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STAMP COLLECTING.

The collecting of postage stamps is not always such a frivolous occupation or pastime as many people imagine. These little bits of paper, ornamented with portraits or coats of arms, or peculiar devices, have a great deal of information in them. They tell of the rise and fall of princes; of the history of republics; of the manners and customs of the people; of the peculiar characteristics of the country. The French and Spanish stamps are epitomes of the histories of their respective countries; the English colonial stamps are a geography in themselves; and South American stamps present a fine display of devices and mottoes; from the West Indies we learn something of the peculiar characteristics of these islands; while in our own country, we have a national portrait gallery.

While postage stamps are being collected, or when they are put into their albums, they are or ought to be examined and studied. The map is consulted to find the location of the country issuing them; the history is opened to find whose portraits are figured on them. The encyclopedia is brought out to get an idea of their value. Some learned friend is questioned to find the meaning of the peculiar inscriptions and

legends. And little by little, this research goes on until the collector often finds himself in a manner getting hints of almost everything of interest going on in the world. If Russia and Turkey are quarreling over Montenegro he can discuss the cause of the troubles. He found it out when examining the Montenegro stamps in his album. When a young boy is placed on the throne of Spain, and the collector's attention is called to this country, stamps show him the changes in that unfortunate country; and Amadeus, Don Carlos and Isabella, and the proud and haughty nation which unveiled a new continent, pass before him as a panorama.

The Centennial is spoken of, our young collector takes out his album and sees Ben. Franklin and his kite, Washington at Yorktown, Perry on the lakes, Jefferson and Louisiana, Jackson behind the cotton bales at New Orleans, Scott on the plains of Mexico, and Lincoln with his emancipation proclamation.

In stamp collecting the judgment is sharpened in endeavoring to detect the good stamps and discard the counterfeit; the eye is drilled to appreciate the harmony and contrast of colors, in the proper arrangement of the stamps; patience is acquired in the efforts to produce fine effects; and cases are known of foreign lan-

guages being studied, simply to enable the collector to decipher the legends and inscriptions on the stamps. A pursuit which is productive of good results should not be decried as a childish pastime. In our next number we will take up the postal system of the different countries.—*P. L. of I.*

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Common Sense, of Mexico, N. Y., would display considerable common sense if it were to live up to its own precepts. "Charity begins at home," and when *Common Sense* requests us to give credit for what we see in its columns, the force of this old saying is vividly brought to mind, for on the very first page of this paragon of honesty appears an article, clipped in its entirety, from *The Buckeye State Philatelist*. Thomas should, hereafter, see that he does not act the hypocrite in his endeavors to secure credit

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The introduction of the postal system as it at present exists in all countries on the globe, has been credited to England, when, in 1840, covers and envelopes were devised to carry letters all over the kingdom at the penny rate.

This plan was at first thought to have been adopted by Sir Rowland Hill, but it now appears, however that Sir James Chalmers first introduced the postal system in Italy, as far back as 1818, letter sheets were used. The early stamps represented a courier on horseback, and of three values. It was discontinued however, in 1836. Whether Italy or Great Britain first introduced the postal system other countries afterwards began to avail themselves of this method for the prepayment of letters, although they did not move very fast in the matter. Great Britain enjoyed the monopoly of stamps for three years and, though the first stamps were issued in 1840 she has made fewer changes in her stamps than any other country, and has offered no change at all in the main design—the portrait of Queen Victoria.

In other countries, notably in our own, Sandwich Islands, and Argentine Republic, the honor of portraiture on the stamps is usually distributed among various high officers; but in Great Britain the Queen alone figures on her stamps, and not even the changes thirty-five years have made on her face, are shown on the nation

and Colonial postage stamps.

The next country to follow the example set by England was Brazil. In 1842 a series of three stamps were issued, consisting simply of large numerals denoting the value, and all printed in black. As space in this article does not allow of our giving the large number of stamps Brazil has since issued, we will do so in some future number. Next in order came Switzerland and Finland, with envelopes which to-day are very rare, and soon after them, Bavaria, Belgium, France, Hanover, Tuscany, Austria, Prussia, Spain, Denmark, Italy, Oldenburg, Wurtemberg, Saxony, British Guiana, New South Wales, Trinidad and the United States.

Other countries followed until, at the present day, there is scarcely any portion of the globe inhabited by civilized people, which has not her own "bits of colored paper."—P. L. of I.

B. H. PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

On Tuesday evening February 22. at the residence of Mr Chas Reimers a new society was started. Promptly at 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order. Seven of the nine who promised to attend were present the following being the order in which they arrived: Louie K. Cleveland, F. H. Copp, Herbert, Copp, Ernest Harnes, Carl Grotjan, Mavin Case, Chas. Reimers.

After reading and signing the Constitution and By Laws, officers were

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THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST for February excelled all previous numbers, new cover, new style of printing, new advertising rates, new circulation, new name. In fact it is not the old paper at all. It is indeed a magnificent number. It now contains 24 pages and cover.

The Philatelic Journal of America for February completed Vol. 2. and ends with 60 pages and cover. It is by far the largest issue yet published in the "Philatelic Press." Six Engravings of officers of "The A. P. A." adorn its pages, that of John K. Tiffany, R. R. Bogert, S. R. Bradt, L. W. Durbin and E. B. Sterling. Fifty-six cuts of stamps help to make up the remainder of this number.

The Youth's Ledger is another very neat and attractive journal. Six large (4 column) pages each month is well worth 25 cent per year.

An Amateur and Philatelic Directory is just out and will be sent on receipt of 2 cent stamp by H. L. Reid Box 252, Jersey City, N. J.

The Golden Eclipse a large 32 page paper devoted to everything came flying into our sanctum the other day. S. H. Paxton & Bro. of Sycamore, Ill. have the honor of editing this new light. The subscription price is well worth \$1.00 per year, although we can supply this paper and the Golden Eclipse for only 80 cents per year.

The initial number of the Keystone State Philatelist to hand. Printing excellent and contents better. Subscription only 15 cents per year.

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Our thanks are due the Carson Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo. for catalogue of postage stamps. They have unexcelled facilities for supplying the stamp collector and we recommend them to all.

The Curiosity World has not been down this way since January. What's the matter Hubbard? Hope you haven't had any trouble with the "Postmaster" also.

The Stamp Record and Collector's Review both from Denver, Col., received. Come again.

The Western Exchange to hand. It is a neat affair and its publishers deserve credit for their work. It is a weekly publication at 75 cents per year and with the Review 80 cents.

II. PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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ted with the following result: President, E. Harms; Secretary C. Reimers; Treasurer, H. Copp. It was moved and seconded that an order for "The Stamps of the United States" by John K. Tiffany, be sent to the Carson Stamp Co., Carried. It was then found in order to keep out of such a book a librarian should not be out of place. The President appointed one of the members, but he was objected to, so an election took place and resulted in the election of Chas. Reimers.

Moved and Seconded that all publications, new or old, be bought and added in the library. Carried.

Mr. C. D. Reimers donated as a "starter" two volumes "Philatelic Monthly" and numerous other papers. Moved and Seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Reimers for his donation. Carried.

Moved and Seconded that an "Innovation Album" be bought for the society's collection. Carried.

Several articles on stamps were read and received due applause. A vote of thanks were tendered to the essayists. Messrs Cleveland and Harms were appointed essayists for next meeting.

Moved that a copy of the minutes of each meeting be sent to all societies and publishers who see fit to use the same. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 until March, 4th. 1887.

The following papers received. Publishers please accept thanks. We wish to exchange with all papers published: Empire State Philatelist, Western Philatelist, Stamp Record, Collector's Review, Buckeye State Philatelist, Philatelic Journal of America, Golden Eclipse, Clyde Press, Telegram, Youths Ledger, Index, Witch City Collector, Stamp, Plain Talk, Tag and Stamp Herald, etc.

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