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Turkish Stamps, surcharged for Mount Athos.

BY F. E. P. L.

It may not be generally known what becomes of the stamps of Turkey after the set goes out of use, and it is certainly not known by the majority of philatelists what or where Mount Athos is, and it is the object of this short article to fill this blank to the best of the writer's ability. To begin, Mount Athos is a community of monks, situated in Turkish Macedonia or Thesaly, subject, I believe, nominally to Turkey and the mortifications of the flesh and the devil. Whenever an issue of Turkish stamps goes out of use in the country, they are surcharged with a triangle and sent to do duty in Mount Athos, and judging from the size of the community and the very general illiteracy of the monks of the Greek Church, it can only be inaugurated that that not many are used. Hoping this short article will awaken some interest in these interesting surcharges, I will close with these few short but sweet remarks.

Match, Medicine and Playing Card Stamps.

On the thirtieth day of June, 1864, by Act of Congress, a tax was put on packages of Matches, Playing Cards, Patent Medicines, (which included Cordials, Bitters, Liver Pads, Medicated Oils, Jellies, Magnesiaes, Perfumeries, Plasters, Pills, Troches, Syrups, and Salves) that were offered for sale in the United States. These packages were to bear stamps to show that the tax has been paid, and without such a stamp, a fine of fifty dollars was incurred for every omission of it.

The Match stamps are of the denominations of one, three, four, six, eight and twelve cents, and are

printed in colors of Black, Brown, Blue, Green, Lake, Orange, Red, Violet and Vermillion.

The denominations of the Medicine are one, two, three, four, six, eight and twelve cents. Their colors are, Black, Blue, Brown, Green, Lake Orange, Red, Mauve, Violet, Slate and Vermillion.

The Playing Card denominations are, two, four five and ten cents.

The colors are, Brown, Black, Blue Green and Orange.

There are about two hundred and ninety varieties of Match stamps, one hundred and ninety five varieties of Match wrappers, six hundred and sixty varieties of Medicine stamps, and twenty seven varieties of Playing card stamps, not including the document and proprietary stamps.

Although this article is not about document stamps, I don't suppose it will be out of place to say a few words about them. The rarest document stamps, the rarest of all revenues in fact, is the \$5000 one. It is the largest and highest value adhesive stamp ever issued by any government. It is very finely engraved, and is of three colors, Black, Brown and Green, and is $2\frac{3}{4}$ by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, it is the property of Mr. E. B. Sterling, and is the only one I know of in existence. There are several other rare document stamps, one is the twenty dollar, orange, Probate of Will, valued at \$25. The second series of document, issued in 1871, contains a very rare stamp, the \$500 one, printed in blue and red and valued at \$100.

There are many other document stamps valued at from five to twenty five dollars. Among the rarities in Match stamps are, American Match Co's three cents, green, valued at \$25. Alexander's Matches, one cent blue, also worth \$25. Bousefield and Poole's, three cent brown, \$25.

Jock and Wilder's one cent, red, old paper, valued at \$25. Jas. Swain's, six cents, orange, on old paper, valued at \$50. There are several worth \$25, and a great many valued at from \$2 to \$20.

Revenue stamps are not collected so much as postage, but they are becoming more popular every day, new dealers and collectors are coming in and I don't think it will be many years before revenues will be a very strong rival of postage stamps.

On the first of July, 1883, revenue stamps were abolished and are becoming scarcer and rarer every day, and in a few years, I would not be surprised if some of the now commonest stamps would command very large prices.—*C. Collector.*

SPECIALTIES.

Why should a collector only collect a certain class of stamps and take no interest in others, is something I have never been able to understand. Why comes the answer: "When a collector is confining himself to one class of stamps he uses all his energies toward that object and will get more and be better able to complete that line than one who collects all kinds?" I will venture the assertion that one person out of every five, who start in the specialty business, become tired and disgusted and stop collecting, two thirds of the remainder collect everything and the few left find they have been so engrossed with one line that they practically know nothing of the various other classes or countries of other lives outside of their own, and find that ones who have far less experience and are much younger in Philately than our specialist are equally as well versed in his class, and he is decidedly inferior in general knowledge to the average col-

lector. I have nothing to say against any one trying to complete, as having a preference for a certain class of stamps, as that will naturally happen. It cannot be said that there is no beauty in only one. Counting or line of stamps as every class and nation have stamps of more or less interest and beauty. If you are a *specialist*, do not look down on us poor *philatelists* who *love* stamps and collect them to have them where we can enjoy them. No miser ever loved gold better than we, who treasure up these old dirty pieces of paper and stick them in books.

—Wander

CORRESPONDING members wanted for the Black Hawk Philatelic Society. Send a two cent stamp to the Secretary, and receive full particulars. The new officers (which are given on another page) will be installed at the meeting, April 22. All active members are requested to be present, and corresponding members by letter, C. D. REIMERS, Sec.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

THE rapid delivery system in this city is a decided success.

ALAS, for the capital of the nation! We have no philatelic society.

IN the Spring come flowers and the usual crop of philatelic journals. In the fall, they are—but no, they are *not*.

THE New York *World* is doing good work in exposing all swindlers. Those who read in its columns recently the account of the great send-me-one-million-stamps-and-I-will-start-an-orphan-asylum swindle, will no doubt thank the enterprising reporter who ferreted the scamp out.

I NOTICE in one of the many papers published in the interest of philately the statement that there is but one stamp dealer in Washington. At least five persons, myself among the number, stand ready to blow the editor's brain out, if his name is mentioned. If we cannot all be that one, we object.

AND it so happened that in the years which are past, George Washington, the same who is commonly called the Father of his Country, had a dream. And to Martha, his wife, thus he spake: "Woe, woe, to the nineteenth century! With my far-seeing eyes, I behold war, *bloody, awful* war! Two mighty armies are contending for the invention of the postage stamp! One lead by Rowland Hill, the other by James Chalmers, a soldier of might and power."

"War, war, bloody, awful war." "George," quoth Martha, "thou did'st partake of too much pie of mince for thy supper."

Mitchell & Co. have removed their place of business, 46 N. Sangamon St., to 263 Lake St., Chicago, where they will be pleased to see any philatelists who may be visiting Chicago

The National Tag Society.

We want every tag collector and dealer in the United States to send us their name and address for membership to the "National Tag Society." Full particulars were published in the *Tag World*, of Cleveland, Ohio some months ago; but to those who have not seen this article, we can furnish with full particulars, providing a two cent stamp accompanies it.

Send in your names at once and when the list reaches one hundred, all members who have applied for membership will be notified, and immediately on notification, send in your nominations for officers.

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B. H. P. S. DOINGS.

March 4th. Meeting called to order by President Harmes at 7:35 P. M. Six members present. One new member admitted.

THE REVIEW was elected official organ. The joining of our society as a branch of the A. was discussed till a late hour, but only five members could be induced to join. Laid over till next meeting. Adjourned at 10:15.

March 26th. Meeting called to order at 8:00 P. M. Eight members present. One new member admitted. It was decided not to join the A.P.A. until later. The auction is now one of our main features.

April 1st. Meeting called to order at 8:00 P. M. The following officers were elected:

President; E. Harmes.
Vice President; M. Case.
Secretary; C. D. Reimers.
Treasurer; F. H. Copp.
Librarian and Auctioneer; M. Case

The president being absent, the vice president was called to the chair. Several communications were read and approved. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. T. J. Mitchell for kind advice and numerous papers sent. The main feature this evening was laying on the "piano-forty" by Messrs. Wagner and Beck. But few stamps were auctioned off.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

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THE *Iowa Eagle* should consign its burlesque reports to the editorial waste paper basket.

THE *Philatelic Science* is a new stamp journal of six pages. It is an enormous affair hailing from Georgetown, Mass.

THE *Independent*, a semi-monthly paper of tags and stamps, died a natural death from the common disease, non-support, at least so we hear.

OUR thanks are due to the editor of the *Texas Philatelist* for a complete file of his paper. Since its enlargement, it has become the representative of the South.

NO. 2 OF THE *Stamp Collector's Fingero* to hand. It is larger by four pages than its preceding number and from all appearances it intends to "get there." We wish brother Voute success.

THE *Mohawk Standard* has entered its second volume without missing a number. We wish Brother Smith all the success possible, and hope to see his paper pass many years of success.

THE *Tag and Stamp Herald* is a bright and newsy 12 column paper, devoted to collectors of stamps and tags. No. 3 is out and excells all others. We hope to see it enlarge soon and enjoy a prosperous career.

THE *Curiosity World* is our largest exchange—and one of our best—and from all appearances is on the right road to success. We hear that Broth-

er Hubbard intends making it semi-monthly, and if this is a fact, we will welcome it all the more.

THE Tri-City Philatelic Society was organized at Davenport, on May 3rd., with the following provisional organization:

President; R. C. Matlock.
Vice President; R. R. Kellogg.
Sec. and Treas.; H. Kellogg.
Ch. Executive Com.; F. A. Martin
The association is in every way worthy and efficient.

A NEW sheet known as the "*Rock Island Philatelist*" has appeared from this city. By its name, we judged it was a journal for stamp collectors but imagine our surprise on seeing but one long article and that copied from the *People's Library of Information*, on Ancient Coinage. Seven lines complete the editorial matter, with a short poem rehashed from *The Mikado*.

STANTON'S long looked for(?) enlarged *Philatelic Tribune* has at last stepped before the philatelic world, and if anything ever disgusted us, this paper did. There are not ten lines of original philatelic matter in it, and to make it worse, it is a patent affair from one end to the other. We also hear that his directory is out and is as bad as his paper. If Brother Stanton cannot do better, we earnestly advise him to "mosey."

THE April number of the *Empire State Philatelist* is at hand, and we are glad to see that it has dropped the "Coin and Curiosity Collector." Mr. H. J. Calvert makes a proposition to the members of the A.P.A. in which he presents them with either eight pages of the E. S. P. for their use, free of cost, or he will print an eight page paper, one thousand copies, also free of cost. These are generous offers and we hope to see one of them accepted. Many of the A. P. A. members were discouraged because they did not receive a *Stamp Collector* or *Collector's Companion* for their money. But what can we expect from a paltry \$10.00 per month?

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Water-Marks of the Stamps of Gambia and Labuan.

Most collectors are probably aware that the stamps of the British Colonies, printed in England, are, as a rule, in sheets of 240, divided into four panes of 60, each pane consisting of ten horizontal rows of six stamps. The crown and C. C. water-marks are arranged in the same manner upon the sheet of paper; each pane is enclosed in a single frame. Down the centre of the sheet is a blank space of about half an inch wide, across the center is a wider space, water-marked with the words "Crown Colonies," which are also repeated across the top and bottom, and twice along each side of the sheet.

Some of my readers may have noticed that the water-mark is not always very clearly shown in the Gambia stamps. This is due partly to the fact of their being embossed and partly to their being arranged in small blocks of fifteen—three horizontal rows of five—so that a row of five stamps is printed on a row of six water-marks, and in most cases a complete water-mark is not found on any one of the stamps in a block. Very frequently the upper and lower blocks on a sheet encroach on the margin, and consequently some of the stamps show portions of the words "Crown Colonies" in water-

mark; and I have seen a block which had been printed in the center of one side of a sheet and the middle row of which was water-marked Colonies, while the upper and lower bore the Crown and C. C. Recent printings of some of the values of Gambia show the blocks printed sideways on the sheet, in which case, of course, each stamp will not show a complete water-mark; and of these I have seen a block with the vertical divisions of the sheet running across the central row.

The stamps of Labuan are in blocks of ten—two rows of five—and in this case again, there are, of course, five stamps to six water-marks (Crown and C. C.) I have, however, not seen them showing any of the peculiarities I have before mentioned. It is not, I think, generally known that the Crown and C. C., with which the early printings of Labuan are water-marked, is not the same as the water-mark which is now coming into use in most of the colonies. The letters on the Labuan are of a different shape, and they are further away from the Crown, the paper having probably been intended for stamps of a long, upright shape. The stamps are printed on this paper sideways with regard to the water-mark; and the Crown usually falls on one stamp and the C. C. on the other.

—CAPT. E. B. EVANS, R. A.,
in *Philatelic Record*.

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The V. R. Stamps of Great Britain.

It is well known to English philatelists (and we presume also to foreigners of any distinction in our ranks) that the only eventual use to which these labels were ever put was to serve as subjects for a series of experiments in obliteration, made under the supervision of Sir Rowland Hill. Sir Rowland had little anxiety as to the stamps being forged, but he naturally felt that it was incumbent upon him to take every precaution against stamps which had done duty being cleaned and fraudulently re-used. In consequence of an appeal, made to practical chemists and others, a number of experiments were made both as to the best preparation which could be used for obliterating, and as to the facility with which obliterated stamps could be cleaned. Postmarked adhesives were given to individuals who undertook to clean them, and the time occupied in the operation was carefully noted; for the question was not so much whether, as a matter of curiosity, an obliterated stamp could be cleaned so as to do duty a second time, as whether it could be done so readily and quickly as to repay any one to operate upon a large scale. We have seen a number of these cleaned stamps formerly in Sir Rowland Hill's possession. In some cases the experiment has been fairly successful, in others the reverse. In many cases Sir Rowland has written beneath the specimens the length of time elapsing between the obliteration and the attempt to remove it,

and the time occupied in the experiment. It was finally decided that the most difficult obliteration to remove was that of ordinary printer's ink; which, with perhaps some modifications, has been employed for the purpose from the first issue of postage stamps in England to the present day. The hand stamps used for the experiments were chiefly the old Maltese cross and a stamp formed of concentric circles, which was never used officially as any obliterating stamp. The adhesives operated upon were all those then in use, but especially the V. R.'s, which their issues having been abandoned, were little more than waste paper.

A limited number of these obliterated V. R.'s have recently seen the light. Immaculate specimens are scarce, and the philatelic value of a stamp which has been prepared for issue, but never put in circulation, is much the same, whether it has been experimented upon in the sense we have indicated or not. In almost every case the obliterations show signs of the efforts which have been made to remove them. All this is so well known to philatelists that we should not have referred to it had it not been brought to our notice that certain German philatelists have taken upon themselves to pronounce these stamps forgeries. A certain Mr. Hermann, who we fear is not so well known outside of his own country as he deserves to be, has the assurance (we could have forgiven his ignorance) to re-assert that certain copies of these stamps, referred to Mr. Philbrick, and certi-

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THIS is the oldest and largest philatelic journal in the United States. Unlike other of our leading philatelic papers, which commenced with a modest four page form, the *Philatelic Journal of America*, from the first, has been a good sized magazine. The first number appeared in March, 1885. Mr. E. M. Hackett, of Saint Louis, published twelve numbers, C. H. Mekeel acting as editor and business manager.

The second volume was published by the Philatelic Publishing Company, St. Louis, Messrs. Hackett and Mekeel being jointly interested. The journal is now conducted under the same name but it has become the property of C. H. Mekeel. Mr. Mekeel is now devoting his whole time to the philatelic publishing business, which, besides the *Journal*, includes the Improved Stamp Album, the Philatelic Catalogue by Major E. B. Evans, and the History of the Postage Stamps of the United States by

John K. Tiffany, Esq. These works will be followed by others. Mr. Mekeel also carries on an extensive stamp business

The *Journal* now contains thirty-six pages monthly and has been elected by the American Philatelic Association as its official organ. As it has a circulation of about 5000 copies per month, this will be a grand thing for the Association and we may expect to see the membership increase from 225 to 1000 within a year.

THE first number of *The Stamp* consisted of eight pages and was issued February 20, 1886, dated March. With the April number it added a cover and with number six the title page was engraved. It continued with eight pages and a cover until number eleven (January) when four more pages were added, and that is the size it is now. The Stamp Publishing Co. consists of three members, John L. Feldwisch, D. W. Osgood, Jr. and Fred W. Feldwisch. The two former are Editors and the latter is Business Manager.

Among the contributors to its columns have been Topaz, Philo and Wanderer, who have all made reputations as philatelic writers.

THE first number of the *Philatelic Monthly* was published Feb. 1, 1875. It was four pages and so continued during the volume, since which it has been eight pages. The Dec. number of Vol. 1st. was called numbers 11 and 12 in order to make the

volume begin with the year. It was profusely illustrated with cuts of stamps and postal cards for several years, but when Congress enacted the law prohibiting the use of illustrations of stamps of all countries, the *Monthly* obeyed it to the letter and has continued to do so. It is now in the 12th volume and has never missed an issue.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic—The 24c. now comes perforated.

Bolivia—Four values of the new set are out; 1c. lake, 2c. lilac, 5c. blue, 10c. orange. They are of the 1870 type but rouletted.

Brazil—There are three new stamps; 50c. blue, with value in center, 300c. blue, with constellation of stars, and 500c. olive, with an Imperial crown.

Cochin China—The 25c., black on rose, has been surcharged with large figure "5."

Ecuador—There are four new stamps and three envelopes. The 1c. green, 2c. vermilion, 5c. blue are inscribed in French "Union Postale Universalle: Equateur." The 80c. is olive brown and has "Ecuador Correos" above. The envelopes have the usual arms in large oval of ornamental design. There are two of the value of 5c. blue, one being inscribed in French, and the other, as well as the 10c. orange, having "Ecuador, Correos."

Gibraltar—The new set is now complete without surcharge. The colors approximate those of the first issue.

Hayti—The 5c. has the figure of value increased in size.

Hyderabad—There is a new value of the envelope, 2½ annas grayish green.

India—The 2a. registry stamp now comes in large size, 255x115 mm.

Japan—We hear the ordinary stamps are now surcharged to do duty as unpaid letter stamps. This is probably the fore-runner of a special series.

Madagascar—Of the Consular stamps we hear of five new values, 4d. 6d., 1sh., 1sh.6d., 2sh.

New Republic—One of our German contemporaries reports high values, running up to 30sh. These may be fiscal. From another source we understand a new issue is in circulation.

North Borneo—The 3c. lilac of second type has appeared, and the 50c. of old type has been surcharged "50 cents."

Peru—The 10c. now comes without grill.

Porto Rico—The 3c. card is now brown on buff.

Putialla—The Br. Indian cards and envelopes are now in use here with surcharge.

Roumania—The 3 bani is now lilac on bluish paper.

Salvador—We have seen two new stamps: 3c. brown and 10c. orange. They are of rectangular shape, 23x30 mm. The 3c. has a female figure with flag in center and 10c. has the usual volcano and sun.

Samoa—The new issue contains a 1sh. rose, and 2sh. 6d. violet.

South African Republic—The 3d.

fied by him to be genuine, are forgeries. The opinion of Mr. Hermann can have but little value outside of his immediate circle; but we are certainly surprised that Dr. Kloss should, without careful inquiry, uphold the opinion of his friend, and declare, in somewhat grotesque French, that "*vos timbres ne sont pas genuines malgre l'attest de Mr. Philbrick.*" Dr. Kloss says that English stamps were not obliterated with concentric circles as early as 1840. ("*Alors l'obliteration de circles on le peut jamais trouver en 1840.*") Has he ever found that obliteration since? The specimens in question which have not found favor in the eyes of Messrs. Hermann and Kloss are before us as we write. They are perfectly genuine, and present the usual scrubbed appearance, with which most of us are familiar, of the stamps which have been experimented upon. We happen to know that these very stamps formerly belonged to Sir Rowland Hill himself. — *Philatelic Record.*

Chili and Its Stamps.

Chili has an area of 150,000 square miles and a population of two and one-half millions. Santiago, the capital, has a population of 175,000. The standard Chilian coin is the peso, equal to 96 cents of U. S. money.

The first stamps for this country appeared in 1852. They were of the values of 5 centavos, red; and 10c. blue, on blue paper; also, 1c. yellow; 5c. red; 10c. blue; and 20c.

green, on white paper. The design consisted of the head of Columbus within a circle in the centre, with 'Colon' and 'Correos Porte Franco' above; 'Chile' and value below. The first two issues were unperforated.

In 1867-8 a new series were emitted. There were five values: 1c. orange; 2c. black; 5c. red; 10c. blue; and 20c. green. The design was—the head of Columbus in centre; 'Correos Porte Franco' and 'Chile' above, with 'Colon' and value below. Figures of value occupied the upper corners with small stars in the lower corners.

A new series of an entirely new design appeared in 1877. It consisted of six values: 1c. grey; 2c. orange; 5c. lake; 10c. blue; 20c. green; and 50c. lilac. The upper part of the centre of the stamp was occupied by a small head of Columbus to the left, with 'Colon' below. The lower part was occupied by the numerals of value, with the word 'Centavo' or 'Centavos' crossing the same, and the word 'Chile' at the bottom. The word 'Correos' occupied the left side, with 'Porte Franco' on the right.

A new set of similar design to those of last issue, came into use in 1881. The only differences were that the colors were changed and instead of the word of value crossing the numerals, it appeared in the space immediately below. The colors and values were as follows: 1c. green; 2c. rose; and 5c. lake. In 1883 the color of the five centavos was changed to bright red.

Stamped envelopes appeared in 1873-4. The values, colors, and

shapes of the various stamps were as follows: 5c. lilac, square with rounded corners; 10c. blue, hexagon; 15c. rose, oval; and 20c. octagon, green.

The four values appeared on both blue and white paper and all except the 15c. appeared on buff paper.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The question now is, will Scott, in his next edition of the *International*, give the Oleomargarine stamp a place.

Even the stamp market fluctuates. One week it is *Hill* stock, the next *Chalmers*, and very few *takers* of either.

I saw a counterfeit of the one shilling British Honduras the other day, and the inventor (shades of English Royalty forgive him) gave Great Britain's Queen a hooked nose.

It begins to look as though the A. P. A. was merely a business enterprise, judging from the way in which the philatelic papers are "*hustling*" for the honor (and profit) of being called the "Official Organ."

The demand for United States stamps increases every day, and the prices necessarily rise. Notwithstanding our large domain and the quantities of stamps annually used, the old issues are fast growing in worth. In 1900 the three cent stamps of '51, '61, '69, and '71 will be worth from ten to fifty cents each, while the 1847 set will bring from twenty to twenty-five dollars.

Many of my friends have said to

me recently: "You don't mean to say that that stamp craze is still raging? In reply I simply show them the various philatelic papers containing statistics as to the number of collections in the world, and inform them that this number is being increased in the United States alone by from 30,000 to 40,000, annually. I also name dealers who have supported themselves for years by supplying this "craze." Not half the people of the United States imagine what a large business has been growing, and all founded upon "old scraps of paper." There is a fascination about collecting which the average mortal cannot resist and which time in no way diminishes.

In looking over some old envelopes recently I came across one which may interest the readers of this paper. On the upper right hand corner was an unperforated three cent stamp of the 1867 issue. The face of the envelope was covered with fine writing which ran as follows: "To all Post Masters and Mail Agents whom it may concern. Greetings! In consideration of the likeness of George Washington, the profile of Andrew Jackson, or the head of Minerva (I can't tell which) which I have placed on the corner of this envelope, you are requested and commanded to convey, send, or carry with all due dispatch, the within enclosed letter to my friend, *George Mason, Esq.*, who resideth in the town of *Burlington*, in the state of *Vermont*, and to safely deliver the same to him. Fail not but make sure returns."

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—Mr. J. K. Tiffany's letter in the *American Philatelist* is to the point and should be read by all members. Among other propositions he brings forward a plan—a subscription list—for raising money. Although we hardly expect the members to go in as steep as the gentleman who proposed it, yet it is a good plan and we heartily endorse it.

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Hussey's Special Message Post.

BY WILBER W. THOMAS.

THIS New York local express post was established in September, 1854, by G. Hussey, with the name of "The Bank and Insurance City Post." An office was opened at 82 Broadway, then, as now, in the very heart of the Banking and Insurance district. This enterprise, the first of its kind in the neighborhood of New York which benefitted its patrons by low rates and speedy delivery, was readily appreciated by business men of all classes, and its patronage grew to such an extent that Hussey was obliged to remove to more commodious quarters, in 1858. The business was transferred to number 50 William Street, and the name of the concern was altered to "Hussey's Instant Special Message Post." Business still kept on increasing, and at this time Hussey had employed from 25 to 40 carriers.

Mail matter was despatched daily over the mail routes at 11 A. M. Mail which was mailed too late for the general delivery was forwarded by a special messenger, for a trifling additional charge. This system was really the parallel of our Special Delivery system of to-day; indeed, the latter is but a government copy of the working system of our early local posts.

When the Special Message Post was still in its infancy, it was confronted by a very formidable rival—the Metropolitan Errand and Carrier Poste. This establishment was started with a large capital, and considerable business, and it appeared at the time to be neck-and-neck race between Hussey and the Metropolitan to determine which should be compelled to retire from the field. But Hussey, by his superior business ability triumphed and his opponent, notwithstanding its brilliant prospects, was compelled to bite the dust.

John T. Boyd had always been a prominent rival of the Special Message Post, but as his establishment was older by a dozen years and controlled a different class of business, the two concerns had no such bitter strife as was maintained between the Metropolitan and Hussey's until the former was forced to the wall. After the death of Boyd, his business rapidly declined, and practically opened the field for Hussey.

Local Posts have always been a source of great annoyance to the government. Time

and again has the post-office Department endeavored to close up Hussey's business, but each time Hussey's Post escaped. In 1885, however, the Government succeeded in depriving Hussey's Post, as well as Boyds Despatch, of the right of issuing and using stamps, and now the method is to stamp the letters with a simple post mark, with "paid" in its centre.

Although George Hussey has been dead for several years, the Post still retains his name. The business is now carried on at 54 Pine Street, although it is not one-fourth of its former extent.

Regarding the stamps but little can be said which is not known to most Philatelists. The "horse and rider" set usually offered are reprints, the originals being almost unobtainable. I believe that most of the issues previous to the "Post boy" series have been reprinted, but not to my knowledge have the post boy stamps, of either emission, been re-issued.—B. S. P.

A Stamp Auction of 1881.

BY "UNCLE SAM."

WE find that auction sales of Stamps were quite frequent during earlier years. The collection of Mr. C. S. Paeth, of La Porte, Ind. was sold at auction on the 12th and 13th of Dec. 1881 which netted about \$1,500.

From a list of stamps sold we select a few of the most valuable, and prices paid for the same. Comparing the prices with those of now-a-days, we find many changed (mostly on the decrease) as the following will show.

New York 1842 3c buff, brought but \$20.00 which to-day would be cheap at \$75.00 the 1849 1c yellow bringing but \$1.25 to 3 or 5 dollars at the present day. A Providence entire sheet of eleven rarities of the 5 and 10c stamps brought but \$6.00 which would now be cheap for one alone.

The St Louis 10c unused black bringing \$12.25 to \$50. nowday, and a New Haven first issue blue (igned by a E. A. Mitchell, brought but \$1.

One of the thirty original New Haven brought \$3.12 A carriers stamp of 1851 1c red sold for \$4.50 and a black of the same denomination, \$1.25 while a "Sent" (error) brought \$3.77½ a blue 1c eagle used, was sold for 10c, a blue on pink 1c brought \$13.

This was the highest price paid for any one stamp during the auction, excepting the New York 1882 gem.

An 1851 set unused and complete only brought \$2.

A 5c. blue 1865 blue border unused sold for \$1.10 and a complete set of the 1865 issue, used, at 17c each. A set of 9 Agriculture brought \$1.17c and an Executive set 5 sold for \$1. A set of 10 Justice for \$1. and 11 State bringing but \$1.92 A 20,00 State sold for \$9.25

A specimen carriers eagle and Franklin broght 23c each. A set of 24 specimens Newspaper stamps 1875 complete (face value over \$200) sold for \$1.05 and an 1870 complete for \$2.20

A large number of envelopes an Post-cards were also sold at exceedingly low rates, but space does not allow us to give a complete list of what was sold, but this list shows some increasing values of the U. S. stamps and the necessity of buying before too late. Ten years from now some of the above mentioned stamps will command seemingly large prices and some may be unobtainable. We would advise our readers to obtain full sets of all the Department stamps, or at least, all their purse will allow and you will NEVER regret it.

Notes and Comments.

Here again! Shake!! (!)

The Canadian Philatelic Association progresses slow but sure.

A good subject has been chosen by the Literary Board of the American Philatelist. What Practical advantages are to be graded by joining the American Philatelic Association, all members response in one form or the other.

The October *Stamp* to hand. Its portrait column this month contains the likeness of Mr. T. T. Cuno Purchasing agent of the A. P. A. Wonderer contributes an article on Tiffany's "U. S. Stamps.

The *Collector's Journal*, for Aug. to hand. Rather late for the initial number.

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Now why din't the Association allow Mr. Frazer to publish a paper this size, if they had, all this trouble about "that small sheet" would never have occurred. But it is now over and we for one are contented to bury the hatchet and wate for peace and quietness and for success of the *American Philatelist*.

Common Sense, Mexico, N. Y. has been enlarged to an 8 pp. 3 column. In our opinion he (Mr. Thomas) has established a paper well worthy its name.

We would like a little "flat lick" through Bro. Thomas.

The Buckeye State Collector, is a new asperiant for public favor. The second number contains a portrait of James Chalmers.

The Curiosity World, has a new feature, in the Portrait Column. Number 16 contains a likeness of A. Davison, Editor of the *Youth's Ledger*.

Mr. E. F. Gamb, San Francisco, Cal. has favored us with a copy of his fifth edition of the Revised list of American Coins. No coin cabinet complete without it. The price is ten cents.

A copy of his *California Philatelist* was also snugly enclosed in an envelope with the above addressed to this office. It is indeed a witty affair and shows Mr. Gambs ability as an editor as well as a philatelist.

The Ironton Philatelic Journal has again began its carrear as a stamp and coin journal after an absence of over a year.

The Philatelic Herald, for JUNE to hand. The first word in its editorial "gamin" is truly spoken and we hope to see it "get there" before long, but not by the doubling up process.

The Review, still lives after a lapse of a few months we again make an appearance before our philatelic friends.

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Hints to Young Collectors.

So much has been written about the collecting of postage stamps, that it seems impossible to write an article, which will be appreciated by both young and old collectors, but as the young and inexperienced ones need information the most, I will endeavor to give them a few points which may prove useful to them.

It greatly depends whether you really mean to be a Philatelist, or whether you will give it up in a few weeks and take up something new, now if you mean to become a collector and possess a collection which you will not be ashamed to show your friends; the first thing which you must do is to procure an album, the International is the most complete and in many respects the best published in this country.

The greatest mistake the young collector makes is buying his stamps first and procuring his album later, I would advise you to procure the album mentioned, it may cost the most but will be the cheapest in the end, for instance, a young collector may buy a common copy book and rule it off to hold stamps, soon he finds he has omitted several countries and goes and buys an album for which he pays about a quarter.

After a while he finds he has more stamps of one country than there are places in his album for them, he drops them between the leaves and before he knows it they are lost, now he must certainly buy another album and this time he gets an Imperial.

This album serves him for some time when he buys a complete set of stamps and again the old trouble—not enough space. By this time if he is not persevering, he give up collecting in disgust, now you

see if he had procured an International at first, he would have done away with all this trouble and expense.

After you have bought the International Postage Stamp Album the next thing is to procure a sheet of gummed paper before you get the stamps, rather than get the stamps before the paper, you may wonder at this and I will give you a reason for it, now if you should procure the stamps first; after the novelty of examining them has worn off somewhat you think about inserting them in your album you look around and your eye falls on the mucilage bottle. How much harm that innocent looking bottle has done, it has been the means of spoiling more stamps of my collection than I care to count. If it had been empty there might have been some chance for your collection but like as not there is plenty of liquid in it, old as the hills and brown as a butternut, you take it down and place it on the table before you, taking up a stamp you smear it with the stuff and with great difficulty turn it over and place it on the space in your album, no doubt a large drop has either landed on the page or on the face of the stamp, you wildly clutch at something to absorb it. No doubt there is nothing around but your best silk handkerchief; without hesitation you pull it out of your pocket, wipe your sticky fingers, and then press it over the stamp, the mucilage oozes out from under and you at last mop it up leaving the stamp discolored and the album warped; besides your handkerchief is ruined. Notwithstanding all these difficulties you go on, a little more careful perhaps. Presently a friend comes in and talks to you, most likely the inkstand is near and into it you plunge your mucilage brush, you do not see your fatal mistake until your album, and no doubt

your rarest stamp is entirely ruined. So you see the best way is to procure the gummed paper first and the stamps after.

Now supposing you have your album and the sheet of gummed paper; the next thing is to get your stamps. It would be advisable to send for a sample copy of one of the leading Philatelic papers. Positively do not buy a single stamp from some neat looking approval sheets offered to you for inspection by one of your friends. Approval sheets are meant only for advanced collectors and you should have nothing to do with them, as yet. In every Philatelic paper a dealer offers his price-list free, send for it and when you receive it take it to some experienced collector and ask him if he thinks you will get genuine stamps for your money. There may be no need doing this but it is always best it is always best to be on the safe side.

Do not buy say a dozen small packets but buy a good solid one, in which there are no duplicates. It would be advisable to get a few hundred mixed stamps to trade. After you have accumulated a considerable number of stamps, then you should buy sets. When you have some stamps from different countries, it would be best to single out a country, say Norway, and try to get as many as you can of the said country. A few pages well filled will look much better than three times as many scattered through your album.

Above all never let a counterfeit get into your collection, you can tell it, in some cases, by its peculiar look—sharp and the lines straight. You may also detect it by passing your hand over it, few stamps are very smooth and a counterfeit is most always printed on smooth paper.

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Ere this number sallies out into the Philatelic world, another auction sale will have taken place, that of the Suffolk Collection, catalogued by Joseph J. Dasey and auctioned off by Thos. J. Bucken & Co. We shall try and present our readers with a list of prices received.

As will be seen in another part of this paper, we have taken in a new partner, Mr. E. L. French, the popular Ohio dealer and publisher, who will conduct the advertising department, and also be a regular contributor to this paper. Mr. French is to well known to need much of an introduction, so we will spare you this trouble. With his aid we hope soon to establish a leading journal.

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