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**COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE
STAMPS.**

(Continued.)

In 1893 the U. S. issued a set of 16 stamps, to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the "Discovery of America." This set was one of the finest, in beauty and execution, produced by any country in the entire world.

Immediately after this set was offered for sale the government issued four large envelope stamps; showing the heads of Columbus and Liberty.

Newfoundland issued a handsome commemorative set in 1897 to commemorate the discovery of that part of the continent by Cabot, 400 years before. The stamps, 14 in number, illustrated the various industries of the colony and were engraved by The American Bank Note Company, of New York.

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**PHILATELIC EDUCATION OF
YOUTH.**

(By Dorpat).

In Europe, and especially in Germany, the movement among the old veterans of philately to do something for young stamp collectors, is very strong. According to Herr Franz Bolke, who repeatedly has addressed philatelic meetings on the subject, competitive exhibitions of stamp collections made by youths of 10 to 18 years have been recently held at Muehlhausen, Basel, Leipsig, Hamburg, Meerane, Augsburg, Erfurt, Regensburg, Munich, Hanover, Stuttgart and Kolen, and the youthful philatelists received some substantial prizes in the form of stamps, albums, catalogs and other things valuable to collectors. In one instance, Munich, 80 boys took part in the competition, and more than 1200 visitors were counted at the exhibition.

In other places some of the older collectors took it upon themselves to give a series of lectures for the benefit of beginners, providing thus for them a course in philatelic instruction that saves them much expense and advises them of the best methods according to modern standards. These lecture courses were mostly well attended and seem to have been appre-

ciated by the young people as a great help.

Besides that philatelists generally try to impress teachers, parents and guardians with the importance of philately in the education of boys, forming a valuable aid to the instructor who knows how to make use of it. In some schools, that were canvassed for the purpose, as many as 40 to 60 percent of the pupils in the middle and upper classes were found to be stamp collectors. The importance of encouraging, supervising and directing them, instead of ridiculing and even punishing them, is evident, and some instructors have shown themselves appreciating and thankful, doing now what they can to help their scholars along, where formerly they considered stamp collecting a nuisance.

It might not be a bad plan for American stamp societies and publishers of stamp papers to follow the example. Stamp dealers and individual collectors of means and experience might do something too, especially by offering prizes, by giving their experiences, or, if nothing else, by permitting young collectors frequently to see the collections they, the veterans, have made and showing their treasures to any that might be interested.

One thing philatelic journals can do easily and with profit to themselves and their readers, is to encourage young collectors in thinking about their stamps by instituting competitions among young collectors in writing small articles on given topics about stamps and stamp collecting, topics like these: "Why I like stamp collecting," "How I started my

stamp collection," "What caused me to be interested in stamps," "The best collection I have seen," "What is my favorite country, and why." Every young man who sends an article of merit would have to receive a present from the publisher, and the best three articles on the subject a prize each.

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The same form is carried out with the land conveyances, as we find the 'Krah Kuhn Nang,' a chair carried by four men for the transportation of the important letters exchanged between the princes; the 'Jan,' a chair carried by two men for the transportation of the missives which the king addresses to his ministers and the functionaries of the country.

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ODD NOTES.

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The following from a N. Y. daily paper may be of interest to some collectors:

"Secret Service agents in this city yesterday began an investigation of reports that signatures have been cut from documents in various collections of public records throughout the State. The Secret Service men acted on information to the effect that some dealers in stamps have lately offered for sale signatures and revenue stamps which could only have come from deeds and other documents on file in the official archives in county seats.

One of the informants on whose statements the agents of Captain William J. Flynn, head of the Federal Secret Service in this city have begun their inquiry said he had seen in the establishment of a stamp dealer in this city of such signatures eight inches high. He said he thought it possible that there was an organiza-

tion of signature and revenue stamp thieves whose operations have been carried on in cellars and valuts in which country officials have kept records, some of which go back to Revolutionary times.

It is thought that those counties in the State whose records run back to Colonial times have suffered most and that there is ground for the belief that names have been stolen from records, not only in this State but in States in New England.

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Some Inflated Values

By WILLIAM HAWKINS

RECENTLY the spirit of speculation has been rife in the stamp world. Perhaps the many new issues put out during the past year have given it impetus but, whatever the cause, it is known that quantities of certain stamps are being held back - to be let loose when their price becomes stiff enough to satisfy the holders. In consequence the values of these stamps are becoming inflated.

Among the stamps whose prices are being thus affected are the 50c, \$1.00, \$2.00, and \$5.00 of the issue of 1902, the 10c special delivery, the Lincoln, Seattle-Yukon and Hudson-Fulton imperfs. Of the 13c 1909 we have no figures at hand to show in what quantities this stamp has been issued but we suspect that it is receiving its full share of attention from speculators.

Of the the 1902 issue Dr. H. A. Davis writes, "the \$5.00 stamp, I am inclined to believe, is not as scarce as some people would have us believe. The latest report of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing shows there were over 3,000 printed and issued to postmasters during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1909.

There were seven years in which these stamps were printed and used previous to 1909. They were used very largely in the west for mailing valuable ores. Our Denver mint mail would be an eye opener to some collectors who have the scarcity craze of the \$5.00 1902. Even at this time the higher values of the 1902 issue are being used far in excess of the current series in some parts of the west.

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Some Inflated Values

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A prominent dealer in whom I have the the utmost confidence informs me that he is still buying the 50c and \$1.00 of 1902 offered him over the counter at his place of business by collectors who gather them from the mail of some of our larger business houses and mining companies, much in excess of the 1908-9 series. We will admit that they are being hoarded as no one has any for sale. Its value is being erroneously inflated much as the \$1.00 Columbian was years ago. Will it meet with the same fate?"

Such a statement from the pen of Dr. Davis has some force. According to an official report of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, 3,876,551 copies of the 1909 special delivery stamps were issued before their printing was stopped, - quite enough to supply the wants of philatelists. Despite that fact, it is hard to buy them even at full catalogue.

There are, however a few stamps of the 1909 issue which really "look good". These are the 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 13c and 15c on bluish paper. Only small quantities of the stamps have been issued and their prices are bound to to be stiff.

How I Started My Stamp Collection.

By L. G. DORPAT.

There is no reason to suppose that the starting of my stamp collection had anything extraordinary in it. I was a boy very much, I think like other boys, of fourteen years or so, when looking from the third story window of the boarding school dormitory, which I then attended, I saw two of my class mates sitting on the ground in the shade of the "old coffee mill": as we used to call that old college building, comparing their stamp albums. From the height from which I was looking down on the pages they were turning over, I could not make out what it was that they were looking at, but when I asked them to tell me, they closed their books and went away, saying that it was none of my business. What they said was true, but their unkindness hurt my feelings and thereby helped to sharpen my curiosity. The little I had seen was enough though to give me the idea of stamp collecting, and I at once went to work looking over the few letters I had, to see how many different stamps I could find.

From some other boys I soon learned that they too were interested in stamps, and we began to compare and exchange. I do not think that we ever had more than 120 varieties among us, but there was enough to interest us even there.

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How I Started My Stamp Collection.

By S. B. WHITEHEAD

MY collection was started in a hospital. Right at the start I want to say that for anyone convalescing from an operation or a sickness,- when the hours and the days drag slowly along, with nothing to see but four walls and nothing to do but read, read, read; until the very sight of books makes one sick in mind as well as body,- I repeat, that for any unfortunate so situated, stamp collecting attains the dignity of a blessing from God. I am firmly convinced that I, for one was benefited and quieted more by the hobby than any medicines or treatment which the doctor gave.

Well, as I say, I started while lying in a hospital. As a boy I collected stamps, as nine tenths of all boys do,- but as I grew older, other interests came, and I finally sold my collection, I think for \$13.50. One day while almost desperate from loneliness I bethought me of my boyhood hobby. Against advice of doctors and family, I immediately sent a messenger downtown, with instructions to buy two albums and a two thousand stamp packet, and to mix the stamps up so that I could have the pleasure of sorting them. I do not need to describe to true enthusiasts, the pleasure those first stamps gave me. Suffice it to say, that my time thereafter was fully occupied, and the hours and days now flashed by pleasantly, and far too quickly.

This was the manner in which I commenced collecting. I left the hospital completely recovered, but I did not leave my stamps. In fact I took them with me to Europe, and the Old World assumed a new aspect of interest and pleasure, as I looked at it through the eyes of a new born Philatelist.

I could tell much more,- how my collection increased what I saw and bought on the other side,- how I took up the old issues of British West Indies, and many other things, but the space is limited, and this article is on "How I Started" so I will bring this little "squile" to an end with the words "I thank thee, Fair Goddess of Philately for restoring me once more to health."

Our Amateur Contest

We were surprised to note the large number of contestants who entered our Contest. They were by no means all amateurs or beginners, as we could easily see by the style of their writing. We would like to print all of them; but if we attempted to do this we would need an issue the size of "The Stamp Journal". Consequently we have picked out the best and most interesting.

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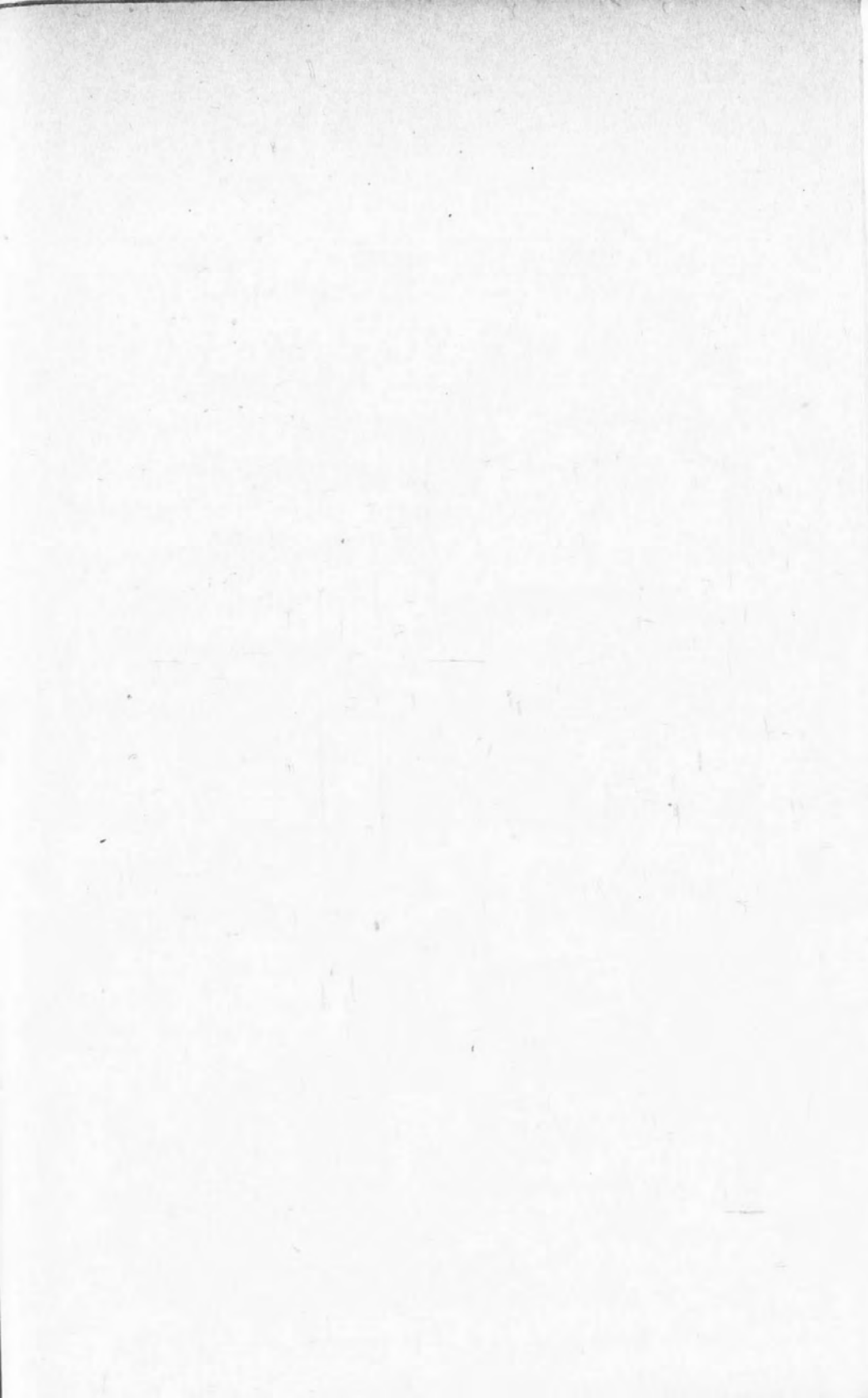
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By L. G. DORPAT

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HERE AND THERE

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We are also in receipt of several numbers of "The Transcript", which hails from Commerce, Ga. Published and we believe also printed by John A. & J. K. Howard. Although this paper has received very few ads - Hardly enough to pay for the paper it is printed on: it is still being published reguarly, and they have not as yet shown any signs of "Throwing up the sponge." "We trust the Transcript will have a long and useful life."

The authorities of Uruguay have decided to issue a commemorative set to be used between Uruguay (which was a providence of Argentine until 1825) and Argentine. The set will consist of a 2 and a 5c value, being printed by Waterlow, and will only be in use from the 22nd. to the 29th.

By a special arrangement with the publishers of the Canadian Philatelist, and "The Transcript", we are able to offer either one of these commendable publications in connection with the "New York Philatelist" for only 35c per year. Each of these papers are 25c per year separately, and are easily worth twice as much. Sub. can be either sent to the publisher (E. J. Dempsey) of this magazine or to Mr. Andrew King, Rouleau, Sask., Canada, or The Transcript, Commerce, Ga.

WITH OUR ADVERTISERS

We have received a contract for one year from The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. of St. Louis, Mo.

The Reliable Stamp Co. of Stillwater, Minn. have also taken one inch for one year. Look up their ad in this issue.

The Sterling Supply Co. that enterprising concern of Toronto, Canada is represented in this issue, with a list of some very fine 5 and 10 cent sets. They are good value.

If you are a Post mark collector it will be to your advantage to look up the half page ad. of H. K. Thompson, Boston, Mass. Send for their price-list, which is very well composed.

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EXCHANGES

We desire to exchange two copies with
all philatelic publications. Send one
copy to E. J. Dempsey and another to J.
Kurlandt, 4315 16th Ave.

EDITORIAL

Our amateur writing contest on "How
I Started My Stamp Collection" started
a lively competition amongst collectors
who never had tried to write before, and
we must say that their style of writing is
such that we would be pleased to see other
articles from their pens. We announce
the winners of the prizes as follows:-

First prize	L. G. Dorpat
Second "	S. B. Whitehead
Third "	Glenn Fuller

Kindly mention this paper when answering ads.

We are sorry to state that we have not
enough room to review the stamp period-
icals received during the past month, and
consequently can only give list, as follows:-

The Canadian Philatelist, Canada
Alfred Smith & Sons Monthly Circular
Endle's Philatelic Circular
De Nederlandsche Philatelist
The Post Card Echo
The Pacific Stamp News
Philadelphia Stamp News
The Attleboro Philatelist
Kittanning Collector
The Stamp Journal
Billikens
The Vest Pocket Philatelist
The Philatelist West
Post Cardist
Everybody's Philatelist
Southern Philatelist
Philatelic Monthly
The Transcript (8 weeks)
Stamp World
Philatelic Tribune
Collectors Advocate
New Price-List of H. S. Powell Co.

Of Interest To Advertisers

As the circulation of this journal will
be doubled beginning with the August
number we are also obliged to double our
ad rates with above mentioned number.
We will receive contracts at present rates
until August 1st. Positively no ad
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rate after August 1st. Advertising in
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others well - why can't it pay you equally
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The Editor's Own Page.

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Introducing Mr. Kurlandt, Jr.

(partner in the publication of "The N. Y. P.")

After fully considering the matter over carefully Mr. J. Kurlandt, Jr. (a stamp collector of good standing from Brooklyn) has consented to give his valued services in publishing "The New York Philatelist", and making it an up-to-date newsy and interesting stamp publication, containing not only news of interest to or from New York:- but of interest to the entire philatelic world.

"The New York Philatelist" as our subscribers are undoubtedly aware, was formerly published by E. J. Dempsey, solely. As he could only give short periods to the business of this publication, same was sorely neglected. Mr. Kurlandt, Jr. will help in the future, to offer his services, and as he is well versed in stamp knowledge, subscribers may expect some very interesting notes from his philatelic pen.

"The New York Philatelist" will in the future appear promptly on the 25th. of each month, consequently all advertising matter and other manuscripts must be in the office of publication on or before the 10th. of each month.

Subscribers will note a decided improvement in each succeeding issue.

BLACK LIST

We give below the names of a few collectors with whom several dealers have had unsatisfactory dealings. We would advise all other collectors and dealers to preserve this list, as it will probably save many of your stamps.

Pablo Barbieri, 514 Medrano St., Guadalajara Mexico. This party was sent a lot valued at \$4.99 on Feb. 10th. 1910, by the Dominion Stamp Co., Canada. Same has not as yet been returned. Reference given was false.

WHIT OR HUMOR

A man whose duty it was to take care of the water mains, in a city where a recent convention was held, was on the day of this said convention, making his rounds. While he was closing one by turning a wheel above the main a stamp collector, who (we are sorry to say) was badly intoxicated came up and tapping him on the shoulder said:

"I've found you at last, Hey, you're the feller that's been turning this street around for the last half hour."

A candidate for president of a stamp society was delivering an address, when some one in the audience yelled out;—"Say, Bill, do you ever take a drink?" Bill, turning in the direction whence the voice came, replied; "Before I answer that I want to ask if that was merely a question or was it an invitation."

According to "Post Officious" we may likely see another change in the present Mc. Kinley card which is printed in blue on blueish white coated card, with no background for head of Mc. Kinley. As these cards have only been in use a short time and as there are many imperfect ones there will be a number of minor varieties. We have so far seen numerous shades, one card being printed twice that is a double impression. We have also seen a small cap on the left one, resembling somewhat the caps on the two cent carmine stamp of 1890. Collectors will do well to keep their eyes open for all minor varieties of this card, as they will no doubt bring good prices in the future.

In accordance with the old precedent, that the head of the Sovereign of England shall face alternately in successive reigns, we can without a doubt expect the new issues bearing the profile of King George facing toward the left. This precedent will very likely be followed in the design of the new coins.

Kindly send me about 10 sample copies of your magazine every month. I like it very much.

Your sample copy was received but did not get premium. You should have about 8 more pages of reading matter, a new issue column, and more contests.

These are two letters we received from Non-subscribers. They remind us of the old gentlemen on the train who speaking to the neighbor next to him, said:-

"Would you mind lending me your specs, sir?" "Why, certainly," the neighbor answered, and he took off his spectacles and surrendered them with a courteous gesture. "And now," said the old man "since you can no longer see to read your newspaper, I'm sure you'll be willing to let me run my eye over the sporting pages."

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I had a great many answers to my ad. in "The New York Philatelist". I had one answer before I received the January issue. I think it is one of the best paying papers to advertise in that I know of.

Yours truly,
M. B. Clark
27 N. Franklin St., Lynn, Mass.

Having received a sample copy of your paper, I am well pleased with it, and gladly remit for the enclosed ad.

Yours respect.
H. K. Thompson
47 Mass. Ave., Boston Mass.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The publisher of this magazine would like to have all information, and any claims against Richard Stanack 612 11th. Ave., N. Seattle, Washington. His address prior to Jan. 1st. was 608 First Ave., same city.

Has any one heard of a Dr. Horter of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. A gentleman who wants to exchange but keeps selections sent to him.

Mr. J. Kurlandt, Jr. 4315 16th. Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. would like to know the present whereabouts of D. Wooyeno formerly of 39 Grand Ave., Detroit, Mich. The last address he gave was 2730 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. G. A. Reitz 895 Main St. E., Rochester, N. Y. would like information pertaining to Mr. Paul Bronner of Worcester, Mass. His letter head states that he is an attorney, but he fails to return selections sent him. Does anyone know of him?

DID YOU KNOW

that Brazil issued a set of 13 official Stamps in 1690? Turn to page 115 in Scott's 1910 catalogue and see for yourself.

The Editor's Own Page.

There are many collectors, in this philatelic world; we are sorry to say; who think, that because a philatelic journal offers stamps worth almost the price of the subscription; to new subscribers; that said paper must be of a very poor quality, and must contain no readable matter whatever.

We admit, there are a few small advertising leaflets that offer stamps to subscribers, but if the collector will stop to consider, he will notice many high class periodicals who offer premiums. Take for instance "Redfield's Weekly" and "The Philatelic West." Are these advertising leaflets? by no means.

The New York Philatelist we trust is not considered an advertising leaflet. We always make it a point to have several solid pages of reading matter, even if we are obliged to leave out several advertisements. We are constantly making new improvements, which we will continue doing as long as collectors continue to give us their valued support.

Do not let our premium offers confuse your ideas in regard to the quality of "The New York Philatelist". We could offer "The N. Y. P.", at 25c per year without any premiums whatever, and yet get enough subscribers to keep it going. In fact we could offer it at 50c a year; which it is without a doubt worth; and have a good list of subscribers. But our idea is to get one of the largest subscription lists of any similar paper, and to give collectors the full value of their money.

Did you know that each issue cost us 3 cents per copy, to have printed, and a cent to mail, making a total cost of 4c per copy to us, or 48 cents per year? And yet we only ask 25c and give you the full amount in stamps. Consider these figures and if you don't think "The New York Philatelist" is worth the 25c, we would rather you would keep your quarter, than to have you dissatisfied.

Will you not give us your support by sending in your subscription to-day?

More subscribers means a larger circulation. A larger circulation means more advertisements. More advertisements means a larger amount of money to carry on the publishing of "The New York Philatelist" More money means a larger and better paper. Start the ball a rolling by sending in your subscription at once.

Look up our offers for securing 5, 10, 20 new subscribers. A good chance to get a brand new album free.

Stamp Albums and Accessories for NEW SUBSCRIBERS. †

We are taking this manner to double our subscription list before September 1st.

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How Best to Start a Stamp Collection.

How best to start a collection, is a question that is often put to the editor of a stamp paper. For the benefit of parents who wish to start their children in the pursuit of this fascinating hobby I would say, to start properly means a very small outlay (from about 50c upwards, as you may choose). All that is needed is an album, a packet of hinges, and a packet of stamps to go on with. These can be obtained from any of the well known firms that advertise in our columns.

In buying packets of stamps go to an old established firm, or a firm that publishes its announcements in a good stamp paper - the paper like the firm has a good reputation to keep up, and will not accept advertisements, only from good reliable dealers.

The inexperienced and modern dealers often sell forgeries quite innocently, remember that "experience is perfected by the swift course of time."

The collector should buy packets of stamps to begin with, and to avoid disappointment should be very careful where he buys them. Often he will see advertised a packet containing a very large number of stamps for a ridiculously small sum, with a few attractive stamps included as a bait; frequently the stamps that are mentioned as being rarities turn out to be fiscals, cut envelopes or wrappers and what he had hoped would be a large addition to his collection, provides perhaps a dozen or less varieties, and only lands him with a host of common continental duplicates, that are of no use whatever.

It is a common custom for dealers to circulate lists by offering packets of 50 or 100 stamps for a dime, or a nickel; some of these are not worth the cost of writing for.

Read the offer carefully and see if it says 100 stamps including etc., or 100 different stamps including etc. Only recently a stamp firm added largely to their list of collectors, by advertizing 50 unused stamps sent on receipt of postage, and the names of three honest collectors.

Many young beginners sent in, only to receive a sheet of unused Cuban fiscals, all of the same value. Of course they were no good, and the dealer was the only one that reaped any advantage.

The collector may take it as a general rule that where the word different is omitted, he will receive just the one or two stamps mentioned, and a lot of current issue United States, Canadian and common continentals.

Let the young collector beware of the so called packets of missionary stamps offered in pound lots unpicked.

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Valuable Collections

The recent sale of the late Sir William B. Avery's collection of stamps, for the plump sum of \$120,000, a collection that stopped in 1890 brings to mind the values of really great collections. The stamps gathered together by the late Mr. T. K. Tapling, M. P., now deposited in the British Museum, London, was estimated at over \$500,000. Then there is the collection of the King of Eng. formerly the Prince of Wales, who is president of the Royal Philatelic Society. This collection it is hard to put a price on, and contains the rare Post Office Mauritius, a stamp that was sold by auction some short time ago, and purchased for \$7,250. This is indeed a high price for a single stamp, but in 1898 a pair sold for \$9,000 and in 1903 a pair brought the owner \$12,000. Yet, just over thirty years ago one could have been purchased for \$25. and sufficient change be forthcoming to buy a very handsome album to put it in.

Another famous collection which was sold in 1900 for \$137,500 was that of Mr. M. P. Castle, J. P., this was undoubtedly the finest collection of European stamps ever amassed by any individual collector. A higher price was, however obtained for the collection of Mr. A. W. Ayer, an American philatelist, which was gradually distributed, realizing more than \$200,000. Other famous collections are those of the late Judge Phllbrick, whose collection of the stamps of Great Britain, sold for \$7,500 and Dr. Legrand's for \$6,000. In addition many rare stamps have sold from \$250. to \$2,500 each. All these are beyond the reach of average mortals; they may be mentioned en passant, and left to the millionaires of philately, for after all it is not in these so much as in forming a collection of others more easily obtainable and historically more interesting stamps, that the real pleasure of stamp collecting is to be found.

It is said that J. Pierpont Morgan has just purchased a rare old colored lithograph for which he paid the immense sum of \$1,450. The lithograph was produced by H. Reinagle in 1835. It presents an interesting view of the stagecoach days of New York, the scene being in the vicinity of St. Paul's church. In both coloring and detail the lithograph is of rare merit, and measures 18 x 24 inches. The opening bid was \$500.00. and from that figure the offeres rose quickly to \$1,000. Two more raises of \$200.00 each brought the competitors to the \$1,400 mark, and the picture was knocked down th Mr. Morgan for \$50.00 additional.

The Editor's Own Page.

If you belong to a club or Philatelic Society you need only show your friend a copy of "The New York Philatelist", and they will subscribe with hardly any effort on your part. There is at least one article in the following list which you intend to buy. Why not get it free?

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ounce, and that postage should be prepaid. Although they were met with the most determined opposition from the Postmaster General Lord Lichfield, who described the scheme in such terms as "wild, visionary, extraordinary," the inevitable reforms came with the results as we see them today.

The first postage stamp was issued by Great Britain in 1840, and was engraved by Mr. Frederick Heath, three H's so far, and printed by Messrs. Perkin, Bacon & Co. Three years later we were followed by Brazil and Switserland, and in 1847 the United States of America issued their first stamps. It might also be mentioned that the Postmasters there had issued some of their own stamps for their own convenience, as well as stamps had been used by the Local Express Co., who carried the posts. Some of these stamps are being offered 2,000 by an American collector, though I do not think it likely he will be able to obtain one.

Undoubtly stamp collecting started as soon as stamps were about, and it was taken up all over the civilized world. In 1861 an open air Stamps Bourse was opened in the narrow passage of Birchin Lane, Cornhill, where high and low, rich and poor, congregated to sell and exchange stamps. This bourse has been held there continually for about 40 years. It was in this year that the first price list of stamps was published by a London dealer, and he was soon followed in his venture by dealers in other countries. Other philatelic literature sprung up such as albums and catalogues, one of the first of the latter

was painted by Dr. Grey of the British Museum. Societies were formed, the leading and most important one being the Royal Philatelic Society of London. This was formed in the year 1869, under the presidency of Sir Daniel Cooper.

The art of Stamp Collecting is not as so many people take it to be, mere childrens past time, as those who go in for can very easily certify. This is in some cases true, but take the thousands of people who go in for collecting seriously, they find it not only a pastime but most importantly, a great educational knowledge.

You have before you the history of your early races, you have the geography of the world, you become watchful and tidy, and you take a deep interest of what is going round. Not mentioning that the Collector gets an insight of the engravings and printings, and the different manufactures of paper, which may or may not be directly useful to you, but in any case it tends to open out the mind and widen the ideas of the learner.

To give you an instance of a few of the most notable collectors, take H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, now president of the Royal Philatelic Society, whose collection is worth over £60,000 and who paid no less than £1,450 for a used 2d. post office Mauritius stamp, which is the highest price on record ever paid for a single stamp. Then there is M. Phillip la Renottiere von Ferray who is supposed to have the greatest collection in the world. It was started in 1866 and contains specimens of the 1c. British Guiana 1856 and the famous post

office Mauritius each worth over £1,000. The estimated value of his collection is £260,000 and is looked after by two secretaries, while M. Ferray is a millionaire. Again there is the late T. K. Tapling who died in 1891 and bequeathed his collection of stamps, valued at £100,000, to the British Museum where it is now in view.

To conclude with, stamp collecting is one of the greatest hobbies now indulged in, and though some collectors rather go in for buying their specimens, others prefer to exchange for them, which I think is a far better method. It is also a safe investment, and improves with old age. With stamps a collection of our early colonial stamps of thirty or forty years ago, put away in an old book for some time, and then brought to light would realize from 100 to 2000 times the prices paid for them.

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They say with regard to the copies that they have seen that the appearance is more scratchy and blurred than the genuine, probably owing to the paper, being absorbent after chemical treatment. The white parts, are if anything, slightly thicker and more prominent especially on the head, and corner letters are also larger than on the genuine. The lettering on specimens we have had are DF-FD and EB-BE. The postmark, which are, are also well forged: "Kington BO, Young St., W., Ju. 19, '82", and "York St., Manchester, Sp. 18, '83."

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PHILATELIC PRESS REVIEW.

The Philatelic Journal of America.—A Semi-Monthly devoted to stamp collecting edited by Charles H. Mekeel. The Nov. 15th issue consists of 15 pages well filled with interesting notes, news, new issues, etc. Well illustrated and finely printed.

Phila. Stamp News, a weekly issued every Friday by Mr. P. McGraw Mann, 1708 N. 18th St., Phila., Pa. Price, 50c per year. Generally consists of 8 pages, well written. Its Chronicle of New Issues could not be better. It comes out once a week as regular as the tick of a clock.

The Southern Philatelist, seems to improve with each number, the Nov. issue containing 12 interesting pages. Published at Shreveport, La.

Gibbons Stamp Circular. No. 1—November contains 8 pages, on the plan of Scott's Circular contains an interesting note on "Experimental Printing." Subscription only 12c per year.

Everybody's Philatelist, Vol. 1, No. 11—Nov. contains 16 pages and cover. We note Mr. C. A. Nash has joined forces with this paper. We also note another article on "Shut-Ins" and my state that will indeed be a "Bureau for Shut-Ins", if Dr. Holt continues his good work.

The Transcript, Published at Commerce, has delayed publishing for several months, the publishers having been called away unexpectedly.

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The Five Cent Stamp of 1847, United States

BY WILLIAM C. WEBB

This stamp, dark brown in color was the lower denomination of the first series of United States government issued postage stamps.

The central feature of its well known design was the head of Franklin.

This makes it a very popular stamp with collectors of United States stamps and accordingly almost everyone desires to possess one.

Good authorities tell us that 4,400,000 of these stamps were printed and that 3,712,000 were distributed by the Postmaster General.

Assuming that only one third of this supply has been preserved we have over one million to supply collectors.

Up until last year, in November, 1909, the stamp was quite plentiful at 75c each, a fair price, I should say. But during that month, if my memory serves me rightly, at an auction sale in Chicago, a record price, \$1.45, was paid for a stamp on cover. The stamps were still comparatively common, so I could see no reason for the rise unless someone was speculating.

During the past year the price has risen steadily, and only one price seemed to be faked. At the A. P. S. convention one brought \$3.10. But this was the result of a wager.

Still later in the season a higher price was reported, \$4.10. In less than one year the price had risen from 75c to \$4.10.

There must be a reason. What is it?

The first answer that suggests itself is that there are sufficient collectors to absorb all the copies, so that a great demand had been created.

However, I do not think there are one million collectors who would pay 75c each for that stamp. Hence, perhaps, thought I, someone is trying to force the price up.

But how, said a friend, can this be done?

Well, in this country auction prices are supposed to reflect the actual market conditions. Suppose a group of people agree to buy all the available fine copies in the larger dealers hands and then, by means of liberal bids at auction, force the auction price above catalog.

An auction dealing friend has informed me that certain Western people had sent him unlimited bids on copies of this stamp at several of his sales.

Another dealer told me that he had a standing offer of \$1.30 each for fine copies, from "a Western party."

And still another, in commenting on the market, said: "They have 20,000 in stock. When they let go the market will fall. I am surprised that they have held the boom up so well." And this speaker was a prominent New York dealer. This same dealer said that he expected to sell 5c 1847's at less than a dollar each soon.

The irresistible conclusion is that a "corner" is being attempted. And this seems to be the plan:

First, secure a large number of current rates, on the quiet.

Second, bid freely at the various auction markets, and keep it

up till the stamp collecting public thinks there is a scarcity of the stamp.

Third, sell at the height of the boom gradually and take the profit.

How very simple it looks. Of course it takes capital, but if 20,000 5c 1847 are bought at 75c it means \$15,000 invested, and if sold at prices ranging from \$1.50 up it means a large profit.

And now, my friends, you may take my advice or leave it, but I strongly advise against paying over \$1.25 for any specimen of the 5c 1847, whether on or off cover. Within two years I think the price will be as low as \$1.00.

Now I don't know who are in the deal. But I strongly suspect some Chicago men who have exploited the boom.

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PHILATELIC PRESS REVIEW

Papers desiring a review in this column should send copy to review editor, — H. D. Koenig, 43 Clinton st., New York city. Papers must be marked "For Review."

The Empire Philatelist, Vol. 1, No. 7, consists of 8 pages and cover. The principal article is "The Cape Wood-block Stamps" by B. T. K. Smith. Several other short articles and press review completes the number.

The American Collector — Published by A. M. Aurland, Jr. consists of 8 pages and cover, with interesting reading matter. We trust to receive this quarterly regularly.

The Transcript, Jan. 31st, consists of 6 pages of short notes, etc. Published at Commerce, Ga. 25c per year.

The Stamp Journal—Jan. — contains an interesting review of the year by D. B. Armstrong. Other articles and notes make up a very readable journal.

WITH OUR ADVERTISERS.

Herbert Bodley, Cato, N. Y. has placed a contract for one inch for 6 months, and will offer some interesting bargains. Their ad. in the Dec. issue was given as "Cate" in error. Same should have been "Cato"

A contract for 1-4 page has been placed by The Bluff City Stamp Co., established in 1890. Look up their ad. in this issue. Their approval sheets are excellent.

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EDITORIAL.

While conversing with a New York Stamp Dealer, who has been established since 1890, he made the remarkable statement "Advertising does not pay." To prove his statement he submitted for my inspection, 3 books, each of about 300 pages. Each book contained at least 2,000 ads, ranging from one inch to a page. At least 50 different papers were represented. He stated that from many of these ads. he received but one or two replies, others no replies. Not in one case did the returns pay for the expense of the ad.

"Why was this so?" he asked me.

Knowing the papers in which he had advertised as the best of mediums I came to the conclusion that there was a fault in the makeup of the ads. I read a few of the later dates and found that not only was the ad. crowded, but the prices were far over the

market price. He also had advertised stamps which were unpopular. This dealer who had been in business since 1890, more than 21 years, had not known why his ads. did not pull. Instead of figuring that possibly his ad. was at fault, he condemned the papers in which he had advertised.

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The Monopol Stamp Co., 245 Broadway suffered considerable loss from fire. They occupy the fourth floor in a 5-story building. The fire started on the 5th floor and did many thousand dollars worth of damage. What the loss to the Monopol Stamp Co was, we are unaware.

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John J. Snyder of Flatbush, N. Y. received a card the other day from Switzerland. The card had been mailed 12 years ago, but only came to Mr. Snyder's address recently. The peculiar part is that it was from his father, who has been dead some time. Mr. Snyder said: "It was just like a message from the dead." But, where was the card during those 12 years?

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Who Cares?

A Mexican scientist says he has invented a chemical baby, but we are only mildly interested. We wouldn't want a Mexican baby even if it was only chemical.

Vitality of Seeds.

The Isle of Flowers in the Strand, now to disappear at the bidding of a French building syndicate, is accomplishing wonders in developing the imagination of our amateur botanists. The theory that some of the flowers now glorifying the house-breakers' debris are the sudden offspring of seed blown about in the year of the great fire, captivates the fancy, if it does not appeal to the judgment. Although we may put on one side the table of the vitality of seeds taken from a mummy case, there is warrant for assuming long life for certain seeds. It has, for instance, been placed beyond doubt that melon seeds will grow when forty years old, while maize and rye show equal staying power. The sensitive plant will sprout from sixty-year-old seeds and the kidney bean at the age of 100.—London Chronicle.

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No. 1

A DREAM

Dreamt by L. G. DERPAT, Wayside, Wis.

Cats, I saw cats, big cats and little cats, black cats and white cats, and grey ones, and some were spotted or of other colors, good cats and bad cats, tom-cats and pussy-cats, some wore crowns on their heads and some did not, some had specks on and some had none, some looked wise and some otherwise; there was a great variety of cats, but each cat had another cat., some had S.cats., some G. cats., some K. cats., or L. cats., or Y. & T. cats., or N. cats., or some other cat. Very few cats had us cat., and they were poor and were pittied by the other cats, because they had us cats.

There were a great many of them. I could see more than a hundred thousand, but behind them were others that I could not see, as a whole forest of cat-tails testified. I think there

were more than half a million!

They all watched certain holes for the mice that came out of the holes; and the holes looked like post office windows. Only a few looked like side-doors, or back-doors, or side-windows, or loop-holes.

The mice that came out were of many kinds, more than 20,000 kinds, grey and black, and blue, and brown, and of all colors of the rainbow, and some were white, but these were embossed, and some had two, three or four colors. Few of them had tails, but those that had tails had no mice-tails, they had horse tails, and ox tails, and lion tails, and swan tails, and kangaroo tails, and some other tails, but no mice tails; and most had no tails at all, tho some had sails, or rails, or quails, or pales, or wales, or females.

Most of these mice were four cornered, but some were three-cornered, and some eight cornered, or round, or oval; some were big, and some were little, of some kinds there were millions and billions, of some there were only a few, and of one kind there was only one.

And whenever a new mouse, or kind of mouse, came out of one of the holes, all the cats with their cats, tumbled one over the other to get that new mouse, and whenever the cats get a new mouse, they put it into their cats; hence their cats were all full of mice. They were not content, however, with having the mice in their cats, they wanted the mice otherwise, and they wanted those mice that were not in their cats. and that they could not get.

Some got them by the dozen, or by hundreds, by thousands, and by millions, but for these they did not care much, some would not even look at them, but all wanted the mouse that but one could have, or that but few could have, or that noone had. They made a big hubbly about it and traded, and bartered and swapped, and cheated, and stole, and made presents, and begged, and bought and sold, and borrowed, and lent, and forgot to give back. They did not all do all this, but some of them did most of it, and the others did some of it, Oh, it was great!

And when I awoke in my dream, I dreamt that I was a cat myself and that I had some cats myself that were full of mice, and that I was watching as eagerly for new mice as any of the other cats.

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EDITORIAL.

With this number we begin the second year of our existence.

The past volume has had many interesting numbers, and in our own estimation (based on the little time and money that was at our command) we believe we did exceedingly well.

The coming volume will keep the present standard size of page, but will increase in number of pages, as rapidly as it is possible. This volume will also contain more interesting articles and notes than we have been in the habit of giving. We will not make you a long list of promises which we cannot keep but will say that the future life of this journal depends upon the help you give NOW.

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**PAYS LAWYER IN STAMPS
TO SECURE A DIVORCE.**

Paying his council, who is an ardent philatelist, in rare and curious stamps, Max Finger, who runs a little stamp collector's shop on Newark street, Hoboken, appeared before Vice-Chancellor Garrison in Jersey City to-day as plaintiff in an action for divorce against his wife, who is managing a curio shop at No. 20 Rue Lamartine, Paris.

The patronage by American tourists of the little shop in Paris created vision of great wealth in Finger's mind and he came to America. Five years ago he opened a curio shop in New York City, while his wife remained in charge of the Paris establishment.

It was agreed between them that as soon as he had sent her enough money to pay for her passage, she was to sell out the shop on the Rue Lamartine and come here. Two years ago Finger abandoned his New York place and opened his shop in Hoboken. Meanwhile, he had been sending small sums of money to his wife; he said that in five years he sent her \$600. Having established himself in Hoboken, he wrote his wife to come on, but Mrs. Finger couldn't see Hoboken as a substitute for Paris at all, and refused to come.

He told his troubles to Lawyer Max Lesser and suggested that if the lawyer would represent him in a divorce suit, based on desertion, he would pay him with stamps. Mrs. Finger, who had been served by mail, moved through her lawyers, Besson, Alexander and Stebens, for alimony.

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*The Issues of United States Stamps
Made During the Civil War*

J. CLIFFORD SAFLEY

To the young collector who is fortunate enough to possess a large album, the pages provided for the early United States stamps mean scarcely nothing. Save the common three cent stamp, the leaves are clean and free from hinges as when they left the press.

A large amount of this lack of interest may be attributed to the fact that none of these stamps are illustrated, and as the youth has probably never seen the pages of an advanced collector, who has many of these issues, leave alone remembering where the stamps are placed and how

they are classified, he finds himself absolutely lost when he endeavors to place these stamps in his album. A two cent with the full face of Old Hickory is as likely to find a final resting place under "white paper and white gum" as in its proper place. To the average collector all paper that does not possess a decided tint appears to be white, especially when this is suggested as in the printed album. Still less attention is paid to the gum, the color of which is indeed difficult to determine, even when the stamp is in mint condition. Yet all this supposition is no more

than natural, especially when the collector has nothing for a guide along these lines. The stamp is stuck where it seems to fit, and the ardent philatelist, ever in a hurry, is looking for a specimen on bluish or pink paper to fill the other spaces provided for Dodge's Jackson.

Another reason for the scant representation of these stamps in the smaller collections is their cost. But few are common, and as the philatelist with a small allowance for stamps soon finds that he can make a much larger showing with his money by purchasing the cheaper foreign stamps than he can in these Civil War stamps, so he starts to "fill in" Austria, Sweden, or some of the Seebeck sets.

In 1861, in order to prevent the fraudulent use of the stamps which were in the post offices of the Confederate States, the United States Government demonitized all the previous issues. This meant the two stamps of the 1847 issue, the imperforate set of 1851, and the perforated set of 1856. Of course a new issue of stamps was immediately necessary. A set of eight values was prepared, and was at once adopted without much consideration as to the minor details of the stamps. Many of the designs appeared unfinished and as a result, improved plates were engraved soon afterward. The first issue is known as *premiere gravures*, or the issue of August 1861.

The new plates were ready in September, and the result of the impressions taken from them is the issue of September 1861. These stamps are quite often met with by the young collector, and unless your stamp shows a grill it is quite probable that it belongs to this latter issue.

The only other issue of the design of the above set without grill, is that of six stamps made between 1862 and 1866. This issue consists of the values of 2 cents, 3 cents scarlet, 5 cents red brown, 5 cents brown, 15 cents, and 24 cents.

In 1863 the rate for drop letters was fixed at two cents, and thus a demand for a two cent stamp was created. The result was a full-face of Andrew Jackson, which covers almost the whole of the stamp with barely room for the squaring of the design. The color of the stamp is black, and it presents quite a remarkable appearance. This stamp was issued long after the others of the set, on July 1, 1863. If your copy does not bear embossing it is of this issue. The stamp is known on a number of different varieties of paper. The paper on which some of the stamps were printed was chemically treated, so that when an acid was applied to the stamp in cancellation, the paper exhibited a bluish tint.

The three cent of this issue is scarlet in color and is very rarely met with. It is very improbable that you have this stamp. There

are two distinct varieties of the five cent stamp; brown, and red brown. The five cent of this issue may be distinguished from that of the 1861 issue by the color. The color of the 1861 stamp is buff or yellow brown.

In 1866 a registry system was established, the fee being 15 cents. Thus the issuance of a stamp of this denomination was deemed advisable. This stamp shows a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, and the color is black. The stamp was issued April 15, 1866, and was the first of this denomination to be issued by the United States, as well as the first one to portray the likeness of Lincoln.

The 24 cent may only be distinguished from that of the two former issues by the color. That of the 1862 issue is lilac, and that of the September 1861 issue, although it made its appearance on October 8, 1861, is called red lilac by some, while others say the color is slate. The premier gravure variety was issued in Violet. It is hardest of all to distinguish between the 24 cent of the 1861 and 1862 issues. No set difference can be made as some differ on the color question. What one person calls one color another calls another. This is really the only stamp, the placing of which might be difficult to the experienced collector.

The stamps with grill were first issued in 1867 that is the stamps of the previous issue were treated to this process. The object of embossing the stamps

was to break the fibres of paper so that the ink applied in cancellation might penetrate into the paper. This would render the cleaning of the post-mark from the stamps impossible. The embossing was done after the stamps had been printed and gummed. The grill was applied by means of a roller on which were depressions, and when it was run over the paper it left a small space covered with small pyramid like depressions.

The 3 cent, 5 cent, and 30 cent, were the first of the stamps to be treated by this new method. The embossing at first covered the entire stamp, but this was soon found to be unsatisfactory as the paper in the stamp was so weakened that the stamps often tore in the process of separation. The embossing on the 3 cent stamp was then changed to 18x15 mm, then to 13x16 mm, then to 12x14mm. The two cent was also given a grill of this size. Then five of the stamps, 1 cent, 2 cent, 3 cent, 10 cent, 12 cent, and 15 cent, were grilled 11x13 mm, and finally this was changed to 9x13 mm, and the remaining stamps of the issue, 15 cent, 24 cent, 30 cent, and 90 cent were treated to the same sort of process.

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For small advertisers or people who have things to exchange we have instituted a For Sale and Exchange Department. No display type will be allowed in this column. All advertisements will be set in uniform type. The advertising rates for this department is two words for one cent. No advertisement accepted for less than 15 cents. Try an advertisement in the Stamp and Coin Collector and watch your bank account grow.

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407-409 Chestnut St., - Milwaukee, Wis.

Good Printing Cheap

Good white Envelopes, 6¼, 100, 75c; 1,000, \$1.75; 5,000, \$5.75; 10,000, \$10.00. Good Bond Letterheads, 8½x11, 100, \$1.25; 1,000, \$2.50; 5,000, \$7.00; 10,000, \$12.00. Statements, ruled, 5½x8½, 100, \$1.00; 1,000, \$2.00; 5,000 \$5.00; 10,000, \$10.00. Manila Return Envelopes, 100 75c; 1,000, \$1.50; 5,000, \$5.00; 10,000, \$9.00. 1,000 Gummed Stickers, 1x2, printed to order 50c. We make a specialty of Label Printing. Printing of every description. Catalogs, Folders, Price Lists, etc. Let us figure on your next Printing Order.

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100 All different Foreign Postage Stamps 10c, 200 different 25c, 300 different 50c, 500 different \$1.50, 1000 different \$4.00, 2000 different \$12.00. Old Stamps bought. Catalog quoting prices paid, 10c.

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As we are not in the Stamp and Coin business to a large extent, we concluded to sell these names and addresses. We will furnish a neatly typewritten list of these names and addresses for 50 cents per 100; \$2.00 per 500; \$3.50 per 1,000; additional 1,000, \$3.00.

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Our collection Method will do it. The most unique collection method ever devised. Will send you complete set of forms, collection records, official envelopes and full instructions how to use same for 25c; 3 sets 50c; 12 sets \$1.50.

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Circulars Mailed It will pay to let us send out some of your circulars. As a special offer, we will mail for you 1,000, 6x9 circulars, or smaller for \$1.50; 5,000, \$6.00. You are to furnish the circulars and send them to us all charges paid. Don't, for one minute, be under the impression that we are some cheap mailing firm that sends out 10 or 20 letters a day. We spend every month from \$700 to \$1,000 for advertising to get the replies. To these names we want to enclose your circulars. Not in a list that has been worked to death for a year or two, but enclosed with the original order. Could you find a better list? No. Send remittance and circulars today—you'll be with us always.

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