds a wreath and the left rests on a shield.

6 dollars, ultramarine.

Adorned by the figure of Clio, one of the nine muses and supposed by the ancient Greeks to preside over history; also in full robes, holding in her right hand a stylus, and in her left a tablet.

9 dollars, orange.

Figure of Minerva, goddess of wisdom, arts, the sciences and war grasping a spear in the right hand while the left is across the breast.

12 dollars, green.

Vesta, the goddess of charity and domestic happiness and the sister of Ceres and Juno; the right hand holds a burning lamp and the left lifts her drapery.

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The *Collector* of Gambia, Ohio publishes very readable articles.

The *Philatelic Journal of Ohio* for April contains four inches of reading matter.

Herdman's Miscellany is another that has come to us from across the "herring pond."

The *International Philatelic Advertiser* appears, now, as a 32-page magazine; a great improvement.

The *Agassiz Record* is exceedingly interesting, and is as fine a paper as can be found west of the Father of Waters.

The *Charleston Philatelist* has enlarged to 8 pages and a neat cover. It is a pity such a fine paper does not visit us oftener.

It is reported that Babb and Carstarphen have sold the *Collector's Review* to Mr. Chas. G. Woodworth but still retain the editorship.

Mr. W. A. Tebow the well known stamp dealer of Muscatine, Iowa has removed to Sacramento, where his business will be continued.

The *Philatelic Tribune* has entered the journalistic arena again. The "patent insides" are conspicuous by their absence. We are glad of that at least.

We see that an old philatelic paper in our library claims that Mount Brown, of London was the first stamp collector, and that J. B. Moens was the first dealer.

The *Queen City Philatelist* is a new departure, hailing from Cincinnati, O. The editor's opinions on the high-value 1886 envelopes is solid common sense.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

THE STAMPS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

BY C. P. G.

PART II.

The 12½ cent stamp consisted of steamship in oval, otherwise the same as one cent. Color dark blue.

The 17 cent stamp consisted of a portrait of Prince Albert in Scottish attire in oval surrounded by "New Brunswick postage." value in corners, "cents" below oval; color, black.

In December, 1863, a two cent stamp issued, similar in design to the 5 cent, but with ornamental work around the oval to complete rectangle. Numeral "2" in a circle in each corner; color, orange.

New Brunswick has also furnished besides these stamps, one which has caused many disputes among philatelic authorities, the "Connell" stamp.

The stamp is said to have been issued by Mr. Connell while he was postmaster general, in 1861.

This stamp contained a portrait of Mr. Connell, in oval, numeral "5" in corners, similar to the 5 and 10 cent 1860; color, brown.

This stamp is believed by many to have been regularly issued, sold and used for one day, and while a few have specimens of this stamp, bearing the cancellation mark, none are known to exist on the original envelope. And while this stamp will probably never be properly identified, yet it will go down the annals of time as an undisputed rarity at the side of the Brattleboro Baltimore, and other rarities, of which even a sight will be long remembered by the "common class" of philatelists.

THE END.

ARE THEY GENUINE LOCALS?

The *Toronto Philatelic Journal* says, in answer to a correspondent, that the La Hoyt, Iowa local stamps have no philatelic value, whatever, and were issued by Mr. Jay to obtain notoriety.

This we do not believe. The stamps were issued for a rather peculiar purpose, it is true, but they are certainly affixed to all letters carried to and from the Mt. Pleasant post office by Mr. Jay, as a local mail carrier. The farmers of the little village of La Hoyt prefer to pay Mr. Jay one cent for each letter, rather than go to Mt. Pleasant (a distance of three miles) for their mail. On receiving the postage Mr. Jay affixes his stamp in the left, upper corner of the envelope, as a voucher for the postage paid. Is this not *exactly* on the same principle as Blood's, Hussey's and other well known posts?

We shall endeavor to investigate the matter thoroughly before our next issue and will then be enabled to throw some light on the subject. In the meantime let us hear from the philatelic press about the matter. We stated in No. 6 that the stamps were printed from a metal electrotype. This was erroneous. They were type-set and were printed by Mr. Jay, on a small hand press.

A good gum for labels may be made as follows: Dextrine, 2oz; glycerine, 1 drachm; alcohol, 1oz; water, 4oz.

We see that philatelic papers are beginning to "bar down hard" on the Mocking Bird Pub. Co., Bellville, Ohio. We have had some experience with this gang, and can truly say that they are frauds of the first water.

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VOL. I. WYOMING, IOWA, APRIL 28, 1888. NO. 9.

Written expressly for the H. S. C. NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

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PART II.

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In section 3232, article 5 of the postal laws, it reads: ordinary or postage-due cannot be used for such matter, nor can the newspaper and periodical stamps be used for any other purpose; and, *under no circumstances whatever are they to be furnished to the public, or sold, or loaned to other postmasters, or removed from the stubs after cancellation.*

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The philatelists of Ohio are trying to organize a state association, on the same principles as the A. P. A. Thirteen collectors have joined so far, and we trust that all collectors will join in making this society a success. We were formerly residents of the Buckeye state, and we naturally take an interest in its philatelic welfare. Collectors wishing to join can obtain information and blanks by sending to W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, O.

RICHWOOD'S DISPATCH.

Mr. James C. Jay, proprietor of "Richwood's Dispatch" sends us two new varieties of stamps. The first is nearly the same as the ones described in No. 6, the difference is that the words "To and from the P. O." are replaced by "From the P. O.," and the word "stamp" is in different type. The specimen before us is printed in carmine, on orange-red paper, while the first varieties were on white and brown paper. The stamp is type-set.

The other variety is printed from a metal electrotype, and is triangular in shape and considerably larger than the triangular Capes. It contains in the center a likeness of Mr. Jay. To the left is "carrier" and to the right the word "stamp," at each side is the numeral "1." along the edges run two lines which enclose "Richwood's Dispatch, paid to the P. O." The stamp is rather poorly printed, in carmine, on white paper.

If these stamps are accepted by the collectors of the U. S., and are deemed worthy of a place in their albums Mr. Jay will probably make a small fortune from his scheme, as he is a *stamp collector*. We must say it looks rather like a speculation to make money out of "us poor collectors," but we believe the stamps actually serve the purpose they are purported to be for—that of prepaying local mail, which is carried by Mr. Jay.

Judging from the appearance of the March "*Youths Ledger*" the editor must be struck on U.S stamps. It is a fine number through and it is well worth 35 cents a year to which the subscription price is soon to be raised.

er. In my opinion the dealers who sell unused periodicals, obtained them before 1881 when they could be purchased at the postoffice at face value.

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The stamps of Venezuela inscribed "Escuelas," which means schools, are used for inland postage, and all the profits derived from the service are devoted to the support of the public schools, usually attended by the children of the lower classes. The system has been in operation since 1876, and four sets of stamps have already been issued, many of which are extremely rare.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

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PHILATELIC NOTES.

E. P. NEWCOMER.

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The *Figaro* for February contains the likeness of J. J. Casey.

Only ten Brattleboro local stamps are known to be in existence.

Quetzal's Notes in the *Mohawk Standard* are very interesting.

Dr. Gray of the British Museum issued the first stamp catalogue.

The rarest Western Australia stamp is the 2d. chocolate of the 1885 issue.

Wells M. Cook still edits the Philatelic Department in the Little Clipper of Mendota, Ill.

The *Philatelic Herald* promises a very fine number for January but it is very slow in coming.

Many stamp collectors are now confining their collections to the stamps of North America only.

The *Youths Ledger* claims to contain a larger number of "exchanges" in each issue than any other collector's paper.

C. W. Anson of Portsmouth O. who intended soon to issue a paper devoted partly to collecting, has left for California for his health.

The Speculative deal in high value envelopes is making quite a racket in philatelic circles. J. J. Casey's views as published in the *Figaro* are very level.

The *Philatelic Midget* presents a carelessness in its make-up that is positively appalling. In the May number it waxeth funny and indulges in several puns (?) which are terribly excruciating. We will forgive you this time, Bro. J.—if you will never do it again.

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THE Hawkeye State Collector.

VOL. I.

WYOMING, IOWA, MAY 12, 1888.

NO. 10.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

SOME TROUBLES OF A YOUNG COLLECTOR.

C. W. CAMP.

It is by degrees, and by taking many steps in advance, that a youth who at first, only thinks that a Persian official is a pretty thing to have, develops into a genuine collector. It is a road that many of us have traveled upon, and it would be well, perhaps, if we would sometimes look back and recall our difficulties, if only to smile at them.

The stamp fever is as contagious as many another disease. One catches it from another, and the seed is often the sight of a poor collection of common enough stamps. But if it is enough it will do, quite as well as if the whole of the possibilities which spread before the man of money and philatelic tastes, were revealed in the first instance.

"Where in the world did you get them all?" is a question often asked a collector, much as if the questioner thought that stamps are to be picked up on the roadside or on the bushes, if one only knew just where to go to get them. And I think to myself, if I only knew the bank on which the rare United States and Confederate State stamps, grew in abundance, how very far I am from the sort of a fellow who would go around and tell everybody all about it.

No, the answer that will be true,

to such a large query, must be a very long catalogue of stony-hearted dealers in stamps, who want just as much for a coveted stamp when I have not the money to pay for it as when I am rich. There is no stamp of any country which has not its price, its buyer and its seller.

And here is one of the questions that will puzzle the young collector, where to buy his stamps. He would like to have a good list of dealers, who would pity his inexperience, and sell him lots of stamps for very little money. Let him consult the columns of the HAWKEYE STATE COLLECTOR and he will find the names of honorable firms, who only wait for him to give them a fair chance, to serve him faithfully. But let him beware of advertisements which promise to give the whole earth, and a few of the planets thrown in, for very little money. The fact is, that good stamps are worth money. Stamps not so good are worth less, and there are mutilated stamps and counterfeits which are worth nothing at all. Let no one give room in his album for a stamp that is not worth a cash value, and let no man believe that he is going to buy big value for little money, in stamps, unless that he knows that he is a judge of the articles offered to him. If the ruling price of butter is twenty-five cents a pound, and a man offers me a lot for fifteen cents I ought to suspect that the butter is not gilt-edge, exactly. It sometimes takes a good judge to know

the difference between a bargain and a swindle, in stamps as in other things.

Another puzzle, which has wrinkled the forehead of many a young collector, is to know the difference between stamps that look just alike to his inexperience. Some are perforated, some are rouletted, some are unperforated and some are grilled or embossed.

When the stamps are printed, they are printed in sheets which contain a number of stamps. The way in which the stamps are separated for use, has given these terms to distinguish between the methods. The unperforated stamps were cut apart with scissors, as a general thing. They will show a smooth cut, sometimes crooked, and a margin of the stamp with paper unprinted, on some of the sides of the stamp, at least. If there is no margin, and the paper has been trimmed off close to the printed part of the stamp, beware of it, for it is quite possible that some unprincipled person has trimmed the perforations off, with a view to deceive.

To make the perforated stamps, the sheet of stamps has been through a process which punched a row of holes between the stamps, so that the stamp could be easily torn from its fellows. These perforations may be of various sizes and shapes. The Finland issue of 1866-7 will illustrate the largest and most noticeable, while the United States issue of 1856 will perhaps show those of the smallest size. The perforated stamp is usually easy to identify, when it has been let

alone by designing people.

made by cutting small slits, instead of punching holes, between the stamps. A familiar example of rouletting is seen in the pasters, sent out by ambitious candidates to voters, just before election, and which are so popular amongst collectors for hinges. The edge of the rouletted stamp shows a succession of smooth places, separated by rough places of equal length. It is often necessary to examine them quite closely, in order to be quite sure of them.

In 1868 the experiment was made in the United States of impressing a steel die, finely divided into points, against the back of the stamps then issued, and stamps in this condition are called embossed or grilled. The die was not so cut as to permit the points to pass clear through the paper, for the object was merely to break up the smooth surface that had been printed on, enough to permit the cancelling ink to penetrate the fibre on the paper, so that the ink might not be washed off and the stamp used again. This grill is found on the issues of 1868, 1869 and 1870 only. It was found that the best way to prevent the use of cancelled stamps, was in an improvement of the ink used for cancelling. The grill may be looked for, with the most confidence, on the square stamps of 1869, as almost all of them were grilled. It may also be seen in perfection on the Peruvians issued between 1874 and 1884. To be able to distinguish the grill becomes necessary in examining stamps of the issue of 1868 and 1870, of the United States, because it is the only distinguishing characteristic of those dates. The issue just previous to 1868 is identi-

cal in ink, paper and design, with the 1868 issue, and is cheap, while the real, grilled 1868's are comparatively high, and are growing higher in price. Just so, the issue succeeding 1870, is identical with that issue except the grill, and the grilled stamps are high, while the plain ones are common.

When our young friends have learned to see at a glance whether a stamp is perforated, rouletted or unperforated, and when they can be sure that a stamp is grilled or not, they will have learned a habit of careful examination and study of their stamps which will not only give added pleasure to the pursuit of their pastime, but will also more than repay them for the time and trouble the habit has cost. They will smile with contempt at the stamp which has been trimmed, and at its brother fraud which has been grilled at second hand, through the rough embrace of a piece of sand-paper, or by too close contact with a file.

And when they have learned in addition, as they will learn in course of time, that it is possible to buy some things too cheaply, they will have gained a lesson which will serve them well in many ways their lives long.

Vol. 1 No. 2, of the *Canadian Philatelist* has reached us. It consists principally of notes and advertisements, and is poorly printed.

Owing to a delay in receiving the paper, it was impossible for us to print our regular issue last week. It shall not occur again for it is our aim to be always just on tick. Subscriptions will be extended a week.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

THE WOOD-BLOCK CAPE OF GOOD HOPES.

BY FIG.

As most collectors are aware, the wood block issue of the Cape of Good Hope stamps are exceedingly difficult to obtain, and there is not another set of stamps assigned to any one county that are as interesting to study and form ideas on as this set, in my estimation, at least.

The values are of but two denominations, but each variety was issued in two colors, viz:

1 d., red, 1 d., blue,
4d., red, 4d., blue.

They are triangular in shape, and of the same dimensions as the preceding issue, but the figure of Hope is in a sitting posture, in the latter and in a reclining position in the former. Although I have never seen mention of the following in any work on these stamps, I am confident to state that the stamps that were issued in red were printed sometime after the blue ones made their appearance. I have not been able to find the positive date but I think the red variety was issued in the early part of 1862, or about a year after the blue ones were issued.

The stamps were all printed from wood-engravings which accounts for their dull appearance. About the only attainable varieties (that is, at a moderate sum) is the 1d., red and the 4d., blue, and they are by no means common.

Mr. S. C. Scott, of Calmar, Iowa, writes us that he will soon issue the *U. S. Philatelist*. Six papers already in Iowa, and Great Scott, another victim!

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Mr. W. R. Ely the popular stamp dealer of Chenango Forks, N. Y. has removed to Binghamton, where his business will be continued.

The *Philatelic Advertiser*, of London, Eng., is one of our most interesting European exchanges. The record of new issues is particularly complete.

Some of our contemporaries announce a new *Michigan Philatelist*, published by Smith and Forbes, Belleville, Mich. Will you kindly start a "pair of copies" in our direction, brothers?

Advertisement in No. 11!

Read the "ad" of Mr. L. E. Curtis he is perfectly reliable, and honest in all his dealings.

The *Figaro* announces that it shall give no space to personal quarrels, hereafter, "as they are of no interest to our readers." We are glad you have found that out, at last, Bro. Voute.

The *Collector's World* is the most horrible nightmare of a philatelic sheet, that has ever invaded our sanctum. It is a living example of the folly of attempting to print a paper on a small and cheap press.

The *Agassiz Companion* announces on its cover that is devoted to "Natural History, Philately," etc. Each month, in an agony of suspense, we carefully scan its pages, always with the same result—No "flatlicks."

Has the *Philatelic Herald* given up the ghost, after so bravely struggling to "catch up?" We hope not Bro. Jewett, for we would much rather have your newsy paper visit us *six months* behind time, than to lose it altogether.

"Ensmallled" do you call it, Mr. Editor of the *Philatelic Tribune*? Guess not! Please remember that the *COLLECTOR* is published *every week*, just four times as often as the *Tribune*, and if you wish to exchange please send *two* copies.

The *Philatelic Tribune* for May publishes a philatelic story purported to be written for it by Albert A. Young, but which is copied nearly word for word from an old number of the *New York World*. Watch out for those fellows, Bro. Stanton.

MISS JESSIE E. GREENE.

We had, in times gone by, thought that the ranks of our glorious hobby were at least free from frauds among the gentler sex. We were roughly awakened from this idea by finding that the lady (?) whose name appears at the head of this item, had \$4 worth of our stamps which she did not seem in a hurry to return. Miss Greene wrote us, from Denton, Neb., for sheets, and gave a written reference signed J. J. Winters, attorney-at-law, stating that Miss Greene was perfectly reliable, etc., etc. Had it been a man who applied for the sheets we should have written to the reference, but in this case we dispensed with this necessary preliminary and sent her the sheets. Not being able to receive any reply from her after three or four efforts, we wrote to the postmaster at Denton, and received a letter stating that there was no such person as J. J. Winters, and that Miss Greene had left for San Juan, Cal., probably stamps and all. And we? oh, we are here yet, and we "smile a sickly smile" as we think of the dishonesty of this wicked world, in general, and of Miss Greene, in particular.

THE LUCKY MAN.

The prize offered for the best article on Philately, Numismatics, Archæology and Curios collecting, was awarded to Mr. H. E. French, of Niagara Falls, South, Canada. His article "A Curios Stone" will appear in some future number of the COLLECTOR.

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NOTES FROM ARIZONA.

EUGENE A. BROWNE.

Lands are now being reclaimed and worked, in this section, which, though formerly centers of civilization, have lain waste for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years; and it is no unusual thing to turn up unknown and curious implements at a slight depth. The writer gathered a number of such relics, recently, on exploring a newly-plowed tract, one specimen of which is especially interesting. It was a large pear-shaped rock, nicely smoothed, but somewhat discolored by the washing of ages: through the smaller end an oblong hole had been made, affording a grip or handle similar to that of a satchel. The stone was quite heavy, weighing fully 25 pounds. Conjectures as to its use were various. Perhaps it was a large pestle or muller employed to grind maize, but its size would have made it rather unwieldy for that purpose; It might have been a dumb-bell, but it wasn't! Finally, after much inquiry, and investigation as to the position in which these implements have been found elsewhere its curious position was arrived at: It seems that the bygone race, being better agriculturists than warriors, had contrived to make a small, but effective, little instrument do the duty of an arsenal. Their houses

were of cement and were entered through a long, low passage, on all fours. This stone was hung directly in front of the inner opening and was allowed to swing freely. as intruders were forced to enter singly, the inhabitants could easily control an army, if need be, and still remain uninjured. How many heads the rock has battered, I am unable to say, as the owners forgot to leave a mark for every man killed, as the modern warrior is wont to do.

EL ARCO.

Seven or eight miles from Florence, up the Gila river, there exists an eccentricity of nature. Rising abruptly from the stream is a massive stone arch which was once a part of the mountain, now separated from and standing behind it. This arch stands as proud and symmetrical as if formed by the ceaseless toil and engineering skill of man. Yet it was one time a part of the very mountain which it now seems to look toward for support. Some revolution of nature, (perhaps the late earthquake,) having separated the two, the crevice between was formed. Standing alone, the under portion of the rock, hundreds of tons in weight, has fallen into the seething current below—and behold! a perfect arch! The mountain itself is not devoid of interest. Being of limestone formation, its caverns and oddities make the spot of in-

terest. The writer, in a single day's exploring trip, found 57 pounds of agates on the elevation. Truly *El Arco* was not formed in vain.

INDIAN IDOLATRY.

It is odd that such an interesting theme should be so generally ignored by the majority of archaeological writers. I have searched in vain for good, trust-worthy accounts of Indians and their idols. Perhaps it is a subject that very few have had practical experience in. Various tribes have their religious services as regularly as we do, and yet how different! It is enough for this time, to notice but one tribe, the Pimos. These Indians, although a branch of the Apaches, have become more subdued. They live in "wickey-ups," or cone-shaped wigwams built of rushes, which bear a close resemblance to large beehives. There are no windows, and but one entrance—a hole just large enough to comfortably crawl through. Being quite superstitious they indulge in numerous orgies (or native religious services) supposed to benefit them in some way. On contact with civilization they gradually give up these entertaining pastimes. They value the worship of images very highly, and for that reason are easily converted to Catholicism. Their deities are various,—a god of rain, of peace, of war, of protection, of plenty, and perhaps others. In this region the "God of protection" (from reptiles and beasts) is more highly favored by them than his numerous relatives.

He is a hideous looking fellow at any rate, and if a person should stumble against him at night, would no doubt create consternation.

By some patent process this clay deity, "*Gauda*," is able to prevent any unpleasant familiarity on the part of tarantulas, rattlesnakes, etc., providing he is well smoked with herbs, and has a howling religious propitiation, accompanied by burned delicacies, every once in a while. He also feels highly honored in having each repulsive nature treasure up an equally hideous image of his majesty's likeness in order to make offering to. The little images are of vermilion clay, with black bands like a Zebra, four claw-feet and a lizard tail; a rattlesnake head completes the description. Although their skill in pattern is not perfect, yet one can easily see that "*Gauda*" is a good likeness of the dreaded Gila monster.

IN MEMORIAM.

DIED:—At its place of business in Chicago, the *Western Philatelist*, aged one year and five months.

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The Kalamazoo *Chronicles* in the *Quaker City Philatelist* is about the silliest and most useless philatelic (?) article we have seen, especially in a journal of as high standing as the *Q. C. P.*

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REVIEW.

All articles, publications, etc. sent us, will be carefully reviewed.

The following have been received:

From Mr. J. R. Nissley, Ada, O. a fine 8 page illustrated catalogue of Indian-Stone Implements.

From Mr. Eugene A. Browne, Florence, Arizona, a specimen of fish hook cactus. Very curious and worthy of a place in any collection.

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Further description cheerfully written for stamp.

E. A. BROWNE,

Florence, Arizona.

THE Hawkeye State Collector.

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WYOMING, IOWA, MAY 26, 1888.

NO. 12.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

STAMP COLLECTING--PAST AND PRESENT.

SURCHARGE.

The stamp collectors of the present day if they only have money, can obtain as large a collection in a day, as it took the collectors of 30 or 20 years ago, years to obtain.

With no dealers, or good papers bearing on the subject, those who collected in those times had to obtain their stamps from their friends who had a large foreign correspondence, or else as best they could.

In the year 1860 the stamp collectors in the city of London (nearly all clerks in the large mercantile and colonial importing houses in Mincing Lane) used to meet once a week at a certain place near the Bank of England, and exchange stamps and opinions, but dealers, though perhaps existing, were unknown to them.

In Germany a gentleman who collected stamps in the year 1857 was looked upon as a crank if not worse.

And yet, to most genuine lovers of philately, stamps gained as those old collectors obtained their stamps, either by receiving them in correspondence or in searching old garrets and boxes of letters, have a greater value, outside of their intrinsic value, to those simply order-

ed from a dealer and paid for as you would your boots or any other practical and unromantic article.

Nowadays what can a collector with a little money to devote to his hobby, wish for more? Elaborate descriptive and illustrated catalogues and hand-books, good philatelic journals, both local and general societies and a host of dealers to buy from if he wants to—one would hardly think that anything more could be done to facilitate collecting.

And yet, whatever may have been said and written about the many forgeries that found their way so easily into the collections of the old-time collectors, those collectors were not constantly in dread of being imposed upon, in one way or another, by having reprints palmed off upon them for originals, on envelopes made only for dealers and never used for postage; no, if they did allow forgeries to have a place in their collections, they did so unsuspectingly and without knowing that there were such things probably and are there so many collections now that are free from forgeries?

Whoever may have had the chance of securing one of these old collections, even if it numbered only 500 varieties, will have surely found therein some stamps that any collector would be proud to own, and that will more than compensate for any forgeries there may have been in the collection.

One thing is only just begining to change from what it was twenty years ago, viz.: the ignorance of the general public on the subject of stamp collecting, and even now, within the last year, the writer, when asking permission of a certain old gentleman to be allowed to go through his correspondence for the stamps, has been met by astonished gaze, and questions as to what was to be done with the stamps "could I sell them?" I was not going to use them again was I?" etc., and even when consent was given, the looks bestowed on the writer showed that he was regarded as some new kind of a lunatic.

Yet the results of such searches generally amply repay any such inconveniences, and then the delight of it! What collector does not like to hunt up old boxes full of letters or documents, or to rummage among the dusty medicine bottles on the shelves of a drug store?

May many of those who read this have a chance to spend an afternoon in either of these most enjoyable ways, and thus experience something of the delight of the old collectors in obtaining their stamps—a delight not to be felt by those who only buy their stamps "ready-made" so to speak.

The *Witch City Philatelist* has made its exit from the ranks of philatelic journalism, after issuing eight fine numbers which will compare typographically with any collectors paper ever published.

Many subscriptions were received from our premium offer, last week and some valuable prizes drawn. See our announcement in this issue and send us your 35 cents for 52 numbers.

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

E. P. NEWCOMER.

Stamps were issued in Brazil as early as 1843.

The Post Office department is now self-supporting.

We would like to know what real benefit, or pleasure can be had in collecting counterfeits or reprinted U. S. locals.

We believe this paper is the cheapest paper published, containing the same amount of reading matter in one month.

W. M. Cook has purchased the entire interest in the *Little Clipper* of Mendota, Ill. and will probably devote it entirely to Philately.

Bro. Voute states in his April No. of the *S. C. Figaro* that hereafter no personal disputes shall find space in his paper. This is a move in the right direction.

The *Collector's Ledger* (formerly *Youth's Ledger*) has appeared for April, hailing from Bloomfield, N. J. It contains the likeness of John S. Bixby of Decatur, Ill.

Jay's Richwood's Dispatch stamps are creating quite a racket in philatelic circles of late. It does look rather suspicious that Mr. Jay should issue so many varieties of his locals within such a very short time.

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Try an advertisement!

Iowa is at last coming to the front. We have now a philatelic society, three papers devoted to philately, three devoted to other branches of collecting, six dealers and about fifty known collectors.

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Common Sense did not linger long in newspaper form, but is back to the regulation size again.

The *Badger State Philatelist* for May consists of 2 pages of reading matter and 9 pages of advertisements. Rather a bad proportion, is it not, Bro. Carter?

No one will fall asleep reading the new issue department in the *American Philatelist*. Mr. Stone is the right man in the right place.

The selling of reprints for *genuine* stamps by some of our wholesale dealers, is a matter which should be shut down on. Is it not just as bad to sell reprints for originals as it is to sell counterfeits for genuine?

Oh, if we were only a monthly, now, we could celebrate our first birthday to-day; but alas, we are a weekly. We console ourselves, however, with the thought that we have but to issue 40 more numbers to complete our first volume.

Our list of premiums is the most liberal ever made. Read it.

The *Curiosity World* is not one-half as valuable a paper as it was before its change of form. The *quality* of the articles is as good as in the days of yore, but the *quantity* is sadly diminished.

What a vast improvement would be made in the appearance of some of our best magazines if the publishers would only trim their pages, and not send them out resembling a partly opened clam.

We have received the initial number of the *United States Philatelist*, published by Mr. S. C. Scott, Calmar, Iowa. It presents a very neat appearance and the contents are promising. We wish you all the success you can lay hands on, Bro. Scott.

Mr. C. M. Jay, the first proprietor of Richwood's Dispatch— or as it was then termed, Jay's Dispatch— narrowly escaped arrest by government officials for issuing and affixing to letters stamps which represented a face value. (1cent) This is against the law, and Mr. Jay only escaped arrest by skipping by the light of the moon.

There is an absurd idea among young collectors and would-be dealers that collectors who use printed stationary are as innocent and guileless as the world renowned Mary's little lamb. Not long ago a young dealer(?) asked me if a certain collector in Maine was reliable. As I had seen his name in a fraud list I told him, no. "Why," said this young convert, with refreshing innocence, "he must be all right, for his envelopes and note-heads were printed John Smith, dealer in U. S. and foreign stamps!

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

AN EDITOR'S WAIL.

BY YUM YUM.

All work and no pay,
We go day after day
A stamp paper trying to edit:
We find on our books—\$50 in debt.
And thirty-two cents to our credit.

But what do we care
As we sit in our lair
Trying to scribble off puns.
We work very hard—you bet we do pard
In trying to dodge all the duns.

But they surely will come
And they make such a sum
That we really are almost disgusted.
And some pleasant day the papers will
say:
"The Frogtown Philatelist has busted."

Alas! and oh dear,
We'll shed a big tear
And go and hide near our mother
Our subscribers are mad, and say "By
Dad,
I'll never subscribe to another."

Ah! this is the way,
Why stamp papers don't pay
And expire, to return nevermore,
Collectors don't trust those who say
they won't bust
For they say "I have been there before."

Dealers, we want your patronage. Our paper has a circulation of 2000 copies monthly, and our rates are but 60 cents per inch for a month (4 insertions.) The average stamp paper with a circulation of 1000 copies, charges 50c. per inch, while we charge but 60c. for 2000. We do not claim to have an enormous circulation, but we do claim (and it is a fact, as a trial will demonstrate) that every copy is placed in the hands of a collector who has money to spend as he chooses, and who will purchase your goods if they are what he wants. Send us a trial adv. dealers. No "ad" is inserted for less than one month.

Attleboro, Mass. May 20th '88
Editors H. S. C.

Gents:-

In the H. S. C. we saw an article headed Miss Jessie E. Green please accept our sympathy. We should like to interview her about \$22.60 worth.

Yours Resp.

International Stamp Co

Written expressly for the H. S. C.

INTERESTING STAMPS.

BY FIG

Some stamps seem more interesting to collectors than others, because their design, shape or something connected with their history is peculiar. Among the most interesting might be mentioned: the triangular Cape of Good Hope and the United States of Colombia, the small-sized stamps issued in early times by Bolivia, and Venezuela, the large stamps issued by Great Britain and Madagascar, the oblong official of Sweden, etc., etc.

As the stamps differ in form and character from the common style of rectangular stamps, which are now almost wholly adopted by all civilized countries; they are more eagerly sought for by collectors, and as a general thing are rarer. Any stamps which differ from the modern design are more fascinating, and have a charm for Philatelists, which but few rectangular stamps possess. As a rule collectors will pay more and try harder to obtain a stamp which is what might be termed an oddity. However every true philatelist collects all stamps whether beautiful or ugly.

Where has the Mohawk Standard gone?

Oh where, oh where can it be?
Has the Klock run down and left Smith forlorn
What's the matter? we really can't see.

BACK NUMBERS.

Of this paper can be supplied at the following prices:

No. 1,	\$.10	No. 5,	\$.05
No. 2,	.07	No. 6,	.05
No. 3,	.04	No. 7,	.05
No. 4,	.06	No. 8,	.03
No. 9,	.03	No. 10,	.03
No. 11,	.03	No. 12,	.03

A PLAN FOR THE PHILATELIC PAPER EXCHANGE

The arranging of philatelic papers exchange will be the hardest matter in starting the I. P. A., for if the papers were sent to each member for his selection the postage would soon break the young association up. I think the following plan a good one: Let every member who desires to exchange philatelic literature, send his duplicates to the superintendent of that department, who will credit each member with the amount sent, and will prepare a list of all such publications, and have it printed. The publishers of the H. S. C have kindly offered to do the printing of the association, at a very little above the cost of material. These lists can be sent to each member, for his selection, and, on receipt of list of "wants" and postage enough to prepay carriage, the superintendent will forward papers. In this way the expense will be greatly reduced, and the danger of loss of packages in transit considerably lessened. Let us hear from you all on the subject.

Iowa Boy.

We desire a vote of all members in regard to the amount of dues to be charged. Let all send their vote on a postal card to the sec'y pro tem. The dues should not be less than 75 cents per year, and the initiation fee 25 cents, as there will of course be expenses for postage, printing, etc.

Since printing page 71 another has signified his desire to join—Mr. Jackson K. Garrett, A. P. A. 274, Burlington, Iowa. We now have 10 members.

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25 foreign stamps and 10 postmarks, all different, for 10 cigarette photographs, (small ones) all different. Win. Williaman, No. 2 Smith St., Charleston, S. C.

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J. R. Craigue, Jackson, Minn.

To exchange: 100 postmarks or 100 foreign stamps for every special delivery. Rare foreign for U. S. match, medicine, postage, etc., also photo outfit for stamps. F. N. Masoth, Jr., Hanover Centre, Ind.

The recipe for making best invisible ink for 350 U. S. stamps (any denomination) issued before 1875. Sample of ink for 65 of these stamps. Publishers, please send samples of your papers. A. B. Merrill. Box 638, Everett, Mass.

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F. W. Pickard, 46 Cushman St.,
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Two fine large collector's papers, with covers, for every U. S. stamp sent me, except local or envelope, catalogued at 15c. each, or over. E. P. Newcomer, Ida Grove, Iowa.

A stamp catalogued at 25 cts. by Scott for every stamp catalogued at over 15cts. U. S., Confederate, match, medicine, and playing-card stamps preferred. W. H. Verity, Luther, Mich.

Wanted: No. 12 of Vol. 2 and No. 25, 26 and 28, Vol. 3, *Quaker City Philatelist*. Will give 20c foreign stamps for any one of the above. Everett P. Jarvis, 8 Highland St., Portsmouth, N. H.

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Fred D. Snyder, Barre Centre N. Y.

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F. J. Stanton, Symrna, N. Y.

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THE IOWA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Recognizing the need of a Philatelic society in Iowa, we decided to stir the boys up, on the subject, accordingly we sent circulars to our prominent philatelists. The result was quite encouraging, and nine collectors have already signified their intention of becoming members of the I. P. A.

The society was started for three purposes: 1. The exchanging of stamps and philatelic literature. 2. The exchange of ideas. 3. The banding together of a number of ardent philatelists who are scattered over the state, and are deprived of the privilege of joining local societies.

The value of an organization of this kind can be seen at a glance, and our space will not permit us to enter upon a catalogue of the benefits to be derived from it.

We would suggest that the exchange department be modeled after the A. P. A., and that the following officers should be elected: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and Superintendent of the philatelic paper exchange department, who could be the same person, and stamp exchange superintendent; also a board of three trustees. The dues and initiation fees will be fixed by a vote of the members.

We want all philatelists to write us, making suggestions as to the improvement to the I. P. A., and especially as to the arranging of the philatelic paper exchange.

The following is a list of those who desire to join, arranged as received.

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| 1. E. R. Marshall, | Wyoming. |
| 2. P. W. Tourtellot, | " |
| 3. E. P. Newcomer, | Ida Grove. |
| 4. James C. Jay, | La Hoyt. |
| 5. W. P. Chase, | Des Moines. |
| 6. W. A. Ackerman, | Marengo. |
| 7. W. J. Studley, | Dallas Center. |
| 8. A. L. Lawrence, | Box 1334, Le Mars. |
| 9. S. C. Scott, | Calmar. |

Let all collectors help the good work along by sending their addresses to the secretary pro tem, who will furnish information and blanks to all applicants.

E. R. Marshall,
Secretary pro tem.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Inquiries not containing stamp for reply will be answered in this column.

Subscriber, Phila.—See prices for back numbers on page 70.

M. G. B., Phila.—Do not keep match and medicine stamps in stock.

E. L. K., New Milford, N. H.—We have but a few copies of No. 1. Other numbers can be supplied.

H. C. K., Emmetsburg, Ia.—Your letter was received and answered. Your sub. can begin with any number desired.

A. U. M., Lakeville, Conn.—Your adv. was never received. The letter was probably lost in the mails.

W. E. T., Wayside, Va.—Our time is too much occupied to undertake what you speak of. The M. B. Pub. Co. have defrauded several would-be publishers. Give them a wide berth.

A. B. M., Everett, Mass.—Your sub. was forwarded, with others, to the publisher of the *Buckeye State Collector*, but we have since learned that it has suspended. What Mr. Smith will do with his sub. list, we know not.

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BRAZIL POSTES.

WILLIAM B. HALE.

This little article is a treatise on the Brazilian postage stamps, the Brazilian system and the philatelic relations of Brazil to the universe. The latter clause is the most important, for practically the philatelic relations sustained by Brazil—by its inhabitants and emissions—is seldom looked into. First, you may ask, what primary relation does Brazil sustain? Next to Great Britain, Brazil has the credit of being the second country to adopt a postal system using prepaid adhesive stamps, and having uniform rates.

The postal system has ever been more advanced and perfect than would perhaps be expected and the advantages of business transactions by mail, are prominent and encouraged.

In the year 1842 the Brazilian minister C. J. d' Aranje Viana ordered the mint engravers to cause the production of a quantity of adhesive postage stamps of the different values deemed necessary by a comparison with the postal rates, and the amount that was thought requisite. These stamps were to be elaborately engraved and to bear the portrait of the Emperor.

The mint officials were alarmed at this. "It would never do to have the high and imperial portrait of His Majesty daubed or defaced,

as would be necessary in canceling" they argued. The minister suddenly remembered this and saw his mistake(?) Ah! glad was he for this timely thought. Great might have been the penalty for him, had this occurred. He at once changed the decree; the portrait was replaced by an issue of stamps containing large numerals, in black. They were of two values, 36 and 90 reis, and were engraved at the mint by Senors d' Azedova and Jose de Faria and printed officially at the Treasury Nationale. The following numeral issues of different designs, of 1844, '45, '46, '50, '54, '61 and '66 embracing 20 distinct varieties. The latter issue was perforated.

In 1866 an elaborate and beautiful issue was engraved and furnished by the American Bank Note Co., of New York, by governmental contract. This issue appeared both perforated and rouletted, and some specimens are quite rare. A large number of the green stamps have been chemically altered to blue and are eagerly sought for by collectors. Possibly an error may have occurred in printing the stamps, but even supposing they were printed blue by mistake, the chances are ten to one that the "genuine error" for which you pay a fancy price is one of the green variety chemically changed to blue by some unscrupulous collector, whose greed for lucre exceeds his conscience. My advice is to leave stamps like these severely alone.

In 1878 a new issue was sent out, consisting of 300 reis in two colors. These beautiful productions of art were at that time much admired and were considered an excellent showing for American workmanship. In 1879 it was thought advisable to issue a new series, which were engraved by the American Bank Note Co., and consisted of ten varieties of tasty and allotted colors. In this issue the Bank Note Company sustained well their reputation for artistic and well executed engravings, and the stamps are perfect "philatelic gems." Since 1881 a series of emissions have appeared not as artistic as might be wished, well executed to render counterfeiting useless and rather diminutive in size. They contain the portrait of the Emperor with a very large head and but little background. The issue of 1881 numbers three varieties all adorned with the head of the Emperor and of generally dull colors. In the issue of three stamps in 1882 follow more heads and more dull colors. They are printed on poor, thin paper.

Now, back we go to the more tasteful work of the American Bank Note Co., this time it is envelopes. The issue of 1867 consisted of

100 reis. green on white,

200 " black " "

300 " red " "

300 " vermillion on buff.

These are all quite rare to the average collector, and are somewhat counterfeited, but if collectors use their eyes they need not be "stuck" on bogus stamps. The time-worn rule: "If you buy your stamps of reputable dealers you will not be swindled" is one worth remembering.

For the relations Brazil sustains to Philately, we need not go back to the system of M. de Velayer, in 1653 or M. Chamoset, in 1758, for their system was small, imperfect and local. The new system of universal domestic postage, prepaid by adhesive stamps was an idea quickly grasped by the clear-headed and progressive Brazilians and their postal service has been improved and remodeled so that they now have a system as near perfect as any semi-civilized country can have. Brazil has many philatelic enthusiasts who are deeply in love with their hobby as are their brothers in America.

Written expressly for the H. S.C.

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E. P. NEWCOMER.

Doubtless there are very few of your readers who have not heard of the "Dime Mania" which has recently been mentioned in nearly all of our large dailies. The object of the Dime Mania is to never spend a dime no matter what for. A penny or nickel can be substituted for the dime if you so desire.

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I know the object of this plan is never to spend a dime, but I will insert a clause as follows; "never spend a dime for anything except stamps or philatelic literature."

It has been stated by some one that as a rule young stamp collectors are poor and I think it is

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PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

BY PHIL. A. TELIST.

The philatelic publications of the present show a vast improvement over those of a few years ago. Why? because collectors are beginning to see the value and necessity of publications of this class, and are opening their hearts enough to patronize them. Of course there are still many collectors (they cannot be called philatelists) who say: "what is the use of investing money in stamp papers, I can collect just as well without them, and I had better spend my money for stamps" but the number of these fanatics is gradually being lessened.

I well remember the first stamp paper I ever saw, and how intensely surprised I was that there were others who collected postage stamps. I had fancied that I and a few others were the only persons who took any interest in such a collection. The same day I received the paper, I got an approval sheet from a New York dealer, from which I intended taking the set of three stamps of the Ionian Islands, which were marked at one dollar. In looking over the stamp journal, I found a description of counterfeits of the Ionian Islands, which exactly tallied with those on the sheet. I did not take them; but I did take the paper, which advertised their true character, and several other papers which I discovered through it.

Every paper no matter how small had some influence, and every subscription sent to a magazine, tends to strengthen Philately. It was through stamp papers, principally, that the A. P. A. was organized.

It is through the stamp papers, that the general public is beginning to take an interest in Philately, and to call it something else than mere "child's play". It is through the magazine we learn of the counterfeits in circulation, of the new issues of frauds, and hundreds and hundreds of things of value to philatelists.

The publications which are now making their appearance, as a general thing, "come to stay" and the percentage of papers which expire after issuing two or three numbers is much smaller than it was a few years ago. We are heartily glad to see how few of those dreary productions, such as: "Stamps of India" "Spain and her stamps," which were formerly so prevalent with stamp magazine, are now published. They were, as a general thing, of no earthly value to philatelists, as they were copied from catalogues. This is an age of progress, with Philately, as well as with other things, and with the numerous papers and catalogues being published there is no excuse for wide-awake collectors being "taken in" by frauds.

In closing let me say, that if you are not already a subscriber to several good stamp papers, send in your money at once and keep up with the times. Don't be a clam!

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THE 1869 ISSUE.

SEÑOR AMERICANO.

On March 19, 1869, J. A. J. Creswell, Postmaster General for President Grant, gave to the public this most beautiful set of stamps, which will compare favorably with any stamps ever issued. They were square in shape, and considerably smaller than any previous issue, and each stamp was of a different design, which was very appropriately selected. It is not my intention to give a long and tiresome list of the words, inscriptions, etc. to be found on these stamps and I shall simply give the designs, denomination and color.

1 cent, yellow-brown.

Portrait of Benj. Franklin, the first P. M. General of the U.S., on a circular disk having a pearly border.

2 cents, brown.

2 cents, dark-brown.

It will be seen that there are two varieties of the 2c., the difference is simply in the amount of ink which was used on the press on which they were printed. When freshly inked the stamps were likely to be of a darker shade than after a number of sheets have been "run off." Design: Postboy on horseback galloping to left; in the background are trees and a fence; the whole is surrounded by an embellished frame.

Of the 3 cent there are four va-

rieties—if the difference in shades may be called such.

3 cents, blue.

3 cents, ultramarine.

3 cents, pale ultramarine.

Also a 3 cent, ultramarine, which was accidentally issued unperforated. The design is a locomotive under full steam and with nearly the same surrounding as the 2c.

10 cents, orange.

Eagle sitting upon top of an upright U. S. Shield and holding an olive branch; arch of 13 stars, for the 13 original states, in the background.

12 cents, green.

Contains an ocean steamship, in a transverse oval, ploughing the "briny deep."

15 cents, blue picture and brown frame; there are also two other varieties: A; with the picture inverted in frame and B; which has no inner frame and has a blank space under the letter "T" in "postage." In this variety the "e" and "n" in the word FIFTEEN and the "c" in CENTS, touch the lower part of the picture, while in the first variety there is a space between. The latter variety is the rarest of the two being worth about \$1.50 and the first only 30 cents.

The inverted picture variety of this stamp was caused by one or more pictures being transferred upside down on the plate; when discovered only half sheets of this value were issued to the public. In

the first stamp the frame directly above the picture is finished off with a heavy line and two light ones forming a diamond in the centre; and the frame at the sides of the picture is filled in with thin lines slanting downwards. In the varieties, the lines finishing the frame are removed, and the space filled in with thin horizontal lines, which were continued all around the picture. These varieties are more easily noticed when the picture has not been printed in its correct place. In proofs of the original engraving which we have examined there is no shading on the frame, and the lines terminating it are omitted. A thin line crosses the place where the diamond is found in a variety.

24 cents, purple picture and green frame.

Variety; picture inverted in frame. This stamp is a copy of the painting "Signing of the Declaration of Independence," and has the date below in tiny figures.

30 cents, shield, eagle and value, carmine; flags and sky, blue.

Variety; with eagle, etc. inverted. The original design engraved for this stamp was a copy of the picture "Surrender of Burgoyne" but it was rejected at the last minute, for what reason is not known. The design is the same as in the 10 cent, orange excepting slight differences in surroundings.

90 cents, black centre; carmine frame.

Variety; portrait inverted. Three-quarters face of Abraham Lincoln, to right in an oval disk; oak and laurel branches at sides.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

For the Collectors' Weekly.

UNCLE PHIL.

BY, YANKEE.

One warm eve in July,
As I chanced to be nigh
The home of an old friend of mine
Sitting cosily there,
In an old arm chair,—
With a weed of Havana fine
Sat my old uncle Phil,
(With feet on window sill.)
His form wreaths of smoke did entwine.

I paused in my walk,
As I heard friendly talk,
And I knew how welcome I'd be
If I paused at the door
Half an hour,— or more.
And took part in their chat, you see.

But before I proceed,
I think that you'll need
Explanation sufficiently plain
To enable you all,
Big people and small,
My tale to grasp, 'thout puzzling your brain.

We called him an uncle, old,
But "uncle" he was, only in name.
No relation was he I am told.
Yet we all dearly loved him the same.

Now let me go back:
As I walked up the track
To the pretty white cot on the lea,
And give close attention,
For now I will mention
All that dear uncle Phil told to me.

"When I was a boy,
My dear Master Roy,
Back in sixty and five," he began,
"A bit earlier mayhaps
For time takes mighty big laps—
Five-and-twenty years old—quite a man—
For on one sunny morn,
May, '40, I was born
And for me great excitement ran.

To twenty-five from my birth,
Small was considered my worth
By the youth and the old of the land
Yet some, (quite a few,
With little ado,)
Had to me held out a helping hand;
But now at this date,
The year eighty-eight,
I am known to a world 'circling band.

But back let me go,
So that you may know
How I came so well known to be,
Britain was my home,
From whence now I roam
O'er continents, isles and the sea;
And proud am I to say,
E'en this, very late day,
My father lived up at Dundee.

It came to be known,
As older I'd grown,
How neglected my parent had been,
And now, every day,
New tribute they pay:
Admissions, the like never seen,
To him out they pour,
From this whole world o'er,
And his mem'ry they'll ever keep green."

And thus he went on,
Until hours had gone,
And the sun'd long tipped steeple and tree,
But what he had said,
Long staid in my head,
So greatly did it interest me.

Longer now I can't dwell;
So plainly I will tell:
This old "uncle," was Phil Atelic.

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BRIC-A-BRAC.

The publishers of the *A. J. of P.* evidently are not after the lucre of stamp dealers, for their advertising rates are \$10 per inch.

The *Philatelic Gazette* will soon be on its fifth volume, but it is still "hale and hearty" and apparently good for five years more.

We have decided to change the name of our paper from the *H. S. C.* to the *COLLECTORS' WEEKLY*, and the change appeared in our last issue, but for want of space was unnoticed. There will be no change in the contents.

The *American Journal of Philately* for June consists of 48 large pages, and among other interesting articles is a most creditable one by J. W. Scott, entitled: "The paper money of the Revolution" which is illustrated by 20 beautiful engravings.

Subscribe! Subscribe!!

It is announced that the next edition of the International album will not contain spaces for revenue stamps.

The *Mohawk Standard* is not dead, but living; the May number is on our table, and is above the average.

The *California Philatelist* is a forty page paper published semi-occasionally by E. F. Gambs, to advertise his business.

In the article entitled "Centennial Envelopes" on fourth page in the third line from bottom of first column, should be inserted after "ground" "POSTAGE" and "THREE CENTS" on ribbon streamers.

The *American Philatelist* has started something new—a complete lists of the "errors" of all countries. This article will no doubt, be hailed with delight by collectors who rejoice in errors, oddities, etc.

We have seen a discussion in several of our cotemporaries as to whether Messrs. J. & F. Straus, of Cleveland, O., sell anything but genuine stamps. We have purchased U. S. locals of them which were guaranteed *genuine* and which were nearly all *reprints*.

"There is nothing new under the sun." We must confess it seems so. The latest freak in the philatelic line is the collecting of revenue stamps on the original documents! This is, indeed, the height of folly. We should scarcely be surprised, now, to hear that philatelic "cranks" were collecting medicine stamps bottles and all, and beer stamps on the original barrel. Oh, philately what art thou coming to?

For the Collectors' Weekly.

CENTENNIAL ENVELOPES.

BY YANKEE.

The most suggestive stamp ever issued, to our way of thinking, was the United States Centennial envelope stamp which appeared in May, 1876. This stamp is one of the greatest of historical objects. The mail carrier and the steam engine convey to the mind the immense strides this country has taken, and the first thought that strikes any person, whether a philatelist or not, is, "then and now." Or to one of a poetic nature, the "child and man." This stamp denotes growth and strength. 1776, the simple method of carrying mail by the mail rider and his successor, the locomotive which not only draws the postal car, as pictured in the stamps, but whole trains composed of cars filled with mail matter. The stamps not only illustrate the growth of the country, with its unsurpassed mail facilities, but it shows that great invention so closely allied to the postal system, the telegraph. Then the post or mail rider, the only means of communication; now, the steam car, telegraph and telephone. The Centennial envelope stamps, even of so recent emission are fast becoming scarce. A full description of the stamps, which may be of interest to your foreign readers, is as follows: shield-shaped frame enclosing at top, "1776 U. S. (in corners) POSTAGE;" at bottom, "THREE CENTS 1876;" in center mail rider and engine and mail car with telegraph pole and lines in the background. On the finer specimens "U. S. M." may be seen on the car. In our collection we have

four distinct varieties of this interesting envelope, but usually there are only two varieties catalogued, viz, "red and green." The dies of this stamps are known as the Hartford and Philadelphia dies, of which the latter is the scarcest. It may be distinguished from the other green variety (it being in green only) by having two distinct lines under "postage." The designs are found on white paper only which is watermarked, "U. S. C., 1876." We speak of our four varieties. We have two green, differing as regards dies; one red and one pale red. The last mentioned is much better engraved than the red colored one and is the Philadelphia die but has no open lines under "postage" like its green colored brother. The Philadelphia dies are scarce, particularly the red variety. We advise collectors to obtain specimens of those as it will not be a long time before they will become very rare. We have an idea that a great many of them were sent "across the water" as we remember that ten years ago foreign dealers were anxious to exchange for them.

"The *Philatelic Herald* has "burst-ed." These are the tragic words that stare at us from one of our exchanges. *Poor Herald*, POOR JEWETT and POOR SUBSCRIBERS! Bro. Jewett had for the last year been bravely trying to "catch up" and it seems that the fate which, alas, generally falls on stamp papers, overtook him, if he did not the fleeting months. His much talked of "January number" will not appear, although we did not expect it until sometime in July. Mr Jewett's pluck was commendable, at least, for he issued every number, even though months behind; and did not follow the practice of most publishers that of "doubling up".

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For the Collectors' Weekly.

STAMP INCONGRUITIES.

BY REGINALD

As time goes on, and Philately advances, it seems that what are collected as stamps are on the increase, and assume a large scope of variations. Thus, in earlier times, postage stamps *only* formed the general collection, then locals were adopted, then revenues of various sorts, next telegraph franks, and finally all sorts and conditions of stamps, many of doubtful character, and all embracing a multitude of slight variations in color, perforation, watermark, surcharge, etc., to say nothing of the complicated envelope collection of all dies, sizes, shapes, gums, misprints, and so on through the tiresome category of specimens which are collected at the present day. Of course it is a matter of taste and opinion what a collector shall admit to his album. "What's one man's meat is another man's poison," so that which would be thought foolish and useless to one collector, would be of interest to another. It is all right as long as the collector exercises due judgment in getting novelties and oddities. But it is when a collector will admit anything and everything in the shape of a stamp, without caring perhaps, anything about its character or authenticity, that his course should be checked and his errors pointed out. He carries his enthusiasm too far for his own good

when he indiscriminately takes up with any and all stamps. If collectors were more careful and would investigate before purchasing, there would be no stamps simply "made to sell," as there are now, and this class of stamps is becoming very numerous.

As an instance of the reckless manner in which the philatelic public do collect, look at the so-called "Jay's" locals. How they were hailed with delight by the philatelic press, far and wide as the latest acquisition to U. S. locals. And what is their true status? An unprincipled collector sought to gain "gold and glory" by inventing trash in stamps clothing, and describing an imaginary use they were put to, chronicled them in the papers. Thus blew he the first blast on his horn. The next was to dispose of them to best advantage—he all the time proceeding slowly, cautiously to avoid suspicion. He is still at work on the scheme, and will continue to catch suckers as long as they will bite, and collectors are good hands at biting spurious stamp, or rather getting bitten by them. Such games of imposition of which the above is a sample, can evidently be played with impunity if collectors will keep on turning their albums into a scrap receptacles, buy every snide label they hear of, which the papers of times give good notice. Surely there are enough legitimate issues of postage and revenue stamps to satisfy any person and why will so many adopt those which are worse than worthless?

For the Collectors' Weekly.

THE 1869 ISSUE.

SEÑOR AMERICANO.

This set was in use but thirteen months. They were issued both "grilled" and "ungrilled." size of "grill" $9\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

The press and public took a decided aversion to these beautiful stamps and began to "kick up a rumpus" as soon as they made their appearance. "They were too small," some papers even going so far as to publish comic caricatures, in which people were hunting for the stamps in their pocket-books, with enormous magnifying glasses, "They had not enough 'stickum' on the back to make them adhere to an envelope." "They were poorly printed." The papers were terribly shocked that anything but the pictures of our country's heroes, ex-presidents and warriors should appear on the stamps." It is true the gum was not very good, but can it be possible that it never occurred to the officials that the quality of the gum could be improved without preparing new engravings? Be that as it may, the department "could not stand the pressure" and in May, 1870 a new set was issued, far below the '69 series in artistic beauty and splendor of design. But such is life. There are some who are never satisfied, and the anti-1869 "kickers" were of this class. Say what they may I think the 1869 issue the finest and most interesting ever issued by the U. S. They each represent a chapter of American history. The 15 cent presents a picture of that event which gave this great continent birth—the landing of Columbus in

the year 1492.

The one-cent with the head of Benj. Franklyn, one of our country's greatest benefactors and the discoverer of the electric fluid.

The 24 cent with the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which inaugurated the Fourth of July, and made the U. S. a free and grand republic.

The 6 cent shows us the portrait of George Washington "The father of his country," the first president of the U. S., the noblest man the world has ever known and the boy that "never told a lie," even if he did lose his new hatchet by speaking the truth.

The 2 and 3 cent illustrates the progress that has been made in the mode of travel and the improved facilities for carrying the mail.

The 12 cent reminds us of that great achievement—crossing the Atlantic by steamboat.

The 90 cent gives us a fine portrait of that noble man who would rather be right than president. Abraham Lincoln, our martyred president.

The 10 and 30 cent present our national arms, the American eagle, the "proud bird of freedom" fit symbol for the greatest of civilized nations. Those who condemned these beautiful stamps were either fools, or sadly lacking in a sense of the beautiful. Their uniqueness and contrast of design should, alone be enough to have made them popular.

Some of these stamps are found *ungrilled*, and in regard to it I clip the following from the E. S. P. for March, 1887.

Just at this stage, in the history of Philately, there is considerable doubt as to whether these stamps were issued without being grilled or not. Some certainly exist, unless our eyes deceive us; but might these not be the Government reprints which were issued a few years ago? That might be so, but then there are those who possess specimens ungrilled and cancelled. Here we come across a difficulty which was unexplicable to my mind until I made a very simple experiment not long ago. I wished to find out whether they pass the post-office officials or not; and for this purpose I addressed an envelope to myself and placed on it two one cent Government reprints of 1869 issue, and deposited it in the letter-box.

By the next mail it came promptly to hand, cancelled like any other letter. This shows that the Government reprints, which are ungrilled, are capable of passing through the mails, and so be cancelled. Hence, here arises a means by which the ungrilled specimens may exist cancelled, and yet be the reprints, and we are no nearer the truth than before. Upon writing to headquarters at Washington, I received the following communication:

This, I think, should settle the matter as far as the higher denominations are concerned. But the lower values, which are more likely to have been used lately, must wait for further developments before we can class them as separate and authentic emission. There were, no doubt, a large number of the reprints used lately, as many dealers a few years ago, advertised to use them in sending orders to their

customers.

P. O. D., Sept. 30th, '86
Mr. A. E. Hancock, Philadelphia.

Sir: Your letter of the 14th inst., addressed to the Postmaster General, in regard to what you term the "grilling" of postage stamps of the issue of 1869, has been referred to this office. Without some examination of the old records of the department, which examination, I regret to say, I can not spare the time just now to make, it will be impossible for me to give in full the information you seek. You may be positively assured, however, that stamps of the higher denominations of the issue of 1869, the 15, 24, 30 and 90 cent denominations, were issued without "grilling" or embossing. I would also inform you that the Department is not selling reprints of its old issues of postage stamps.

Yours very respectfully,
A. D. Wayne, Third Ass't Postmaster General.

I have in my possess a specimen of the 3 cent, blue ungrilled which was taken from a letter, *cancelled and postmarked* 1869. This, there is not the least doubt, is not a reprint and it is probable that the lower values were issued both grilled and ungrilled.

(THE END.)

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The Confederate P. O. began its official service June 1st, 1861.

De La Rue & Co., London, Eng. engraved the stamps of the New South Wales.

The letters in the corners of the Sarawak stamps stand for Charles Brooks, the Rajah.

The ugly 13c. blue of the Hawaiian Island, 1852 issue is worth \$90. Unfortunately they're scarce.

Adolph H. Wagner, of Howard, Kan., writes us that he intends publishing the *Advertisers Philatelic Journal*, soon.

Mr. F. R. Gillett, of Freeport, Kan., sends us a copy of "The Power that moves the World." This is a very neat little book and especially designed to interest "outsiders," in our hobby; it is interesting to philatelists notwithstanding. Price, 10 cents.

Subscribe at once, and get some of the fine premiums offered.

In the poem entitled "Uncle Phil" in our last issue, in the last line it should read "Phil Atelee."

The portrait on the 10c. stamp of Antioquia is that of the eminent Dr. Pedro Justo Barrio, who was born May, 28th, 1827.

The "American Stamp Collectors' Directory" has been received. It is by far the best ever issued, and consists of 64 pages and cover, containing 1250 addresses.

The Madison, Fla. and the Statesville, N. C. stamps are ludicrous "errors." In the former cents is spelt CNETS and in the latter the "a" in "paid" is a v upside down.

Nearly all the Central and South American, and all the U. S. stamps are made by the American Bank Note Co., of New York, and as a consequence are among the finest of the world.

There is but one document stamp which is worth more, perforated than unperforated, and that is the \$1 Mortgage. In the former condition it is worth \$1 and in the latter but 50 cents.

The portrait on the stamps of the Argentine Republic are as follows: 1c. Gen Antonio Balcarce, 4c. Dr. Mariano Moreno, 30c. Gen. Carlos de Alvea, 60c. Don Antonio de Pasadas, 90c. Gen. Cornelio Saaveda.

A young gentleman in Nebraska, recently offered us one of the Mobile, Ala., 2-cent, black; neatly cancelled to order, which on examination was found to be a counterfeit. There are probably others in circulation, and philatelists should watch out for them.

For the Collectors' Weekly.

MOUNTING STAMPS.

BY S. T. AMP.

The principle of mounting stamps now adopted by collectors is that known as hinging. Several methods have been advocated, but the one we name is superior to all others in convenience and adaption to the purpose.

First, then, as to the paper to be used for hinges. There is a kind of fine, foreign letter paper, called by stationers "onionskin," which answers best. Sheets of this should be washed on one side, only, with a weak solution of gum arabic, just thick enough to flour easily, and not crack when dried.

The sheets when dry must be cut into strips about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in width. The stamps having been freed from all adhering paper, should be placed side by side on the strip, one edge of which has been previously moistened to the width of one eighth inch.

Then with a pair of scissors separate the stamps, and trim the adhering portion of the strip.

Fold this strip backward upon itself, and by the application of a little water from a camel's hair brush, the stamps are ready to be placed in position.

The great advantage of the plan lies in the fact that a stamp once mounted is held firmly in position, and can easily removed from the page without injury to the stamp or album, the paper being so thin that a slight touch of water will loosen the hinge from the paper.

A word or two on the subject of counterfeits may not come amiss.

Stamp dealing is quite a lucrative pursuit, and the profits should be large enough to induce the dealer to sell only genuine stamps; it is a sad fact, however, that many unscrupulous persons counterfeit nearly every rare stamp. We are happy to say that since such swindlers as S. Allan Taylor, E. A. Dresser and others equally infamous were disposed of, there has been comparative few bogus stamps printed in the U.S. Germany is the hot bed for counterfeiters and from these the majority of these curses to philately come.

We hope to live to see the day when there will not be a dealer in counterfeits within the bounds of philately. This can be accomplished by a union of the stamp collectors of the world and this will before many years be accomplished.

Where is the *Badger State Philatelist*?

The *Canadian Philatelist* for March, has been received. Judging from appearance its publishers must have been on a protracted spree.

The "Kalamariac Chronicles" are conspicuous by their absence in the *June Quaker City Philatelist*, and we breathe again. That the publishers of the *Q. C. P.* should have devoted so much of their valuable space to such "nonsensical nonsense" is a wonder to us.

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A 42-inch steel tire, Otto bicycle, new and in good running order, cost \$20, for a stamp collection of same value. F. R. Gillett, Freeport, Kan.

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I have 5 Cleveland, 4 Blaine and 2 Butler gold-plated campaign pins to exchange for stamps not in my collection of 1500. Price 15 cents each. Send sheet, to A. B. Merrill, Box 638, Everett, Mass.

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I will exchange postage stamps for Indian Relics or curiosities. P. K. Chamberlain, Wyoming, Ia.

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Wanted: To exchange stamps for Philatelic papers. Send list of what you have, and price wanted.

P. W. Tourtellot,
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250 unused stamps for best offer. 550 var. tin tags for best offer. One unused stamps for every 2 revenue stamps sent me. Adolph H. Wagner, Box 21, Howard, Kan.

3 cents in fine stamps from my sheets for every large philatelic paper with cover sent me. Send papers and receive a sheet by return mail. E. R. Marshall,

Wyoming, Iowa.

10 foreign stamps for every rev. sent me. 10 tin tags for every 3 rev. 5 copies Golden Agrosy for every two stamp papers, beer, snuff, 2 match or 2 special delivery stamps sent me. Isadore Wagner,

L. Box 30 Howard, Kan.

Indian relics, fossils, telegraph instrument, books, magazines, skates and other articles, for revenue, match, document and medicine stamps. Wanted: Correspondence with parties having these stamps. J. M. Myers, Hanover Centre, Ind.

A copy of the *Peerless Directory* a large 30 page volume containing the addresses of over 800 collectors; numerous articles, hints, recipes, etc. This I will give with a copy of Vol. I No. 1 of the *Collectors World* for every 4 var. large stamp papers with covers sent me. P. W. Tourtellot,

Wyoming, Iowa.

FIG'S NOTES.

The *Toronto Philatelic Journal* is a most unworthy publication to be the official organ of as large a society as the C. P. A.

Every member of the A. P. A. should give all the support in his power to the *American Philatelist* and thus help to make it an ideal paper in the interest of Philatelic.

Mr. Casy has been the subject of a good many unfriendly remarks lately. We have had some dealing with that gentleman (?) and think that he is *anything* but a *man* in his dealings.

The *Figaro* for May comes out a little late, but it is never-the-less a very interesting number. A few of the by-words in Diez's notes, were unnecessary, and should be done away with, in my opinion.

Jay's locals are beginning to come down to their true level, which is beneath the notice of all *Philatelists*. Such trash is of no value whatever and Mr. Jay will eventually think so, if the press keep it up.

That envelope deal has shown many of our well known philatelists to be like the dog in the manger. They were unable to buy the envelopes themselves, and now they are jealous the men who could and did, and they wish to prevent the sale of them by their nonsensical clatter, which is extremely disgusting to all sensible persons.

Vol. I, No. 1, of the *Canada Stamp and Coin Journal* is at hand. It consists of eight pages of quite interesting philatelic matter. It hails from Halifax, N. S. and is edited by John R. Findlay.

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PHILATELIC FORTNIGHTLY.

VOL. 1. J. W. TITAN. BENSON, MINN., APRIL 5, 1887. NO. 1.

PHILATELY, AS IT IS

(By Herbert Camoens).

"Till old age and experience hand in hand,
Lead him to death, and make him understand.
After a search so painful and long,
That all his life he has been in the wrong."

—Anon.

About twenty years ago, an advertisement appeared in the *Times*, offering a guinea reward to any one who could tell who was the author of this precious piece of sour sentiment, which Goethe notes in his Autobiography. Whether the guinea was earned is not recorded. Applicable as this quotation may be to some pursuits, it is to be hoped that neither Philately nor its followers will ever succumb to such a melancholy discovery. On the contrary, there is every reason to anticipate that age and experience will but demonstrate more convincingly, that notwithstanding occasional errors in judgment, this pursuit, which a leading journal once stigmatised as "the most puerile of all manias," is not only sound at the core, but is cultivated by its true followers on sound principles and for a legitimate and praiseworthy end, namely, the encouragement of the intellectual amusement. Of course there are many who collect merely for the occupation, or because it is the fashion; but this, far from being an objection, is an encouragement rather than a hindrance to the "right sort."

How does Philately stand at the

present time?

Having already glanced at its antecedents, a few words on its present position, its difficulties and deficiencies, with perhaps, a rough guess at its prospects, may not be out of place. It has served, as it were, a seven years' apprenticeship to that most capricious of all masters—public opinion, and is now out of its time; dependent still, it is true, to a certain degree, on its former influential protector, but, nevertheless, having a status and independence of its own, which it had not, and could not have in the days of its minority.

Among its difficulties, it has still to combat the hydra-headed monster, Ridicule. "Those abominable stamps, what can you see in them to induce you to waste so much time and money over them?" is no uncommon sample of the sort of discouragement to be met with from the uninitiated. Yet these same carping individuals do not scruple to spend a guinea on an evening's amusement, or on a short railway trip, which lasts but a few hours, and often leaves no better reminiscence than a bad headache, or an uneven temper, which stamps never do! To such persons, ignorance may be bliss for a time. Let them enjoy it for a while to their hearts' content. Philately has more than one Hercules in its ranks who can successfully combat this monster Ridicule, so intimidating to

some, so tiresome to all.

The reprehensible custom of striking off so many proofs in a variety of colours though now well understood, will hereafter be confusing to future Collectors, if such specimens be placed, without note or comment, among acknowledged postage stamps.

The demand for rare obsolete stamps is already greater than the supply, and unless Collectors will be satisfied in general to collect only stamps in use from 1861 onwards,—which will give them quite enough to do to fill a handsome album,—they will offer a stimulus to forgery and reprints, injurious to the cause of Philately, and ultimately unsatisfactory to themselves.

Passing on to deficiencies, it may be observed that hitherto no one seems to have turned their attention to inquiring about the period at which stamps became admissible for the perpayment of letters to the Colonies and dependencies of the several parent States. That stamps when first "decreed" did duty only in the country by which they were issued is certain with regard to Great Britain, and is most probable with regard both to the British Colonies and European States. The discrepancy in the asserted dates of issue of the 1d., 2d., 3d. "View of Sydney" stamps, (the latter probably the earliest), is perhaps attributable to the non-observance of this point. It would form a most interesting branch of study and inquiry of itself, as well as throw considerable light on some still obscure questions.

The future of Philately, if we may judge from appearances, looks bright and promising. In the course of time it will doubtless cease to be the fashion; and firms now flourishing by promoting its progress, will have to run with the

stream, and turn their attention into newer and perhaps as yet undeveloped channels. But even then, Philately will have its quiet friends and adherents, still proud of, and deserving the name of Philatelists.

[We reprint the above article from *The Philatelist* of Jan. 1, 1867, which gives our readers an insight into what Philately was 20 years ago.—ED.]

Our Co-temperaries.

We desire to exchange with every journal devoted to stamp collecting.

We have received the *American Philatelist* for March, with the exception of quarter of a column, it is solid reading matter. Mr. Fraser is bound to make the paper a success.

Our old friend *The Philatelic Gazette* comes to hand with an installment of an interesting article on our early postal history from the able pen of Mr. J. H. Houston. We feel that we owe much to Messrs. Mann & Kendig, for it was from their paper that we received our first thought of collecting "paper medals."

The *Empire State Philatelist* contains some more "light" on the 1869 issue of the U. S. More of this kind are needed.

The *P. J. of A.* as always is brimful of articles of instruction and usefulness. The same must be said of the *Western Philatelist*, with two such journals as these America can compare with any foreign country in the matter of philatelic journals.

The *Stamp Collectors Figaro* is a new one from Chicago. It contains a very useful article on U. S. revenues in its first number.

The *Stamp World* has been absorbed by the *Western Philatelist*.

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E. R. ALDRICH, Editor.

Tuesday, April 5, 1887.

Quite a number of new papers have or are about to spring up in this country but we believe this the first one which has come out without loud heralding for months before its advent, not a single announcement has been made before it appears. But it is our intention, unlike many other, to stay a while at least and not suspend with the first or second number. It is our intention to adopt "Gradatim" for our motto and advance step by step. We believe this is the first attempt to issue a *stamp* journal oftener than once a month, but we see no reason why collectors should not be given a paper relating to their hobby twice a month as well as base ball or any other pastime.

Quite a number of "local" are reported from Germany.

The Dresden Society on Feb. 5th, initiated its thousandth members.

We call the attention of dealers to our advertising rates. They can have their ads placed before collectors TWICE a month as cheaply as only once a month in these journals.

The Crudest Stamp.

(By Veda)

The 1, 2 and 3 docra stamps of Nowa-nugger are the most primitive and crudest stamps ever issued. They are printed in black on colored paper the 1d, being on rose, the 2d, on green and the 3d, on yellow. The inscription is said to read.

1st line, Sausthan (State)

2nd line, Navanaga

3d line, Postage Stamp.

4th line, value.

These stamps are type-set and are set up when occasion demands. There is a short line both on top and bottom and on the sides to indicate the place of separation. The 1 docra (which is equal to a half a cent) is said to have been issued in 1875; the others at subsequent dates.

We are indebted to Mr. E. D. Kline for the information that the Toledo Society was organized in May, 1887, instead of the latter part of the year as stated in the *Philatelic Annual*. Also that the Nashville society started in '86.

We have received a circular announcing the resignation of Mr. Hanes as Superintendent of the exchange department of the A. P. A. In his resignation the society loses a valuable and reliable officer.

The American Philatelic association on March 2nd, numbered 193 members in good standing. At the same time there were 17 applications for membership.

The wholesale dealers are cutting prices. Let the good work go on. The more competition the better it is for collectors.

T. C. Watkins has severed his connection with the *Empire State Philatelist*.

British Beuanaland.

(J. D. L.)

In South Africa between the lands of the Hottentots and Kaffirs lies the territories of the remnant of the Bechuanas. The British emigrants conquered a part of this territory and in the latter part of last year began to introduce a postal system. The stamps used are the Cape of Good Hope surcharged British Beuanaland in two lines. The surcharge is in black on all except the $\frac{1}{2}$ penny where it is in red on adhesive and wrapper. All the adhesives of the Cape except the 5s has received this surcharge, likewise the wrappers, the registered envelope and the 1d. card.

Chronicle.

BRAZIL. Two new emissions reported 300 reis five stars of different magnitudes in circle, surrounded by inscription Imperio do Brazil, Correos above in scroll, value below. Color blue 500 reis same with an imperial crown in place of the stars, color olive.

COPENHAGEN. A 2 ore vermilion has been issued.

NORTH BORNEO. Le Timbre Poste reports two surcharges, 3 cents on 4 and 5 cents on 8. Surcharged in two lines, in black.

NORWAY. Sets of locals are reported from Mandal and Grimsta.

RUSSIA. A new local from Poltawa 5k, slate on white unperf, also a new one from Rijsk, 3k black on rose type set.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. New adhesive $\frac{1}{2}$ violet. 3c olive. 2s 6d violet. 5s rose.

ST CHRISTOPHER. The 6d has been surcharged in black.

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- *Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph, 1 cent .06
- Hungary, 1 nov, rev emu used postally .15
- *Prussia, 2 varites .07
- Confederate 5c green on original envelope .35
- Confederate unsevered pair 7c. blue same condition .25
- Confederate unsevered pair 5c. blue unused .10

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BENSON, MINN., APRIL 19, 1887.

NO. 2.

Blood's Dispatch.

By Era.

"Through Blood's the passage,
The only way
To send a message
Three times a day."

Thus read one of the advertising slips which was scattered over the city of Philadelphia by the enterprising Mr Kochersperger under whose able management Blood's Dispatch became the largest of the local mail carriers.

Started, almost cotemporary with the introduction of postage stamps by the United States, by Daniel Otis Blood it grew to be dangerous rival to the government post, absorbing over two-thirds of the local mail of Philadelphia.

The post was started in a basement at 10 S. Third St with four boys to collect and deliver. It was here that the first and most celebrated of its stamps, the large stamp with a man stepping over a fence from one housetop to another was issued after the death of Mr. Blood the post was sold to Mr. Charles Kochersperger, who moved it to 28 South Fifth street. The first variety is said to have succeeded the large square issue, but I believe the first rectangular "one cent" was earlier. I have seen a specimen bearing the date of October 12, 1854. The "dove" stamp, not being a favorite, was succeeded

by the small rectangular designs, of which five varieties exist besides the one mentioned above. About 1855, Mr. Elbert Kochersperger became a partner, and the business was carried on under the name of "Blood's Penny Post, Kochersperger & Co., proprietors," as is shown by the common variety with the circular portrait of Henry Clay.

Several varieties of stamped envelopes were issued between 1850 and 1862. In all twenty-three varieties of stamps and envelopes appear to have been brought out.

The charges made for letters to the post office was a cent apiece; for local letters, two cents apiece, twenty cents a dozen, while to large consumers stamps were sold eight dozen for a dollar.

Receiving boxes were scattered throughout the city, in different stores which displayed signs reading: "D. O. Blood & Co., City Dispatch. Box in Store."

Three deliveries were made; 7 and 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M. In 1860 a later delivery was added.

In 1856 the office was moved to the Arcade, on Chestnut street, and in 1860 again removed to 26 South Sixth street. Suits having been entered against city dispatch companies, and the United States court having decided in their favor, Congress, in 1861, passed an act declaring the streets of a city post roads.

The following is the last announcement made by Messrs. Miller & Riley, the then proprietors of the post.

TO THE CITIZEN OF PHILADELPHIA—
The undersigned, proprietors of BLOOD'S DESPATCH, having been notified by the Post-office Department, through the Postmaster this city, that the business carried on by them was in contravention of the law, and having thoroughly investigated the subject, they feel convinced that the laws of the United States regulating the postal affairs of the country do not recognize their right to carry letters or other mailable matter through the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Philadelphia, and being desirous of conforming to the laws of the country in every particular, hereby give notice that on and after SATURDAY NEXT, the 11th instant, they will cease to operate as a Dispatch post, or to carry any letter or other matter through the city of Philadelphia as heretofore. The entire control of this business has been relinquished to the United States Post-office Department, represented by the Postmaster of this city.

In making this public announcement, we feel it but just to assure our former patrons and the public generally that, from the arrangements made by the Postmaster on behalf of the Department, the business will be carried on as much to the satisfaction of the community as though still under our control.

Some of the gentlemen who have so long and so successfully managed the business while in our hands have been employed in the same capacity by the Postmaster, which of itself is a sufficient guarantee that the service will be properly conducted. The entire arrange-

ments have been made with especial regard to public convenience, and are as perfect as could be devised. The carriers selected by the Postmaster are both faithful and intelligent.

In thus retiring from the Dispatch, we cannot but thank the public for their appreciation of our efforts to serve them, and express the hope that they will favor the new regime with their patronage in future

HIRAM MILLER and
JOHN M. RILEY,
Proprietors.

Philadelphia, January 10, 1862.

Thus fell the greatest of the local deliveries of the United States, a company which could compete with and beat the postal authorities.

Postage was good,
Dispatch was better;
It was through Blood's
I sent my letter

The Q. C. P. S. have taken a firm stand against James Chalmers' pretensions. This is just what all societies should do until better evidence is offered than the unassisted memory of persons now in their dotage. Mr. Chalmers may or may not have experimented in 1833, so far as his evidence goes to show. But, even allowing he did, the invention (?) had nothing very great about it, for adhesive fiscals had been used many years. Why should honor be paid to a man who, even if the idea was his, sat down and allowed another man to carry out the plan?

The Alsace and Lorraine stamps are said to have been used by German troops in France, and not in the provinces they are called after.

We are desirous of receiving articles on stamps; are willing to give all the articles are worth.

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E. R. ALDRICH, Editor.

Tuesday, April 19, 1887.

Our Cotemporaries.

(We desire to exchange with every stamp journal published.)

The *Texas Stamps* is a very fair paper from the far Southwest.

For persons who try to be general collectors we recommend the *Eclipse*.

Common Sense is another new one. No. 1 seems to be dedicated to mineralogists. Come again, Bro. Thomas.

The March *Quaker City* contains two very interesting articles. By-the-by the C. P. is getting to be quite a veteran. The *Phil. Gazette* is at hand again. It is even better than usual, if that be possible.

The *Figuro* No. 1 also shows great improvement. With the *Western Philatelist* and the *Figuro*, Chicago is again at the head.

The *Kops' s'w Philatelist* for March is very good. But such must be expected from Bros. Durburrow & Henkels.

We desire a few subscription agents in some of the larger cities. If this means you, write to us.

There are 125 varieties of South Bulgarian "Lion" surcharges.

The First Stamp Collector.

But it is not of the actual state of philately that it is proposed to write at present, but of its infancy. The date of the earliest collection is presumed to be unascertainable; the first I ever saw was in 1854. The stamps were arranged on a large chart; the names of countries stood in a column on the left, and the stamps followed horizontally. They numbered about a hundred. This arrangement was imitated from a previous collection of a gentleman named Scales, who may boast, if living, to be the first known collector in England.—*Dr. Viner.*

The FORTNIGHTLY would like to know: What has become of Skinner?

Where Horace C. Jones is?

How our cotemporaries like us.

Why the *Stamp World* died.

If anybody could get out a better catalogue than Bro. Durbin does.

Why so many philatelic societies in-terpose Chalmers.

Where to find a more industrious advocate of our science than C. H. Meekel.

Our Largest Stamps.

The stamps of the largest denomination used under the Internal Revenue system, which is pretty well broken up by the Tariff bill, were \$5,000, and they were used to stamp \$10,000,000 railway bonds. Of course they are not called for every day, but there was an actual demand for them. The \$5,000 stamp was two inches wide and three inches long.

The fact of this paper going into collectors' hands twice a month makes it a valuable advertising medium. Dealers should remember this.

"Gather up the fragments so that none shall be lost."

Constantinople Locals.

(J. D. L.)

In 1865 M. Liaunos received a concession from the sultan to establish a local post in Constantinople. He issued the well known locals which are so exceedingly common. The lowest value was used on papers, the higher on letters and parcels. Although the right was conceded for six years M. Liaunos only ran the post for six months which accounts for the scarcity of used specimens. The same year a hand stamped design for 3½ paras was used.

The "Joonaghur" Stamps.

(Veda)

In 1877 Mahabat Khan, the ruler of the semi-independent State of Soruth issued orders for the issuing of stamps to be used in the capitol Joonaghur. The stamps as issued consisted on 1 anna red on both white and blue laid paper and 4 annas black or red. The inscription reads Surastrian postage (value) anna of a Korce. There are twenty varieties of each value.

Notes!

The 8½ cent Nova Scotia was used to prepay postage to Newfoundland.

The 13 cent Newfoundland to pay postage to Great Britain; the 12½ cent Canada for a like purpose.

The 17 cent Canada to pay postage to India.

Stop! Read!! Reflect!!!

To every person sending 15c for three months subscription we will send an unused small Baronial of the Oct. '86 emission.

Denver has another Society. The Queen City Philatelic Society. It is composed of young collectors.

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NO. 3.

On Different Varieties of Stamps.

(H. H. McNamara.)

Philatelists should always be on the lookout for rarities if they would be in anyway enterprising, and by always looking out for rarities, and new varieties they may find out a great many little items of which they were ignorant before. A great many are contented to go on in a slow plodding way, occasionally picking up a stamp here and there having their collections pasted in some old blank book stored away in some garret, but they are not Philatelists. By trying to get color varieties the collector may add greatly to his collection. The English collectors esteem this is a great branch of collecting, but they go into so many shades as to puzzle the average American collector. There is in need however, to call every slight tint or shade a variety. In some varieties we may almost say that there is different colors altogether. The United States stamps present a great many colored varieties, especially the 1870 issue, of which nearly every stamp has two varieties admirable to collect, and of the ten cent there is a very light one, most of the color being within the oval a darker one, and a very dark brown. The former is not very easy to get, as it was the first issued. Two of the variety of Depts may also be found. The most noticeable being the Interior and Post

office. Collectors should try to get Special delivery stamps on original envelopes, as they will be quite a curiosity. After the present stock of Special Delivery stamps, instead of reading "Secure Immediate Delivery at a Special Delivery office" they will read "at any Post Office." This is according to the circular of the Postmaster General. The first issue will undoubtedly become very rare in a few years, and collectors should try to get some on original envelope preferred. If he cannot get them that way he can get them unused, and these will be valuable. It is very gratifying to note that collectors are getting over their ideas about collecting envelopes cut square and are getting them whole. When each issue is out they should buy as many varieties from their Postmaster as possible. Dealers make about 300 per cent on unused envelopes even those of a year or so old so that if collectors bought them when they first came out they would be saving so much. The 1886 issue should be secured at once as the new issue will soon come into use. Quite a controversy exists as to whether foreign locals should, or should not be collected. If it can be proved that they are used as postage and are genuine what is the reason that they should not be collected as well as United States locals? By getting many varieties of the same kind of stamps, the collectors may find many varieties no generally known. Among the the Canadian stamps he may find quite a number of color varieties, especially in the 1868 and 1870-75 issues, the greatest difference being the one and three cent of the latter issue.

The Regular Issue of the Confederacy Paper First.

(Era)

The first move made by the seceding states by their federal authorities toward the adopting of postage stamps took place on March 27, 1861, when their Postmaster General called for bids for the furnishing of postage stamps. Among others the American Bank Note Co and Geo. F. Nesbitt & Co, both of New York and Hoyer & Ludwig of Richmond, to the last of whom the contract was let early in September of the same year, responded.

The first two values was emitted by them in the fall of 1861 and consists of two cent green and five cent which is found in distinct colors, blue, deep blue, green and olive green; on account of the number of counterfeits afloat we append a very full description.

2 cents. Three quarter faced portrait of Andrew Johnson to the left enclosed in an oval with inscription C. S. A. POSTAGE over head around the oval, two on each side on a level with the nose. The value two CENTS below in a ribbon. Very poorly lithographed on a thick very soft wove paper. The ribbon containing the value is folded into a sort of a bow between the two words and is very wavy. There is a period after each of the initials C. S. A. but the one after the S is very indistinct. The back ground behind the bust is composed of vertical and horizontal lines crossed.

5 cent. Three quarter view of Jefferson Davis to the left, above the words Confederate States of America, the whole in an oblong oval. POSTAGE above, FIVE CENTS below. On thick wove paper. The back ground back of portrait composed of crossed vertical and horizontal

lines very close together. Both corners of the collar are distinct while in the Counterfeits gotten out by L. C. Upham in 1862 the right one is not visible (Mr. Upham also issued a 5c of this design in red.) A line connecting the C and A would pass directly along the mouth, a line from between the S and T of postage to between T and S of cents would pass along the ridge of the nose.

Early in 1862 a ten cent stamp was added to this series which like it predecessors was a large stamp lithographed on wove paper. It is found in three distinct colors, sky blue, Indigo and rose. The design consists of a face view of James Madison in an elongated circle above in a circular label CONFEDERATE STATES below in a circular label OF AMERICA the whole within another elongated circle, on the left between the two circles between the upper and lower inscription four stars, on the right hand five. The stars are quite indistinct looking more like a small white circles with a colored dot within, but upon close inspection four rays may be found. At the top in fat capitals POSTAGE with a star on each side. At the bottom in smaller caps, TEN CENTS, the s of cents looking like an invested z. A line drawn from the centre of the T in postage to C in cents will pass a little to the left of the pupil of the eye. There are twenty one scollops around the inner circle. In Upham counterfeit there are twenty-six.

These stamps both in design and make was entirely of home manufacture and must be taken as representative of the artistic skill of the south at the breaking out of the war.

The New Envelopes.

Washington May 2. The embossed envelopes with new design will be ready for issue before the end of the week.

The legend United States postage surmounted the stamp instead of U. S. postage as at present.

We are desirous of obtaining information about "Tesse's Post." If any of our readers have any we would be pleased to publish it.

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Tuesday, May 3, 1887.

Our Exchanges.

The *American Philatelist* for April is in hand. Thanks for your well wishes to Fraser.

The *Stamp* for April shows great improvement over a year ago. May it always continue to.

The *Collector's Review* likewise hailing in Denver, is evidently prospering.

The *Useful Instructor* is a new one in Halifax. It is for collectors in all niches. We also acknowledge receipt of *The Mohawk Standard*, *Old Curiosity*, *Philatelic Magazine*, *Texas Stamp*, *Stamp & Herald* and others.

The *Tag Press* is dead.

The first stamp was used May 6, 1840.

The *Cumberland Collectors* has gone to silent majority. It was a good paper and we are sorry to lose it. The *Stamp* assumes its subscription list.

We have been favored with a copy of the *American Philatelic Press* directory published by Geo H. Richmond. It is a very interesting book containing the names etc, of many of our "stamp papers."

A. P. A.

On April 1st the society members 208 members.

Mr. Henry Clotz of New York will be Mr Haines successor in the X department.

A vote on the question of suspending the official organ has been called for. It is probably brought about as an advertising scheme for the larger papers. The paper is one of the features of the society and should not be dropped.

We were recently shown a specimen of the Utah stamp(?) by a non-collector. It is octagonal in shape and printed in green around the frame were the words PAID, UTAH FIVE CENTS. A portrait in the centre. It is unguessed unused and imperforate. It is a bogus stamp of the first water.

We would suggested, especially to young collectors to place their stamps in the albums with strips of gummed paper large enough to place memoranda on and to write on it the source from whence the stamp came. If they did this and the stamp should ultimately be found to be a counterfeit they would know better than to buy or exchange with that person again.

The Suez Postal System.

We reprint the following from the June 1878 number of "The Philatelic Monthly:"

M. Gustave Riche was postmaster and general telegraph manager of the Suez Canal Co. In emulation of his colleague, M. Vaudal, of Paris, he was ever on the *qui vive*, and his progressive spirit dreamed of ameliorations hitherto unthought of in Egypt—the actual delivery of letters from door to door, as in Paris

Meanwhile, he suggested to the company the idea of charging for the carriage of correspondence, official and otherwise, which had been previously gratuitous. The company listened with open ears. The proposal was eagerly accepted under the plausible plea that it was merely a fair remuneration for services performed.

To be on a par with postal administrations of Europe, a complete set of postage stamps was ordered from Paris; stamping dies for dating, taxing, surcharging, exempting and obliterating, all in regular order of red tape.

From the post offices of the Isthmus were soon seen issuing letters decked with elegant postal labels of various colors, the well-known design of which consists of a vessel navigating the Straits. Everything was going on swimmingly, and the postmaster felt in the seventh heaven, when, sad to say, his beautiful vignettes met the eyes of the Egyptian government, which was not content with indignant exclamations only, but issued imperative orders for the immediate suppression of the new postage stamps, which, by the way, were much prettier than its own, insisting on the exclusive right of sovereign rates to emit postage stamps. Unfortunately, M. de Lesseps happened to be away from Egypt, M. Voisin himself was absent, and M. Ritt, his *locumtenens* did not feel powerful enough to rebel, but contended himself by diplomatically defending the company's postage stamps. But all his finely-phrased despatches were futile and he had to succumb to law. Poor Riche was naturally dumbfound at this misadventure, who all on a sudden found himself divested of his postal crown. Not content with that, the Egyptian government despoiled him of his

postmastership by introducing the Khedive's stamp into service for the Isthmus.

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Advanced Collectors.

We will sell the following for the best offer received before May 20th.


1. Unsevered strip of 8 2c "Liberty head" Revenue.
2. U. S. 7c env. cut square.
3. U. S. War Dep. env. 2c on white envelope square.
4. U. S. War Dep. env. 2c on fawn envelope square.
5. Blood's "Penny Post" on original envelope.
6. Blood's "One Cent Dispatch" on original envelope.
7. Petersburg Local on orange env.
8. Baltimore Carrier 1 cent black.
9. U. S. 1853 10c green on buff entire.
10. U. S. 1874 set on original covers.

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PHILATELIC * FORTNIGHTLY.

OL. 1. BENSON, MINN., MAY 17, 1887. NO. 4.

Cleaning Stamps.

Probably every collector has been annoyed at his inability to procure clean specimens of certain stamps. If he is all fastidious he objects to having the duty of his album marred by having "very muchly" cancelled specimen like an unused or lightly cancelled one. In most cases however there is a remedy, which with care, may clean the face of the obnoxious specimen.

The necessary apparatus consists of a fine paint brush and some white unglazed blotting paper and in a few cases a little soap, for which purpose Castile is best.

Place the stamp on a smooth piece of wood or marble and commence brushing the face with cold water. If after repeated applications this has no effect, use the soap. Very few cases can be met where failure will follow the use of the soap.

After washing lay the stamp between two sheets of white (colored or stained is apt to stain the stamp) blotting paper and shake gently a few times, then allow it to remain under a heavy weight for a couple of hours to smooth out the wrinkles. Never employ acids or alkalis.

Embossed stamps are next to impossible to clean, but if they are quite rare pulverize a little chalk and procure some plaster of paris and fill

up the embossed design on the back and clean by lightly using an eraser.

The Russian or Cashmere stamps cannot be cleaned.

With care and a little practise stamps as black as poor lamp-black and grease can make them can be turned out fairly clean specimens.

A. P. A. Notes.

The membership according to the May report of the secretary was 221, at the same time there were 12 applications announced.

The amendments relative to the paper were carried by a vote of 141 to 29. The P. J. of A. received the most votes to be the American Philatelist's successor. We hope the society will survive but we know that one of the features which caused many to join the society has been lopped off.

The names of the "delinquent members" have been stricken from the rolls.

The Fortnightly would like to know why Chalmers slings unused English stamps around so promiscuously?

If the Pomeroy society feels any better?

Why Stamps bought in Salem are always counterfits?

The Texas Philatelic has gone the way of all Philatelic papers. It lived five numbers. Its endorsement of Chalmers probably killed it.

The Regular Issues Of The Confederacy. (Second Paper.)

The first issue not giving satisfaction an agent was sent to England early in 1862 who made a contract with De La Rue & Co. of London for the engraving of plates for one and five cent stamps. Owing to the strickness of the blockade the first shipment was seized and destroyed by federal authorities. A second lot of plates together with about four million stamps had better luck and reach Richmond in safety.

Owing to the difficulties of communication the postal rate were advanced and the one cent stamp was never used.

It consist of exceedingly poor portrait of John C. Calhoun in orange on thin, glazed paper. The five cent is found both on thin glaze (the London print) and on thickish white wove paper (Richmond print)

This stamp on the glaze paper is quite rare in a cancelled condition. The design is a nearly face view of Jefferson Davis in a circle which is enclosed in a round cornered square; above in white letters "CONFEDERATE STATES" below FIVE CENTS. A line drawn from the centre of T. of states to the first stroke of N. in cents will pass over the tip of the nose. The central tongue of the first E. in confederate is about half the length of the upper and lower strokes; the nose is straight while in Upham's counterfeit it is hooked.

In 1863 a contract was entered into with Archer & Daly of Richmond for the engraving of three new designs a two, ten and twenty cent.

The two cent consists of a head of Andrew Jackson in a circle; "Postage" above, "two cent" below, the figure 2 in the upper corners. Claret on white wove paper. The mouth and chin are

firmly drawn. The head at first glance appears to be bald; the gum used has a decidedly yellow color.

New Societies.

Racine Wis. has organized a society to be known as the Belle City Philatelic Society. All communications should be addressed to the secretary W. Schad.

Oak Park Ill. has likewise fallen into line Mr. W. C. Coit attends to the correspondence.

Binghamton N. Y. has also organized a society which is known as the Parke City Philatelic Association. Address correspondence to L. M. Gillis, 15 Carroll St. Binghamton, N. Y.

A society has been organized at Needham Mass. W. W. Dewing is secretary.

We cannot refrain from printing the following coming as it does from one of the representative journals of the state.

Through the kindness of the editor E. B. Aldrich, of Benson, we have received copies of the Philatelic Annual and Philatelic Fortnightly. The two handsome little journals are published in the interest of stamp collections, a business which has risen to the dignity of a profession.—Central Minnesotan, May 14.

The International Philatelisten Verein will celebrate their tenth anniversary from May 28 to 31, a most interesting program has been made out. May 1 enjoy its ten hundredth anniversary.

The Philatelic Gazette says there is probability of the fusion of the various Central American states into one republic.

On April 22 an entire sheet of Providence Locals (consisting of 11 five and 1 ten) was sold for \$51.

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E. K. ALDRICH, Editor.

Tuesday, May 17, 1887.

Two little "Midgets" dropped into our sanctum a few days since. Come again and make yourselves at home.

Mr. Handford is publishing a directory of the collectors in New York. It is a move in the right direction. We should have a state directory in every state.

Hereafter we shall be obliged to commence subscriptions with the current number. We reserved what we thought were enough but they are very nearly all gone.

Two more Samoa stamps are reported, one shilling carmine, two shilling six pence violet. For the benefit of our readers we wish we could say more about them.

In Major Evan's Catalog now being published by the P. J. of a long felt want is filled. Our only suggestion would be that they include locals and make a complete list.

We acknowledge the receipt of Dr. M. Fedel catalog. It is probably the best authority on Scandinavian locals extant

It also prices nearly every stamp issued. Price 50 Pfening.

We should be pleased to publish the history of any of the Philatelic Societies.

We had the good(?) luck to strike a new forgery last week. It is of the Cuba 1874 25 C de P. It is a dangerous counterfeit being almost impossible to tell from the genuine except it is coarser engraved.

A scrap book for clippings should be kept by every collector. Many little items, which in some case will fix the date etc. of the emission of a stamp, can be called from newspapers.

We acknowledge the receipt of the *Western Philatelist*, *Stamp Collector's Figure*, *Keystone State Philatelist*, *Gossip Plain Talk*, *Midget*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *Stamp*, *Philatelic Gazette*, *P J of A*, *Stamp World*, etc.

Many of the members of the A. P. A. are getting quite down hearted because of the slow growth of the association.

We beg leave to call the attention of these gentlemen to the old saying "Rome was not built in a single day". The Dresden Society, now the most powerful body of Philatelists in the world took *ten* years before it reached 1000. Germany is almost known as the home of collectors and if it took a *whole* decade to reach 1000, how can we expect to reach 500 in six months? To be sure the society has not received the support we expected it too, not over a third of the members of the leading societies having joined, yet let us hope that in spite of the set-back it received on May 5, it may increase fast enough to exceed even the expectations of these over sanguine gentlemen.

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To the first subscription received after May 21 we will send an Ionian Isle stamp. To the third a 7c 1870. To the fifth a 90c Post Office. To the next ten an official 2c on buff. Oct 1886 die. Now is the time to subscribe.

Briggs's Dispatch.

In the year 1848 there lived in Philadelphia a real estate agent by the name of G. W. Briggs. This man seeing the popularity of Blood's local post, became an enthusiast on the subject of local posts and induced a Mr. Shippo to unite with him in the formation of a local deil very Co. The new firm located itself at 61 south Eighth St. which, while in the very heart of the business centre to-day, was then much too far up town. It was in 1848 toward the latter end, that the only stamp of this company was issued. It now command a premium of five dollars, the new firm meeting with no success in July 1849 they dissolved, Mr. Briggs returning to his renting and selling of real estate.

Mr E. J. Stebbins complains in the April Quaker City of the marking of stamps on A. P. A X. sheets. We recently had one of Stebbin's pass through our hands and one stamp was marked over three times what Durbins prices it at. If you live in glass houses don't throw stones.

Just as we go to press we receive the February number of the Philatelic Herald. It endorses Chalmers, what else could be expected of a paper that comes out four months behind times.

We would advise the *Empire State* to stop advertising bogus U. S. stamps.



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NO. 5.

Notes On The 1870-83 Issues.

The portraits on the 1870 issue of the United States are designed

- 1 cent, Franklin after Rubucht;
- 2 cent, Jackson after Powers;
- 3 cent, Washington after Houdon;
- 5 cent, Lincoln after Volk;
- 7 cent, Stanton after Photograph;
- 10 cent, Jefferson after Powers;
- 12 cent, Clay after Hart;
- 15 cent, Webster after Clavenger;
- 24 cent, Scott after Coffee;
- 30 cent, Hamilton after Cerrachi;
- 90 cent, Perry after Wolcott's Statue.

These stamps were all issued at first with a grill on the back, all values may be found with twelve rows of fifteen squares, the whole grill being $9 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ mm. The 1, 2 and 3 cent may be found both in the light and dark tints, in two varieties, on first, eleven rows of fourteen squares, the grill measuring $8\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ mm. The second is of ten rows of thirteen squares, the whole design being 8×10 mm. Early in 1872 the grill was discontinued.

In 1875 several changes took place, the 12 and 24 cent stamps were discontinued, and new value a 5 cent with a full new face of Zachary Taylor, the hero of Buena Vista, introduced these changes were the out come of the Postal Treaty of Berne. At the same time the two cent was changed from brown to ver-

million

In 1882 the blue 5 cent was superseded by a new 5 cent, the portrait on which was James A. Garfield, after the photograph which was sent to Queen Victoria. The color was stone. This same year the 1, 6, and 10 cents was re-engraved.

In 1883 the old 2 and 3 cent was discontinued. The portrait of Washington appeared on a new 2 cent claret and the bust of Jackson changed from the 2 cent to the new 4 cent green.

The Regular Issue of the Confederacy.**Paper Third**

The most common of all the stamps of the southern states is the small "10" cents stamp. The design is a side view of Jefferson Davis on a back ground of crossed lines within an oblong oval, above in a curve in block caps about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm high "Postage," below in a curve 10 cents in similar type; at the sides in Gothic type "The Confederate"—"States America" between the last two word in tiny block caps "of."

It is engraved in *taille-douce* on a thin wove paper. The background of crossed lines being the darkest part of the stamp. A line from the right hand top of "g" in postage to the right bend of the s of cents passes across, the tip of the nose as does likewise a line from the first e of confederate to the A of America. The most

common counterfeit is from a wood block and can easily be told by its crudeness. Another counterfeit is lithographed and can be told by the following peculiarities: ungummed, back ground of lines very pale, s and t of postage touch each other. The small block "of" is supplied by a couple of dots.

There are eight varieties of this stamp four printed at Richmond and four at Columbia, S. C. The first of these differs from all the rest by having the value spelt out "ten" instead of the figure "10." The other three Richmond varieties consist of blue, dark-blue and green-blue. They are distinguished from the Columbian print by being better printed, and the ease with which the lines in the back ground can be distinguished.

In the "Columbia's" the lines in the back grounds appear to be almost solid probably resulting from a retouching of the plates. They are found in same colors as the Richmond print. The last variety is caused by the engraving of lines between the stamp to aid in separating them. The printing at Columbia was the result of the failure of Archer and Daily to comply with the terms of their contract, a new one being entered into with Keating and Ball of Columbia S. C. This firm is the one which engraved most of the plates for the notes of the confederacy.

England's Law Against Confederates.

Below we publish an extract from the British Statute in regard to the counterfeiting of English Stamps.

The Post Office Protection Act 1884 enacts, amongst other things as follows:

A person shall not make, knowingly utter, deal in or sell any fictitious stamp, or knowingly use for postal purposes

any fictitious stamp; or have in his possession, unless he shows a lawful excuse any fictitious stamp; or make, or, unless he shows a lawful excuse, have in his possession, any die, plate, instrument or materials for making any.

"Any person who acts in contravention of this Section shall be liable on summary conviction on a prosecution by order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to a fine not exceeding £2 subject to the like right of appeal as in the case of a penalty under the Acts relating to the Excise.

"Any stamp, die, plate, instrument, or materials found in the possession of a person in contravention of this section may be seized and shall be forfeited.

"For the purposes of this section "fictitious stamp" means any facsimile imitation or representation, whether on paper or otherwise, of any stamp denoting any rate of postage, including any stamp for denoting a rate of Postage of any of Her Majesty's Colonies or any Foreign Country.

Persons who may be in any way engaged in these illegal practices should also take notice, that the fraudulent imitation of stamps is a felony under the Post Office and Inland Revenue Acts.

By Order of the Postmaster-General and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

We have lately received forgeries of Servian stamps 1 and 2 paras of 18. They can readily be distinguished by examining the right hand ornament under the letter A. In the originals this touches the inner circle while in the forger it is some distance from it.—The Philatelic World.

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D. Y. SMITH, Publisher.
E. R. ALDRICH, Editor.

Tuesday, June 7, 1887.

The International Collector is a new one from Frisco it is devoted to all branches of collecting.

The board of directors A. P. A. have again over ruled the voice of the members in appointing the Western Philatelist the official organ when the P. J. of A. was plainly the members' choice. An appeal has been taken from the decision.

We learn that Mr. S. Allen Taylor hath taken unto himself wing and left Boston in a hasty flight. He was under indictment and \$300 bonds at the time.

Another youth has gone astray. This time it is Wm. Wolf of Philadelphia. His modus operandi was to order stamps and pay for them with bogus checks.

We recently received through the mail an envelope having a stamp cut from a stamped envelope upon it. The letter passed through the Minneapolis post office.

We beg leave to inform Bro. Brockway that Rowland Hill was not knighted until about six years after the adoption of his system of postal reform.

Commencing with this number the FORTNIGHTLY is published under a new management. We have been fortunate in persuading Mr. Aldrich to remain with us as editor and hope to continue to merit your patronage.

Respectfully,
D. Y. SMITH.

Mr. Sterling's catalogue of U. S. stamps is a model in every sense of the word. The addition of Mitchell's list of Locals will fill a long felt want. Mr. Sterling is bound to make his catalog better every year. If it keeps on improving and increasing it will be like Webster's Unabridged, an absolutely indispensable.

Messrs. C. B. Richards & Co., of Chicago, are employing a square red brown design in the upper corner of their envelope in the centre of which they place the adhesive. It somewhat resembles Straw & Ellsworth's design on their stamped envelopes.

The 5d and 8d of the English Jubilee Stamps have been counterfeited in Germany. They are admirable forgeries and would not be detected even by the English postal authorities. They are slightly paler than the originals.

About the only thing P. Chalmers has not claimed for his father is the honor of inventing paper and ink. We expect he will claim it as soon as he is reminded of the fact.

Guy's City Dispatch.

While local delivery by private companies in Philadelphia met its death in 1860 by the closing of Kochersperger's celebrated "Blood's Dispatch" office yet another attempt was made to operate a

private post in the "City of Brotherly Love." In May 1879 Mr F. F. Guy opened an office at 1122 Chestnut street. Mr. Guy issued one stamp, an oblong 20 x 25 mm, pink and white, back ground of parallel curved lines, Guy's City Dispatch in white. The cancellation was done with a rubber stamp which consisted of a large ellipse in dark red with the legend Guy's City Dispatch 1123 Chestnut street. For a brief period Mr. Guy enjoyed quite a business employing about twenty carriers. The charge was one cent for letters. On the afternoon of June 16, 1879, the office was closed by the Philadelphia postal authorities.

The Societies.

Pomeroy.

The officers of the Pomeroy for the following year were elected May 5th President P. N. Bishop, Secretary E. D. Kline. At the second May meeting, on the 19th sets of Jubilee Stamps were received from P. Chalmers. A dividend was also declared as the surplus in the treasury was larger than necessary.

Chicago.

June 2nd. The resolutions of the Q. C. P. S. in relation to adhesive stamp was tabled. Resolution expressing confidence in the President, Vice President Secretary and official were passed unanimously.

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PHILATELIC FORTNIGHTLY.

PL. 1. BENSON, MINN., JUNE 28, 1887. NO. 6.

Regular Issue of the Confederacy. PAPER FOURTH.

At the same time as the "TEN" cents was issued, a twenty-cent was omitted. This stamp was engraved by a Mr. Hall, an Englishman, then a resident of the southern capitol. It is engraved in *le douce*, and printed on a very thin paper, so that the design can be only seen on the reverse of the stamp. The distinguishing features of the engraving: Nose straight and well formed; background behind the bust of Washington composed of verticle lines, "20" much darker than rest of the design; a line drawn through the mouth will pass through the "e" of America and the "C" of confederate. The only counterfeit I have met with of this design would lead the youngest collectors astray, as it is very far from the original design. The background is solid; the nose looks as though the Father of his country had engaged in a few pugilistic encounters in which he has evidently been defeated; his hair has all been pulled down. The words "Confederate states of America" is hardly legible. The counterfeits are seldom, if ever, cancelled. Specimens of this stamp are quite difficult to procure, while unused ones are fairly common. While this stamp completes the list of adhesives issued by the Confederate General Government, there are a few "surcharged" United States envelopes, which were used of-

ficially during the earlier part of the war. While there were doubts of the genuineness of these stamps for quite a time, their authenticity has been settled by the Chief Clerk of the Contract Bureau of the Confederacy.

The surcharge was of five lines in ordinary type, as follows:

Confederate States of America,
Post Office Department,
Official Business.
(Signature of head of Bureau.)
Chief of the (name of Bureau.)

- The following are known to exist:
- Chief Clerk of Post Office Department,
 - 3c red on buff, 1863 issue.
 - 3c red on white, 1857 issue.
 - Chief of Appointment Department,
 - 6c green on buff, 1853 issue.
 - 10c green on buff, 1853 issue.
 - Chief of the Contract Bureau,
 - 3c red on white, 1857 issue.
 - 3c red on buff, 1857 issue.
 - Chief of Finance Bureau,
 - 3c red on buff, 1857 issue.

These envelopes rank among the rarest of the emission of the south. They well illustrate the paucity of the supplies which the "grays" had at the opening of the war, and show how dependent they were upon articles of northern manufacture. During the latter years of the war, I have been informed, that official correspondence was franked by the mere signature of the official, but as I have never met with a specimen, would not state it as a fact. If any one could throw further light on this, I should be pleased to have him.

THE CHINA STAMP.

We reprint from the Granite State Philatelist, of February, 1884, the following article from the pen of L. W. Durbin:

"In these days there is no reason why the character of any stamp should not be thoroughly known. The difficulty is, too many collectors will not take the trouble to read and investigate. There are no Government post-offices in China, nor any imperial postage stamps. The mails are carried by private companies, similar to those local posts which existed in our own country from 1843 to about 1860, such as Blood's of Philadelphia, Boyd's of New York, Hale's of Boston, and so on. These companies, it is said, cover the entire empire and carry the mails with safety and speed. China, as is well known, is not as a whole an open country to foreigners, though there are numbers of them in and about certain parts of the seaports. Haykay contains a larger number than any other, and is in fact an English city. Haykay has its post-office and issues its own stamps, as every collector knows. Haykay is in China, but no one questions the fact that the stamps which come from there are genuine in every way. Shanghai possesses a local post-office also, controlled by and in the interest of foreign population. The curious stamps they issue, with the horrid looking dragon on them are well known and much sought after. Is any one prepared to argue that the Shanghai stamps are humbugs. There are other ports in China than these two named which contain large numbers of foreigners, and there is an English company which carries the mails between these cities. It is from this company that the China stamps

emanate. They are not issued by the imperial government of China, and no one, to our knowledge, has assumed that they were. But the company which does issue them is protected by the Chinese government, and its stamps are without a doubt fully entitled to a place in the album. There are plenty of used specimens of the China stamps to be had. We have received them for correspondents on the Pacific coast, in Japan and other localities, and have been doing so ever since their appearance in 1878. It would seem as though stamps which have been in use for five years and more, ought by this time to have made good their claim for recognition. But there are some people who, if they once get an idea in their head can never get it out or suffer it to change. The China stamps came out about August, 1878. They are three in number, one candarian green, three candarian red, and five candarian yellow. In the center in a square frame is the Chinese dragon. "China" is at the top, the value at the bottom. At the sides and on the upper corners are inscriptions in Chinese characters. The usual mode of cancellation is by an oval with crossed bars and Chinese characters in the center, but many come with a circular post-mark, dated in the center, with "customs" at the top and the name "Pekin," "Chefoo," "Newchwang," and so on below, and others again with "Post Office instead of "Customs."

A "Section" of the Dresden will soon be organized in one of our eastern cities. The Dresden now numbers about 1150 members, and thirty applicants.

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Tuesday, June 28, 1887.

W. R. Fraser is now editor of the State.

Stamped cover is said to have been in Paris as early as 1778.

Long to want of support, Bro. Smith, Mohawk Standard, will publish a York directory in his paper, in book form.

Enterprising Hubbard of Lake has issued a new edition of his. It is fully illustrated and only 10 cents, while it may make you see that amount.

Among the many southern cities which stamp at the breaking out of the moon, Ga., can contest with any place of emitting the rarest. It is a small and unpretentious affair, about 20 millimeters square. The design is composed of a type-set frame in a vine design, resembling a vine, enclosing the words "Five Cents" in two lines printed in black on yellow paper.

Quite an agitation is taking place in England in favor of the reduction of ocean postage to one penny. In this connection *Bric-a-brac* says "Sooner or later the ocean penny postage will become an accomplished fact." So mote it be.

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The Philatelic Gazette says the A. P. A. members of the Pomeroy, if they could not have the American Philatelist abolished, they were going to resign. Now it is abolished and they threaten to — will somebody tell us what will satisfy them?

Another batch of amendments to the constitution now bother the A. P. A. members. The Western Philatelist urges the one adopting "rins" rule; the other papers the one having the majority of the members to appoint their own official organ.

The Western Philatelist insists that we come with regularity (not this month) and nothing else. If we could induce some other "dampfool" like Phil Arelie to murder the English language, Bro. Bradt would probably rank us as first class.

We again call the attention of advertisers to our rates and facilities. We shall circulate from 1,500 to 2,500 copies each month. We also have quite a large foreign circulation, principally in Germany and Russia. Special rates for standing advertisements.

PROSPECTUS.

Commencing with the second quarter we shall publish articles from some of our best philatelic writers.

In our next number we shall publish an article from one of the prominent charter members of the A. P. A., who contributes under the *non de plume* of PHILATELIA. The subject of this first treat will be

STAMP ENGRAVING.

In subsequent numbers T. F. Cuno, F. E. P. Lynde and other well known authors. "Veda" will contribute an interesting article on "Indian Stamps" at an early date.

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STAMP ENGRAVINGS.

Philatella.

The United States probably exceeds all others in the beautiful engraving of its stamps. Most collectors think that some of the older issues are more beautiful than those now in use. It must be said, however, that the engraving of the envelopes are poor and worn out, and it is to be hoped the new set (when one is emitted) will be an improvement on its predecessors. A prominent dealer says: "The five cent, black, of the 1845 New York issue, is the handsomest stamp ever issued. That it is handsome no one can deny, but many consider the carmine and black 90c. of 1869, with the head of Lincoln, far the more beautiful. Look at stamps of 1843, 1845 and 1847, and then at the present issue and what a difference in the engraving. It is the design of the New York circle that makes it beautiful, not the engraving. The newspaper stamps are the finest piece of engraving the United States has ever turned out in stamps, especially the large one of 1865, and it is to be regretted that they are so dear and none of them can be got at face value, and because the government do not retail them to in-

dividual buyers. Some of the "Department" are also very fine, particularly the Treasury. If a lover of the beautiful was looking for the beautiful among stamps, he would leave the postoffice stamps and envelopes out of the question altogether, and the same may be said of due stamps.

It may be a source of wonder to many collectors how some of the little countries, that would not be supposed to be able to have stamps at all, emit such fine ones. They are printed in this country for the most part which accounts for the fact.

A great many stamps of foreign countries are engraved by the American Bank Note Co. of New York, who perfect the plates of the U. S. stamps. It is said they pay the government for the privilege of engraving the plates for Uncle Sam's stamps, but how true this is I cannot tell, it may be so for it would advertise them enough to pay them. They prepare the stamps of a number of the South American Republics. Among the beautiful stamps of foreign countries may be mentioned the stamp of Siam, beautiful alike in engraving and coloring.

The crudest stamps have been issued from the Semi-independent states of

India, but some have been issued in more civilized countries that are nearly as bad, the first issue of Brehst, Guiana for example.

BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

Chicago May 31st.—Although the indications are against it, I firmly believe that the convention will be harmonious. The resignation of the Western Philatelist will open the way for the resurrection of the American Philatelist. I believe that both Bratt and Meekel will work for it and I know that several members will pledge financial assistance. It is probable that a resolution endorsing Chalmers will be passed. It is also probable that an Eastern city will be chosen for the next convention.

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OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

New York July 20.—A new society has been organized here. It is called the U. S. Philatelic Association. J. J. Casey is president, Gustave Aue secretary. The members are all advanced collectors. Some very good prices were realized at Case's 11th sale. The Reay 10ct. war envelope brought \$31; Nova Scotia is \$25; another not so good \$20; Confederate ten cents sold for catalogue prices, just \$2. It is probable that Mr. Calman will represent the National at the A. P. A. convention.

A. S. C.

Reprints of Old U. S. Stamps.

The carrier stamp of the U. S. bear-

ing the head of Franklin is extremely rare. Those which are extensively sold and which most collectors have are neither genuine nor counterfeit, but authorized reprints. It will be well for those who collect genuine stamps only, to bear this fact in mind. The reprints are generally not guarded. The five and ten cent stamp of P. O. Department since the destruction of the original, dies. The originals are not so well executed as the reprints and the paper is apparently thicker. Always obtain the used specimens when you can. All old envelope stamps, with the exception of the one cent, are reprinted.

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We desire to X with all stamp papers.

Mr. Spencer Crosby is now a cadet at West Point.

We are sorry to announce that Mr. Durbin is seriously ill.

The 5 and 10 cent envelopes are out with the new water mark.

Mr. W. K. Jewett, formerly editor of the Capitol City, recently graduated from the Fitchburg high school.

OTHER JOURNALS.

The Young Canadian is a new one from Neal's Harbor, U. S. Success to you Bro. McLean.

The Collectors Companion has changed its name. Henceforth it will be known as the Collectors Aid.

The Witch City Philatelist is evidently the successor of the Witch City Collector. It is well edited and presented.

We acknowledge the receipt of wholesale lists from C. H. Meekel and Edwards, Reeke & Co.

We are in receipt of Coffin's Fraud List. It is a valuable little work which should be in the hands of every dealer.

If any person desiring to become a member of the Dresden Society will send us his name, address, etc., we will gladly send it on. Dues \$1.25 per year. Every member receives Le Timbre Post, Le Timbre Fiscal and Der Philatelist free.

On June 28th Mr. Will M. Clemens, of the Old Curiosity Shop, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Kate Lott. By the by we have not noticed any of our contemporaries noting the fact that Charlie Hearn Nunn, of the Stamp Collectors Journal, of Bury St. Edmund, did likewise on April 21st. The bride was Miss Annle Vale Andrews, daughter of Mr. Counciller F. C. Andrews.

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VOL. I.

BELLVILLE, O. AUGUST, 20, 1887.

No. 8

Servian Post Cards.

BY MILKADO.

Servia has been very prolific in putting out postal cards, no less than fourteen having been issued since 1881.

1. 5 para brown on rose tinted card. Value in large figures at side of stamp. The Coat of Arms, a cross with an upright sword extending vertically within the left arm 1881, in the right 1815. The usual symbols of royalty and the legend, "Zempus et deum jus" complete design.

2 A double card of the same design. Plain on the upper side, and printed on the first and third sides.

3 10 para lilac on yellow card 140x92 mm. to large figure of value at the lower corner of the stamp. Arms same design as 1.

4. Double card 10 para similar to No. 2.

These four cards comprise the first issue. They were emitted in 1881.

5. 5 para brown on rose 153x95 mm. Value in large figures in lower corner of stamp like those on the preceding cards, consist of a design similar to the 1880 issue of adhesives. Arms shield with the usual arms on breast of double head, eagle on a shield surmounted by a crown. The whole surrounded by canopy similar to No. 1.

6. Double card 5x5, same design as No. 5.

7. 10 para lilac on canary card 143x93 mm. similar design. Large numerals. Arms, Cross and 4 Moons.

8. Double 10 para, same design. In the early part of 1884 other changes were made.

9. 10 para on buff, 141x91 mm. Value in small numerals. This card is found on both light and heavy board, In 1885 brought a new change.

10. 5 para brown on rose card 140x93, value in small numerals.

11. Reply card 5x5 same design.

12. 10 para same as 10. except the value is in small thin numerals.

13. Reply card 10x10. Citron colored board.

14. In 1886 the size of the 5 para was changed to 155x95 mm.

Besides these distinct there are several varieties of Minor importance, restrikes etc. but they are practically unobtainable.

Tasmania. The following frank stamps are emitted by this colony, Attorney General Black.

Secretary General Postoffice,	Vio. et.
Chief Secretary,	Violet.
Education Department,	Blue.
" "	Rose.
Secretary of Mines,	Carmine.
Auditing Department,	Black.
House of Assembly,	Rose.
Legislative Council.	Black.
Tasmanian Railroads,	Blue.
Governor of Tasmania,	Blue.

Official postal cards are issued by the Belgian Interior, Agriculture and several other Departments.

The following Express Co's, issue newspaper stamps. Wells-Fargo, United States, Pacific Denver and Rio Grande.

There is a variety of the 3 Kopecs Russia with a black ground of v's. It is rather scarce.

The first post-office in America, was established in Philadelphia in 1683.

Only a few years ago the 1 and 3 cent Executive could be obtained for less than a quarter.

The first penny post in London, was established in 1683.

In 1850 France authorized the use of a 59 centimes stamp but it was never emitted.

Senor J. D. Shery was instrumental for the introduction of postage stamps into Brazil.

The first issue of Lolima were printed Purification.

The first issue of Portugal which was emitted in 1853 were engraved by Francisco de Borges Freire.

The first issue of Bergeford appeared in November 1861, and were in use eleven days.

The Butteboro in the collection of Col. Sanford sold for \$145, the St. Louis 5c, for \$55.

Roumania 27 pence \$62. a Canada 12 pence \$50, and a Newfoundland 1 shilling \$55.

The portrait on the 10c 1886 U. S. of Columbia is that of President Wunez.

The 3 pence and 6 pence 1870 England were surcharged in large red figures for convenience of the post master.

The 1 penny Bahamas exists in six varieties It was first issued unwatermarked. In this condition it is found unperforate, perforate 12 13 and 14.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

We recently saw a counterfeit first issue Sweden. It may be distinguished easily as it is perforated 13 instead of 14.

In 1882 it was printed on watermarked paper Crown and C. C. perforate 12½ and 14.

The Belle City Philatelic Society.

W. Schad.

This society located in Racine, Wis. was organized with eleven members on April 1887.

R. H. Beebe was elected president, L. H. Fixew, Vice. and W. Schad Secretary and Treasurer. At the fourth meeting three members were suspended for non-payment of dues.

On June 7th vote of thanks was passed to A. K. Dunning and the Quaker City Philatelist, Youths' Ledger, and the Philatelic Fortnightly. The Society is in a flourishing condition, the Philatelic Century is the official organ.

QUERIES & ANSWERS.

J. H. S- The stamp you describe is an English Fiscal worth about ten cents.

M. H. A- "Correov" which is found on the Portugese stamp, means Post Boys.

A. D. S- We cannot supply No. 1. No. 2. may be had for 8c.

J. S. M- Writes, I have a 25 p. Finland on pink paper. Is it worth anything?

Back Numbers.

We can supply only No. 4, 5, and 6.

DEALERS OF THE PAST.

It is questionable if in any other business greater changes take place than in the ranks of Stamp Dealers. This was well illustrated when a few days ago, I was looking over one of the prominent journals of 1885. In a list of 22 dealers, the only ones in business to day, was Edwin England, F. Trifet, and L. W. Durbin. Having thus had our curiosity awakened, I took up a copy of an 1883 paper, and among 64 advertisements, the only familiar names were C. H. Meekel & Co. and W. F. Bishops, both located at this time in Chicago. Hanford

of New York, and Wellern of Baltimore.

A boy, living in Butte county Cal. recently shot an owl which evidently was once a captive. Attached to one of the bird's legs was a gold dollar, of the coinage of 1856. The coin was fastened to the bird by means of a piece of wire. The bird was an aged one, and the coin had been carried about many years.

For the first time in more than two years, the process of gold coining at the Royal Mint was recently resumed. It was remarked that the strong man who pours the molten stream from the crucible to mould, especial skill in directing the metal into narrow apertures without spilling or waste, on this momentous occasion some little signs of nervousness and agitation was shown. Gold coinage was successfully resumed in the reconstructed premises with new and greatly improved machinery, and it will probably be long indeed before there is such another interruption of the coinage as has been now happily brought to a conclusion.

Envelopes were used before postage stamps. They were used in France as early as the 16th century. There is now many philatelists that collect only envelopes, another will make a specialty of postal cards, and another of resumes. In collecting envelopes, the best way is to keep them entire so as to have the different watermarked.

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It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of Mr. L. W. Durbin, the prominent Philadelphia dealer. Mr. Durbin was so well known that no sketches of his life is needed to extol his virtues. In his death philately has lost a cherished Son, and the cause one of its most prominent and respected advocates.

The bereaved family have the heart-felt sympathy of philatelists everywhere;

CHICAGO, AUG. 18.--[Special]--

A meeting of the Chicago Society was held at President Bradt's office at noon to-day. A committee of three was appointed to draw up a resolution of condolence to be forwarded to Mr. Durbin's family,

The philatelic Monthly in 1878 stated the same of the prior issue.

Philadelphia organized a section of the International Philatelisten Verein of Dresden on the seventh of July. F. E. P. Snyder the well known collector and Editor of the L. C. Philatelist, was chosen president, Theodore Siddall vice president. This is the first American section.

The photograph of the delegates attending the Chicago Convention can be had of the Secretary for \$1.50

One of our contemporaries has "Stampie" for a contributor, another, "Stampo" Stampy and Stampum will probably soon be heard from.

If at the end of this quarter our support will warrant it, we will change this paper into a Weekly. If you desire to see a Weekly publication in the interest of Philately, you know what to do.

The Buckeye State Collector, is a new one from Portsmouth, O. Bro. Smith has our best wishes.

We acknowledge receipt of one of Dr. Vedel's handsome catalogues. It is neatly bound and interpressed with blank leaves. If any of our readers are desirous of Scandinavian stamps, we would recommend them to the Doctor. His address is Copenhagen, Denmark.

We advise all our readers to leave the Samoa Stamps (?) severely alone. The "Western Philatelist," claims the last issue has been recieved on letters through the post-office.

In our next number an article on the U. S. postal cards will appear from the pen of a well known collector.

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BELLVILLE, O. SEPTEMBER, 15. 1887.

No. IX.

A Resume of the Chalmers Hill Controversy.

BY PELF.

SOMETIME ago the philatelic public was flooded with pamphlets containing the opinion of this paper and that journal, this book and that encyclopaedia in favor of Mr. Chalmers bookseller of Dundee, Scotland as the inventor of the adhesive stamp. Society after society on the very strength of this without looking at the other side of the question immediately passed resolutions favorable to him, and usually put down Sir Rowland Hill as a swindler, who stole the other peoples' Ideas.

If any one person or aggregation of collectors dared to differ with those learned societies. They were immediately branded as not being able to judge, as cranks, etc. in fact the whole Chalmers Campaign has been going on in this way.

One society, the Quaker City Philatelic, which dared to weigh the testimony and found it wanting, and said so, it has had heaped upon it by almost every other society in the U. S. and because they have not seen fit to change their opinion, they are the cranks the fool, the anything you may chose to call them.

In a letter from Mayor Evans Royal Artillery, Beamupa, published in the Q. C. P. the whole case is summed up as it were, in a nut-shell, Mr. Chalmer proposed his scheme for postage stamps on the adhesive plan in November 1837 Mr. Rowland Hill then informed him that he had in Febuary 1837 which is proven by the public reports.

Mr. Chalmers then wrote withdrawing his claim. All these documents were laid before the London Philatelic Society in 1881 and as Mayor Evans puts it Mr. Patrick Chalmers never attempted to dis-

prove it. This we think ought to settle the Chalmers claim. Again the Quaker City Philatelic Society put forth a claim that one Mr. Chambuset a wealthy Persian instituted a post in 1758 using similar to those used at the present day. Our authority for this is a pamphlet written by Mr. Piron Sous Director des Postes and published at Paris in 1838.

In one of Mr. Chalmers pamphlets he makes the statement that Mr. Wallace M. P. from Greenock first advanced the idea of envelopes or cover, the Q. C. P. S. devised this and proved that De Valager in 1853-4 used wrappers containing all the eccentric ideas that were adopted early in this century. This was how De Valager became mixed up in the controversy.

We never intended to insinuate that either Hill or Chalmers got their ideas from this post of Cambuset, but at the same time we believe he should have the honor as the original inventor of the adhesive stamp.

The Chicago Convention.

I HAD the pleasure of being one of the thirty odd members of the A. P. A. attending the convention at Chicago, Aug. 8th 9th and 10th. When I say pleasure I mean it, for I have no recollection of ever having attended a convention at which there was such uniform good feeling and friendship displayed. Instead of its breaking up in a row, as so many had predicted it would it wound up more like a love feast. A great deal of the credit for this is due the Chicago Society for as each deligate arrived he was welcomed in such a cordial manner, that he felt perfectly at home. The opening address of our President also did much toward the same end, and was a masterly effort.

In the 2. r. to the right. The most common counterfeit is from a wood block, and is so crude looking as to need no notice. It hailed from Boston. There is however

tion, "Write the address on this side - The message on the other" in small black caps. "To" with four lines for address. The whole surrounded by a border of a neat

The argument for the accommodation of the convention was first class, we being tendered parlor and club room of the Tremont House for all three days free of cost. And as if this was not enough, the Chicago Society tendered us a magnificent banquet on the evening of the 9th. The name of which was very unique, a few of the things set before us being "fried chicken, surcharged with cream sauce; broiled perforated jack snipe on warm toast, and dessert des timbophile;" which led our worthy president to remark that he had learned many curious things about philately at Chicago. The "menu", I understand, was gotten up by one of the wits of the Chicago Society Mr. Wilson. The warm toast above mentioned was not the only kind of toast Mr. Wilson had a hand in as he was more or less mixed up in all the toasts of the evening, and was simply irrefragable. Taken altogether I might say the second annual convention of the A. P. A. was a great success, and will do a great deal toward bringing in new members. The convention did a wise thing in deciding to reestablish the "American Philatelist," as by doing so they put an end to this eternal wrangle about the official journal. Let us hope the convention at Boston next year will be as successful.

EUGENE DILL.

St. Louis, Aug. 24th '87.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

The different color, of Afgham stamps are used in different place, Grey for Cabul, Black for Jellebed, Green for Herat, Violet Lhaloom. Mazar and Scherif and Buff for Lalpoura.

The letters L. H. P. A. in the Spandrels of the Bergedor stamps signify Lubbec (and Hamberg post amt, (post office,)

Inverttee surcharges in first Luxemburg officials are fairly common.

The perforation machine was invented by Mr. Henry Archer.

The Cincinnati Delivery Co. Commenced business Jan. 12. 1863.

The Ledger Despatch was operated by one Edward Pidgeon.

The Head of Washington on the 26 present issue was engraved by Alfred Jones.

Triangular stamps have been used in New Foundland, Cape of good Hope and the United States of Columbia.

The five para Egypt 1872 is found with 5 inverted.

The first catalogue of stamps in English was published in 1862. by Dr. Gray, the first published, was M. Alfred Portiquets "Catalogue des Timbre Postes des divers Etats du Globe."

A Lady McLeod Local lately sold for \$25.00

The fiscal stamps of Jamaica may be found used postally.

During the procession of manufacturing stamps are counted no less than thirteen times.

The Rev. R. B. Earee has been a Collector since 1862 and his collection numbers over 8000 varieties.

Laid paper can be told by a watermarked of fine parallel lines in the paper.

The books in the British museum are bound on a principal, historical works being in red, theological in blue, poetical in yellow, natural history in green.

The surcharge, "One Dollar," on the Lauban, 1884, blue, 16-cents stamp, was done by hand, with a pen in red ink.

The new U. S. 1c stamp is among the new issues.

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Quite a change will soon take place in the U. S. postage stamps.

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Will Clement is again publisher and editor of the "Old Curiosity Shop" having purchased it from W. B. Brockaway.

The Canadian Philatelic Association is now an assured go. It starts with 27 members.

"The Halifax Philatelist," is our authority for the following, "Mr. Hart has on exhibition in his store window in Halifax a display of about 100 varieties of postal cards." If collectors everywhere would exhibit far as in their power, their collections, it would have a good influence on the public, and amuse many who have laid aside their collections, to commence collecting.

We expect to commence a series of articles on collectors and their collection, including sketches of the philatelists of several of our larger cities.

As an inducement to subscribers will give to the person sending the first subscription an unused pair of 12c 1857 issue worth \$1.00. To the next five copies of the Philatelic Journal.

We advise all our readers to preserve the article on the Hill Chalmers Question. It is from the pen of one of the leading members of the Philadelphia Society, and he knows whereof he speaks.

We hope to be able to present to our readers in our next number, the first part of our exceeding interesting article of the Peruvian Stamps.

Bro. Voite desires great credit for the promptness with which he published a report of convention transactions.

This paper will be mailed hereafter regular on the 15th and 30th of each month.

The old and reliable "Philatelic Gazette" added a nobby new cover. It was designed by Wm. Warner.

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The U. S. issue of 1870 was engraved by the National Bank Note Co. The 2c vermilion and 5c blue of '72 by the Continental Bank Note Co.

The due stamps were issued in August, 1877.

There are about 160 distinct varieties of match stamps.

The 2c regular stamp of Canada changes to brown under certain conditions.

The first regular U. S. postage stamp was bought by the Hon. Henry Shaw, father of the late Henry Shaw Jr.

A limited number of the 4 cuartos of 1864 cuission of spain may be found Perforated 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The F. at the end of the value on the earliest issues of Cuba is an abbreviation for "for furte" and signifies that a real of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents is meant instead of the ordinary real worth 10c.

The Venezuela 1874 emission may be found perforated 12.

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The Postage Stamps of Peru.

— Era —

PAPER I.

THE PACIFIC NAVIGATION CO.

In 1857 the Navigation Co. made a proposition to the Peruvian Government to furnish stamps free if the government would test their utility. The offer being accepted on December, 1. 1857 the Navigation Co. furnished two values which were used in payment of postage between Lima, and Chorillos.

1 real blue on blue paper.

2 reals red brown, on blue paper.

The Navigation Co. prior to this had used the same values in their own private operations. These may be distinguished by being on white laid paper, while the Experimental stamps are on paper chemically blued. Subsequently (1858) the 1 real was changed to caromine, the 2 reals to blue. These stamps are also found on white wove paper, printed in several distinct Colors. It is doubtful whether they are reprints or Essays.

1 real, rose, blue, lake yellow, green.

2 reals brown, blue, lake, yellow, green.

These stamps have also been Extensively Counterfeited. The following shows the distinguishing points.



The genuine is engraved 'Faillledonce.' The "S" in the upper right hand corner is joined to the period;

In the r. r. the ship is sailing to the left.

In the 2. r. to the right. The most common counterfeit is from a wood block, and is so crude looking as to need no notice. It hailed from Boston. There is however

two foreign Counterfeits, which are dangerously near the original. The first is lithographed on yellow wove paper. The engine turned work is very poor. In this set in the 2 reals the engravers made the ship sail to the left instead of the right. This set is believed to have been emitted from England. The other dangerous set comes from Germany. It is lithographed on very heavy yellow-white wove paper.

The engine turned work is excellently imitated. Fortunately this set is quite rare. It is cancelled with several concentric circles. After the manner of the old German Stamps, while the genuine are cancelled by a pen stroke.

The U. S. Cards.

"MILKADO."

The postal cards, even of our own country, are nearly neglected by the collectors in the United States. Their passion seems to be to collect everything that looks like a postage stamp, and if they get hold of a postal card they immediately cut out the stamp, thereby destroying many cards which are rare, on account of their inscriptions.

The United States first issued postal cards in 1873. The design of this issue is by far the handsomest ever accepted by the U. S. officials. In the right hand upper corner the head of Liberty Surrounded by oval shaded engine-turned work having in it U. S. POSTAGE above, ONE CENT below. On the left United States Postal Card in two lines below which is the inscription, "Write the address on this side - The message on the other" in small black caps. "To" with four lines for address. The whole surrounded by a border of a neat

design. It is printed in brown on buff with a watermark—large monogram—U. S. P. O. D. The card is 70x126 mm. In 1874 the size of the watermark was decreased, and the card is found in three varieties.

Red brown on buff

Light brown on buff

Dark brown on light brown.

In 1875 the well known design of Head of Liberty between faces was emitted. At first the directions remained the same as on its predecessor. It is E. 7Cx130. There are five varieties,

Black on light buff

Black on buff

Black on dark buff

Black on pale yellow buff

Black on brownish buff.

In 1879 the 2c Card first saw the light. The design is a head of Liberty in an oval surrounded by a garter with a monogram of U. and S. on it over the head. Postal on left Card on the right the figure of value on either side of head—TWO CENTS below—is in the right upper corner. The inscription is in three lines. It is printed blue on chamois. It is also found on rose-tinted board. In 1879 the legend on the 1 cent was changed to "Write only the address on this side." In 1882 to "Nothing but the address can be placed on this side." In 1885 the 1 cent brown head of Jefferson was given out which was succeeded by the design now in use the earlier part of the year.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

The new Siam Stamps are numbered among the handsomest we have seen.

A number of changes in U. S. stamps have lately taken place.

The first post-office in the Sandwich Islands was opened at Honolulu Dec. 21, 1861.

The first postal cards were issued in October, 1869.

The use of department stamps ceased June 30, 1884.

The 1847 issue of Mauritius was engraved by a man named Bernard.

The first issue of Bergerdorf ap-

peared in November, 1861.

The word "Correos" is said to mean, properly, post boys.

London has 765 branch post-offices,

The first pony express left St. Louis April 3, 1860 and arrived in San Francisco April 13.

Comparative Scarcity of U. S. Department Stamps.

BY GUSTAVE LUHN.

It is strangely noticable that in each Set of U. S. Department Stamps, there is one or more rare Stamps. (This is the case in every set except the Interior and the Executive; and in the later, it may be said that each Stamp is worth as much as the other.) The reason of this is that, generally, very few of the higher values were supplied to the smaller offices, and in some cases only the 3 cent was; thus making a greater demand for the same with the out-of-the-way values, such as the 7ct &c. As it is, the 7 and 90 cent Stamps are generally the rarest and the 3 and 6 cent the commonest.

Considering the number of the Stamps issued by each Department, this is the order in which they, come.

1-Executive	Is issued	5,150
2 State	do	60,495
3 Justice	do	62,400
4 Navy	do	247,230
5 Agriculture	do	275,000
5 War	do	446,500
7 Interior	do	1,058,475
8 Treasury	do	7,842,500
9 Post-Office	do	10,054,660

In the Executive Department,

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The American Philatelic Record of Binghamton, N. Y. has suspended with its second number. Its subscription list will be refunded.

The Gossip, of Ottawa, has discontinued its Philatelic Department.

The Chalmers Resolution was passed without one dissenting vote. Where was the Q. C. P. S. members?

Mr. H. B. Seagrave is the Chicago, Society nominee for the A. P. A. Treasurership. Mr. Seagrave is a well known collector whose special hobby is proofs. There is no one better fitted for the place, and we hope every member will see, when the time comes, that his ballot reads For Treasurer, H. B. Seagrave, of Ionia, Mich.

The Curiosity World, is now published semi-monthly. Glad to see you following our example Bro. Hubbard.

The Philatelic part of the *Mohawk Standard*, seems to be the

ads. Try and give us something to read Bro. Smith.

We advise the *Niagara Falls Philatelist*, to substitute Chestnut for Philatelist.

For the first the *Philatelic Century*, found its way into our sanctum the early part of the month.

Mous. Morus has issued a "Numero Jubilaire" of his paper *Le Timbre Poste*, in honor of its twenty fifth year. It is a 36 page number of prominent collectors, among whom are Phillips von Ferrary, J. N. Marsden, E. B. Evens, Chas. Diena, F. Mongeri, the Editor and several others.

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We acknowledge the receipt of Wetterv's Sept. list. He offers to dealers many bargains.

We acknowledge receipt of Caseys 12 sale catalogue. An unique set of die proofs of private proprietary stamps printed in green of India Paper will be offered. A large collection of U. S. Envelopes will also be offered.

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

In the State department, the 90 cent is the most valuable and close upon it comes the 24 cent. All are comparatively scarce. Of the 2, 5, 10 and 20 dollar stamps, the \$2. is the least rare and the others go up according to value. There were about 360 of each of the 3 higher values issued: so this makes them pretty scarce, when there are about 500,000 collectors in all parts of the world to be divided among.

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No. XI.

A Reference List of the Egyptian Officials.

J. L. D.

The only excuse for compiling this list is the despicable way the American Catalogues treat them. The only one which notices them at all only gives the information that so many varieties of this type exists, and so many of the next. In fact such is the want of knowledge upon these stamps that I was not at all surprised in looking over a well-arranged Collection of nearly 4000 stamps, to find nearly a hundred of these little "pill box covers" arranged promiscuously without regard to issue even.

Issues of 1864.

Inscription in a circle, Amministrazione Della Posta Europea in Egitto on white paper in colors as given.

Alessandria buff, Cario brown, Birket-el-Sab red, Damiata rose, Kafer-Zayet brown, Michalla yellow, Samanud olive, Tanta olive, Zagazik orange, Zifta azure, (there is said also to exist from Atfe, Benha, Damanhour, Gahut, Mansura, and Suez.)

Issue of 1865 Inscription

Poste Vice Reali Egiziani. In the centre Arabic Characters, Black on color.

Abahomas pale brown, Abuhomos rose, Alessandria rose, Afte brown yellow, Benka Chamois, Cairo orange lilac, Birket-el-Sab orange Damanhour irongrey, Damiata bright yellow, Galiub green, Kafer Duar dark blue, Kafer Zayat dark brown, Mansura slate, Michalla grey, Rambe buff, Suez flesh, Samanud olive, Tanta navy blue, Tehel Barud darkblue darkgrey Took brown Zagazik green, Zagasik green, Zifta magenta.

Issue of January 1837. Inscription.

Poste Vice Reali Egiziane, on white paper. Aluhomos violet, Abuhomus carmine,

Alessandria violet Abuhomus dark brown, Atfe blue, Benha grey, Birket-el-Saat green, Bilbes ocher, Birket-el-Sah red, Cairo black, Costant nopoli vermillion, Damanhue green, Damanhour green, Damiata blue, Direzione-general carmin, blue, Direzione-general Alessandria carmine blue, Galiub blue, Gfdda grey, Gedda blue, blue grey, Magenta light green, Ismailie light green, Ismailia Ibafl-el-Dauar yellow, Ibafl Zafti olive, Jeh-el-Barud orange, Jook rose, Kafr-el-Dauer yellow. Kafr-el-Zayet yellow Mahalla bistre, Mahalleh Roh buff, Mansura mauve, Minet-el-Gamp orange, Minet-el-Gamh blue, orange, Porto Said dark blue, Samanna olive, Samanna olive, Samanud olive, Smirne gery Scibiw-el-Anater red brown, Suez olive, The (or Tek) el-Barud red, Took red brown, Zagazig blue, Zefta olive.

Issue January 1868 Inscription in black on colored paper.

Abuhomus yellow, green yellow, Atfe green, Alessandria lilac, carmine, Benha light brown, Benisueff grey, Bilbes blue, Birket-el-Sab pale lilac, Cairo brown blue, Chalif-el-Taraha red-brown, Damanhour Bistre, Damiata seagreen, Desuk grey, Dardanelli yellow, Elgisr rose, El Tepel Kibir navy blue, Embabe rose, Faacne blue, violet, Galiub brown, Ghisa green, grey Ismailia blue, Kafr-el-Dauar blue, Kafr-el-Zayat carmine, Kantara yellow, Kilometre 83 yellow, Magara red, yellow, Mahalla orange, brown, Mahallet-Roh buff, Mansura dark grey, Massua green, Meinat-el-Fainm lilac rose, Minet-el-Gam buff, rose, Porto Said green, Ramle bistre, green, Samanud ceromine, Scibin-el-Anater blue, Suarin blue, Suez pale blue, Scrib-el-kom bister. green, Serapoum blue, Tanta blue, Teh-el-Barut green, Took carmine,

Vasta rose, Zagazig green, Zefte green,
(to be continued)

The Stamps of Peru.

BY ERA.

PAPER SECOND.

The experiment with the stamps furnished by the Navigation Co. proving satisfactory an issue was prepared by the government and put in use on March 1st 1858.

1 Dinero light blue.

1 " dark blue.

1 " slate.

1 Peseta brick.

1 " light rose.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Peso buff-yellow.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Peso (error) red, rose.

From March 1 to the 15th of the same their use was limited to the mail service between Lima, Callio and Chorillos; after the 15th there were current throughout the republic.

Both of the 1-2 Peso stamps are exceedingly rare. The error was caused by the insertion of a one-half peso die in a plate of 1 pesetas.

This value was suppressed by a decree on June, 181858.

The following surcharges are net which later investigation proves to be frauds.

$\frac{1}{2}$ peso on 1 dinero.

1-2 peso on 1 peso.

The surcharge is rather complicated consisting of three lines in blue.

Vale médio

peso

50cts.

Habilitado in black, and certif do in carmine.

Moenus catalogues them in his 1879 edition Evans is his last Edition of his "Hand book" say "there is no doubt that they are perfectly genuine" but the last investigation of the Philatelic Society of Lima prove that they were of no postal value. This set is similar to the succeeding ones, but may be distinguished by the following particulars: wavy lines in spandrel, Top of P of Porto Franco touches the frame, Llamas Tail touches the shield.

In December 1858 the wearing of the Stones caused the wavy lines in the spandrels to disappear thus making with colored varieties some or ten more varieties.

In 1861 a new series, the distinctive feature being zig-zag lines in the spandrels.

1 Dinero, light blue.

1 " dark blue.

1 Peseta, light rose.

1 " dark rose.

1 " dark red.

1 " brick red.

1 " light redish rose.

1 " dark " "

1 " light red.

Beside these there is a variety of the light rose, in which the llama rejoices in a tail, which in the other issues he sporteth not, also the redish rose varieties are found with the cornucopia on white ground.

In 1862 the wearing of the plates caused the zig-zag lines to look broken in the 1 dinero. These stamps were all lithographed by Senor D. Emilio Prague of Lima and are placed on wove paper.

(to be continued)

Queries and Answers.

Alphonse, O.—The dues of the A. P. A. are now \$1. per year for none-voting members.

A. J. M.—The stamps described by you is a type set Russian local Wologda issued in 1883. It is worth about ten cents.

L. J.—We never heard of a dealer of that name.

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The Keystone State Philatelist says that everything was not as harmonious in the Chicago Convention as the reports show. We can hardly credit this as we have had reports of the convention from five different correspondents each of whom represented a different ante-convention position.

The Youth's Leisure Hour, is a

new paper from Boonville, N. Y. It should add a department devoted to our "profession."

The Chicago Times, settles a much debated question. It decides that Philately is a profession.

We quote the following from the *St. Paul Globe*, of Sept. 17th. "In the next century (the Eighteenth) the Spanish government used stamps on official letters but after some years abandoned them." This adds another to the list of claimants for the honor of the invention of the postage stamp.

The W. C. P. says that Salem will send out no more counterfeits. Let the good work go on.

Every branch of philately will find this Journal on hand with instructive articles. Collectors of all adhesives will find in the articles on Egyptian and Peru in this number and the Confederacy etc, in preceding ones something to be interested in. Collectors of Locals have been catered by articles on Bloods, Briggs and other posts. Card collectors have been shown the varieties in cards of Seriva, The Chicago, Convention, The Chalmers-Hill Controversy, and other topics of the times, have been treated. We believe we have kept all our promises. If so, why not subscribe for 3 months? (6 numbers) only ten cents.

Comparative Scarcity of U.**S. Department Stamps.**

(continued from last issue)

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followed by the 7 cent. The other values are quite easily obtained.

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CHAPTER III

The counterfeits of 1860-2.

There are a number of wood block counterfeits of these issues but their crudeness renders them to be of little danger. The lithographed counterfeits can only be detected by a rigid search.

1 Dinero. The original is lithographed, white wove paper, likewise is the counterfeit. There are ninety six pearls around the circle in the original. The OS in Porte Franco are taller than the other letters. There are 15 lines in the part of the shield containing the llama. The right hand branch of the large wreath contains twenty two leaves, the right hand twenty one.

The counterfeit described by Earee has but seventy two pearls, all the letters of Porte Franco of same size. The llama head is goose like and his background has but thirteen lines, the right hand branch has twenty leaves, the left seventeen. I recently met with what I believe to be a much more dangerous forgery; the only distinguishing feature being eighty-one pearls instead of ninety-six. I have also heard of one on yellowish laid paper.

1 Peseta Earee describes a counterfeit of this value, "Lithographed on stout Yellowish wove paper. There are eighty-eight white pearls round the central circle instead of the zig-zag lines (as in the original) *** The llama has a blotch on its shoulder ** The value is UN PESETA instead of UNA.

A Reference List of Egyptian Officials.

J. D. L.

Issue of 1871, Same as preceding prin-

ted in color on white. Alessandria grey, Bairouth violet, Cavalla brown, Gallipoli light green, Jaffa navy blue, Lagos light brown, Latschia rose, Metalino red, Scio yellow, Salonica vermilion, Tenedos orange Volo, green.

1871. The same with crescent and star in the centre.

Alessandria red, centre green.

1871. The same inscription DEZZIONE GENERAL DELLA B POSTE EGYZIONE ALESSANDRIA. In the centre, the crescent and star on verticle lines gold on white.

Reviews.

The past month or two has been quite prolific in additions to philatelists library Among the more substantial may be noted The Improved Stamp Album. (C. H. Meekle & Co. St. Louis, Mo. 183.) This meets a long felt want, its pages being blank with the sole exception of a neat border makes it especially desirable to those who collect revenues, and telegraph stamps, essays, proofs, and addites. It will well repay all collectors to examine it.

From the same enterprising publishers comes the History of the Postage Stamps of the United States. This most essential work to all collectors of U. S. stamps is from the pen of John K. Tiffany, the president of of the A. P. A. It is modeled after the author's French work published by M. Moras. Our only regret is that the author did not include a chapter or two on essays and proofs.

From the Western Philatelic publishing Co. comes a neat edition of Pres't Tiffany's address before the Chicago, Convention.

Collectors should supply themselves with this if, for no other purpose than having a convincing argument for those skeptics who always ridicule our hobby.

The Cyclopaedia of Philately comes from the Q. C. P. Pub. Co., In its 64 pages are crowded a vast amount of "stampology." Philatelically it is a veritable "multum in parvo," and should become a "vede mecum" with all collectors.

From the Literary Board of the A. P. A. comes the first number of the association's Phoenix "The American Philatelist." The contents consists of a reprint of a portion of Ennes's Album Weeds and society reports.

Stamps, Face Value and Size.

BY PHILATELIA

The stamps of the greatest face value ever issued was the \$5000 United States revenue. It is very valuable. It is doubtful if there is a collector in the United States who possesses a used specimen. The postage stamp of the highest face value is the £5 Great Britain issued in 1882 equivalent to \$24.30. In the United States we have the \$60 news paper which however is not a postage stamp in the strictest sense of the word. In Departments we have the \$20 State.

Brazil issued a stamp at 10 reis equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent.

France, Belgium, and the other Countries using the franc and centime emit a stamp of 1 centime equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent.

The one lepta of Greece is the smallest, being worth $\frac{1}{8}$ of a cent.

The largest design is the Mulready Envelope.

The smallest is probably the West town Local. It consists of a double frame and the word West Town. It would take four to cover a square inch. While both China and Japan have very small value coins their lowest price stamps are equal to 1 cent.

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The Philatelic Journal of Ohio is a new candidate for favor hailing from Wooster, O. We wish Brother Kinzer success.

The old and reliable Philatelic Gazette has commenced the publication of a manual of Philatelic Term from the pen of Wm. A. Warner.

The death of Charles Wiener the medalist, in Brussell, has been announced. He was the designer and engraver of the Portuguese stamps.

The A. P. A. now numbers 306 members.

Our old friend Mr. F. E. P. Lynde of Philadelphia has been nominated for the office of General Secretary of the A. P. A. we recommend all our readers to vote for him. The old officers represented, one the East the other the West, why not continue it by voting for Messrs Seagrave and Lynde.

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The Postage Stamps of Peru will be continued, likewise The Reference List of Egyptian officials.

The cards of Mexico by Milkardo will delight collectors.

The Baltimore carriers is the title of an interesting article on these much disputed about labels.

Articles may be expected from H. B. Seagrave, F. E. P. Lynde H. H. McNamara, Veda, and others.

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PAPER FOURTH.

PRADO, STAMPS.

On April 14, 1884, a Spanish fleet under Admiral Pinzon took possession of the Chincha Island, the cause of this action was the alleged ill-treatment of some of the Basune Emigrants the year previous. This caused great excitement not only among the Peruvians, but also foreign nations. In January, 1865, a treaty of peace was effected by President Pez, which was unfavorable to Peru. At the meeting of the assembly, in the same month, Pezet was declared a traitor. After a severe struggle General Canesco assumed the presidentship in November Col. Prado was declared temporary dictator. In January 1866, a treaty offensive and defensive, was entered into with Chili, which was at war with Spain, the result of which was an unsuccessful attempt upon Callaoby the Spanish fleet.

In October, Prado was elected president, which office he held until forced to resign. Prado was reelected in 1876.

During this administration many reforms were inaugurated, the Constitution was revised, the abuse in the legislative branch were to a great extent died away. Many reforms were brought about in the postal department, a series of three stamps were ordered from the American Bank Note Co., which were put into circulation in July, 1867. The set consists of

- 5 cent avos green.
- 10 " " red.
- 20 " " brown.

All of these have been counterfeited, the genuine are engraved on a thick wove paper of a yellowish tinge, and are perforated 12. The only dangerous counterfeits are lithographed, so an advanced collector can eas-

ily distinguish them, and are perforated 18. In the counterfeit of the 5c the two upper labels touch at both ends, the letters in "Peru," are badly botched. Not so in the genuine.

In the 10c and 20c counterfeits the Cactus in foreground has eleven leaves instead of eight.

The cancellation of the forged is by a small oval with six thin lines running length-ways. This means of cancellation is never found in the genuine.

By a decree of July 18, 1866, the use of fiscals as postage stamps was discontinued.

Proofs and Essays of the U. S.

BY H. B. SEAGRAVE.

I presume many of your readers have no idea what Proofs & Essays are, so before I proceed futher, I will explain.

There are two kinds of proofs, Die and Peute. Die or Hub-proofs as they are sometimes called, are impressions taken from the Die when first engraved and before the Peutes have been made. They are distinguishable from the ordinary plate proofs by having large margins, much larger than is possible from a plate. Plate proofs are impressions from the plates that the sheets of the stamps are printed from, hence they have but little margin, simply that of which is perforated, in the original

Most of the Die proofs are printed on India paper. Plate proofs are printed on India paper and fine card. Essays are designs for the stamps, supposed to have been submitted to the Government, and rejected on account of not filling the bill, in the estimation of the officials to whom submitted.

Many of them are as handsome as any stamps ever issued by the United States. Some is next to an impossibility to procure, and others among no doubt to the plate or die being in existence can be bought for a mere trifle. A few years ago. Proofs and Essays were things seldome seen even in the finest collections, but now, owing to philatelic influence, in a measure no doubt such things are more frequently met with, in fact, of late. I think that the collecting of these beautiful impressions has received quite an impetus. Of course Proofs and Essays are little dobbled with, except by the advanced collector, or the pscialist who collects U. S. stamps only. The amateur of to day has ample to do to collect the regular government issues, unless he possesses the means, enjoyed by a very few. I will mention a few Essays in my possession, as it may be a guide to some of your readers.

1. Large "3" centre Postage above, cents below in lathe work oval, die proof, in red, black, blue, brown and green.
2. Similar design, with addition U. S. also Washington to the right in circle "U. S. Postage" above. "Three cents" below both on one peice, and in colors of above.
3. Franklin to the left "U. S. Postage" above, "Three cents"

below India proofs in red, blue and black.

4. Washington to right in nicle inscriptions same as the Franklin above, die proofs, five colors.
5. Washington to left in lathe work frame, "A. B. & C." in corners dye proofs, five colors
6. Washintgen to left on sayed grounds U. S. in upper corners 3 in lower. Postage above val-below die proofs in 5 colors.
7. Washington to left in lothe work octogon 5 colors.
8. Same as third described, but "Albany Office" at sides. Die proofs on india paper, five colors forme of crossed lines about design.
9. Washington to left, star in each corner, five colors.
10. Similar to 7th, but smaller, same colors &c.
11. New York Post Office 5c. large head of Washington, die proofs in five colors.

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Mr. Wm A. Warner, Secretary of the National Society of New York has prepared for us a long and exceedingly interesting article on the Past of Philately.

The Membership Card of the Chicago Society is the finest we have seen.

With many others of the A. P. A. we anxiously ask "where are those badges?"

We suggest to the Literary Board of the A. P. A. that a write up of some of the foreign societies would be interesting.

The Dresden I. P. V. is rapidly getting a foot hold in the U. S. A majority of the October applications being from this side of the

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The indications point to the Election of Messrs Seagrave and Bradt for the vacancies among the A. P. A. officers.

Mr. R. R. Bogart has a postal card catalogue in preparation.

The Badger State Philatelist will appear Dec. 10th. Messrs Carter and Judson are back of the venture.

New Revenues were issued in October in Argentine, Bulgaria, Columbia, Grenada, Mexico, Paraguay and Turkey.

The July Philatelic Herald bobs up on Nov. 1. Do try and date your next number right Bro. Jewett. You make us have the impression that N. E. is way behind the time.

We shall in the future continue the "Reference List of Egyptian Official" But we shall not publish in each consecutive number.

SUBSCRIBE & ADVERTISE.**Canada Notes.**

Ottawa, Nov. 14. The C. P. A. Election will be held on Dec. 5. after which the different departments will be put in working order.

Quite a lot of the A. P. A. members have joined the C. P. A.

"The Canada Stamp and Coin Journal" will be issued at present. The choice for official organ rests between the Halifax, Toronto and Niagara Falls papers.

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No. XIV.

The Stamps of Peru.

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PAPER FOURTH.

The Embossed Stamps.

On November 18, 1862 a new issue was emitted. These were an embossed design, the arms in the centre. The inscription was correos Porte Franco-Correos-value. The Different values have different ornamentation. I have never meet with a forgery of this issue, nor seen one described.

The set consists of the one dinero which may be found in nearly every shade of pink and red. There also exists on erros with the arms quarter-way around to the left; the one peseta (issued Jan. 1 1863) which is found in light and dark brown. Commencing with the Jan. 1, 1866 the 1 dinero was cut into two and employed as $\frac{1}{2}$ dinero this being brought about by the reduction of postage between Lima, Chorillos and Callao. It continued in use until June 5th of the same year these stamps are said to have been printed from a machine invented by a M. Lecoeq of Paris. This machine printed the stamas in an endless strip.

In 1866 an insurrection taking place Colonel Prado seized the reins of the government, decided himself dictator and issued a handsome engraved set which continued in use about a year (as this set was engraved we save the

discription until our next issue.) The Embossed stamps were represented and used, the one dinero, on July 18, 1868, printed in nearly every shade of green. It also is is found with arms reversed. In 1872 the 1 peseta was reprinted in yellow-orange.

In April 1871, the embossed "engine" design was sent forth.

In the genuine the tender of the engine has three wheels, in a counterfeit which was shown me not long since it has but two.

The last of the embossed series was emitted May 1, 1873. This is only one of this group met with otherwise than unperforate. It is rouletted

2 centavos, blue,

This design consists of a Llama in an oblong frame. Porte Franco on left, Correo above Dos, centavos on right, Sima below, this in as employed for "drop" mail in Lima.

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The Reference List of Egyptian Officials.

J. D. L.

Issues of June 1871. Inscription Poste Kheduse Egiziane. Color on white, Abuhomas, red, vermil-

lion; Assonan, brown, Alesandria, Barbour, Benha, Beret-el-Sab, vermilion; Constantinopoli, ora. Damanhour, Dardanelli, vermilion; Esna, blue; Gedda, vermilion Gergha, red-brown; Godaba, buff; Ismailia, vermilion; Karaskow, greenish lilac; Kassala, mauve; Kartum, green; Kena, vermilion; Lutachia, brown-orange; Luxor, olive; Mansura, Mellani, vermilion; Mersina, orange; Minuf, brown; Roda, borwn; Rodes, vermilion; Scio, vermilion; Sezione, mauve; Miut, mauve; Swirue, bright green; Teh-ii-Barnd, vermilion; Tripoli, olive; Wade-Halfe, mauve, Zzgazig zifte, verion.

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Stamp Collection.

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This interesting but much abused branch of science has many admirers, also many opponents. The enthusiastic admirers call it Philately, while its opponents call it the "Stamp Craze." When they see a boy collecting stamps they merely smile and say, "You will get over that when you are older," sorry to relate many do get over it, a much greater number in fact, yes a much greater number, than keep on collecting.

So we must admit that they have grounds for talking as they do.

When they come in contact with men having collections of several thousand neatly and orderly arranged, when they see persons able to pick up a stamp tell its real and fictitious value from what country it comes, and if a rare, the history connected

with it, then their contempt is changed to admiration.

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Mr. C. R. Gadsden is said to have decided the appointment of the Literary Board. If this is true it can not be too sincerely regretted "Phil" was the right man in the right place.

The Canadian Philatelic Association now numbers 55 members, 16 of whom are in the U. S.

John R. Hooper in the Oct, No. of the "Halifax Philatelist" vouches for the genuineness of the last issue of Samoa.

Announcements are made of two new ventures. "The Semi-annual Philatelist," and the "Badger State Philatelist."

Success to you Brothers.

We have arrangements nearly completed for another treat for our readers.—A copy written History of Telegraph Stamps of the World, from the pen of Wm. A. Warner.

Mr. Pat Chalmers is out with an other pamphlet. The cause of the jubilee this time, is the decision of the A. P. A. Very few of the members anticipated the in-

roduction of Endorsement of Mr. Chalmers, or a larger negative vote would have been cast.

"The Old Curiosity Shop," is publishing an interesting Catalogue of the U. S. Revenues, this reminds us we have an article on "Mexican Revs" in preparation.

We are in receipt of Stanley Gibbons & Co's. Oct. wholesale list. Many bargains are list.

Mr. Lincoln Ruggle has charge of Mr. Durbin's business.

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The Past Year.

Gone into the irrevocable past is 1887, a year which has been remarkably favorable to the philatelic world. It has proved that, beyond peradventures, the success of the American Philatelic Association. It has proved a year of woe to the Boston gang of counterfeiter. It has been a year which will ever be remembered by our Canadian brethren. On the other side of the Atlantic the London Society saw its eighteenth birthday, The Dresden Celebrated with great eclat their tenth anniversary. Le Timber Poste celebrated its twenty-fifth natan day with a supurb "Jubelee" number.

Below we give a briefsummary of the yaer.

January.—Siame inaugerates important reformes in her postal department. E. A. Hollou is appointed Counterfeit Detector of the A. P. A. The American Philatelist (Official organ A. P. A.) first appears. MOENS publishes his Le Timber de Prusse. The Pomeroy (Toledo O. and Denver

Societies endorse Chalmers. The Charlston (S. C.) Philatelic Society organized. Durbin publishes his catalogue (16th edition). The Cowstock (N. Y.) Philatelic Society organized. The Verneiu Deutscher Briefmarkeenfreunde of Berlin (Germany.) celebrated its fifteenth meeting. The Lima (Peru) Society publishes its reference list of Peruvian Stamps. Hugo Meyer a well known german collector dies in Brieg. The Western Philatelist, The Halifax Philatelist and Keystone State Philatelist established.

Febuary.—The National (N. Y.) Society becomes a branch of the A. P. A. The Dresden elects its 1000th members. The Quaker City Philatelic Society holds its second annual dinner and decides adverse to Chalmers a few days later. The Black Hawk Philatelic Society organized at Rock Island, Ill. staulous Philatelic Directory published. The Danziger Verein Briefmarken freunde organized. The Stamp Record (Denver) The Garmantown Phe-latelist, and the Rock Island Phi-

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latelist first appeared.

March.—E. B. Haus, resigns, as exchange Superintendent A. P. A. The Western Philatelist absorbs the Stamp World. The Quaker City Philatelic Society pass the celebrated anti—Chalmers resolutions.

The St. Louis Society becomes an. A. P. A. branch as does likewise the Denver. Seufi Tausenbuch, 1887 published, likewise Aldrich's Philatelic Annual 1887, The Chalmers Philatelic Association Worthbore Mass. formed. T. C. Watkins severs his connection with the Empire State Philatelist. The Stamp Collectors Figures founded April. Henry Clotz became Ex. Supt. A. P. A. Call for vote abolishing the American Philatelist. The Texas Stamp suspends. The Stamp absorbs the Cumberland Collector. The Belle City (Reieve Wise) and Oak Park (Ill.) Green's Fourth Edition catalogue published, likewise Sterling's, U. S. Postage catalogue 6th edition. Two new section of the Desden formed. The Sunda Island and Prague. Meekel issues the first part of Evans Catalogue. Richmonds Press Directory appears. The Le Timbrophiles de Lanzou organized. Heiltman's album for German Locals published The Useful Instructor, The Philatelic Century, The Rhode Island Philatelist and the Philatelic Fortnightly first appear.

May—The Dresden celebrates its tenth year. S. Allen Taylor leaves Boston while under bonds.

The Philatelic Exhibition held at Antwerp. A. F. Henkels severs his connection with the Keystone State Philatelist. Wm Wolf arrested at Phila. The American Philatelist abolished. The Ottawa (Ill) Society formed. Coffins Philatelic Frauds published. Hancock and Hempstead pocket catalogue of U. S. stamps published.

June—The Call for organizing the Canada Philatelic Association appears Carl Senz dies at Berlin. The U. S. Philatelic Association organized in New York. The Section Brussels of the Dresden formed. The Empire State Philatelist issues its last number.

The Keystone State Philatelist absorbs the Germantown Phil. The Western Philatelist becomes the official organ (A. P. A.). The Philatelic Magazine suspends. The International Collector established.

July—Meekel publishes his "Improved Album" and Tiffany's History of the U. S. Postage Stamps. The Western Philatelic resign the official organship (A. P. A.) W. V. Nicholson elected Alderman at Erie Pa. The eminent German collector A. Hansman dies.

August—The American Philatelic Association holds their second convention at Chicago. The Philatelic world shocked by the death of L. W. Durbin. The Staten Island Society to hold its

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fiftieth meeting. Sec'y Brad't resigns. Two new sections of the Dresden formed one at Philadelphia, the other at Teheran. The U. S. changes the colors of its current issue. C. R. Gadsden retires from the Western Philatelist Pub. Co. Kelchesons Canadian catalogue issued. The American Philatelic Record, The Collectors Journal and The Niagara Falls Philatelist appear. Mrs. Ralph Starkweather dies at Chicago, Anton Kobersteine at Schwerin, Germany.

September—The Denver Society make an exhibit, The Akron (Ia.) Society formed. The New Milford (Ct.) endorsed Chalmers. The Black Hawk (Rock Island Ill.) reorganized. Stamp Cuts belong to Scott and Co. Seized by the government, subsequently restored. The American Philatelic Record suspends with its second number. The Cyclopedia of Philately Published. The New York Society calls for an Exhibition at Boston 1888. The Buckeye Collector published. Erust Schmorl dies at Blasewitz.

October—The Charleston (S. C.) Society reorganized. The Toronto Philatelist resurrected. The first number of the new American Philatelist published. Pres't Tiffany is tendered a reception by the National (New York) Society. The Charleston Philatelist started Heinrich Bertz dies at Egnach. Herman Garce, a prominent member of the Staten Island (N. Y.) Society dies.

November—The Halifax (U.

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It is quite probable that the Minnesota members of the A. P. A. will organize a branch in the near future. By the way Minnesota has doubled her numbers since the convention.

We had the pleasure of having a chance to have a pick at the Dresden Exchange Sheet recent. We advise every Collector to join the Dresden and the Section Phila.

S.) Philatelic Association formed. W. C. Clemens of the Old Curiosity Shop removes from Jamestown N. Y. to San Diego Cal. The Keystone State Philatelist absorbed by the Quaker City Philatelist. The ballots for Treasurer A. N. A. counted, with no result. Aaron Swartz founder of Swartz Local Post dies in New York. The Chalmers Philatelic Society formed at Chicago. The Ninth Edition of Schaubek's Album published.

December—The Postage Stamps of Sterling's Collection sold. The Badger State Philatelist and the North Star Philatelist appear. The Constitution of the Canada Philatelic Association adopted.

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