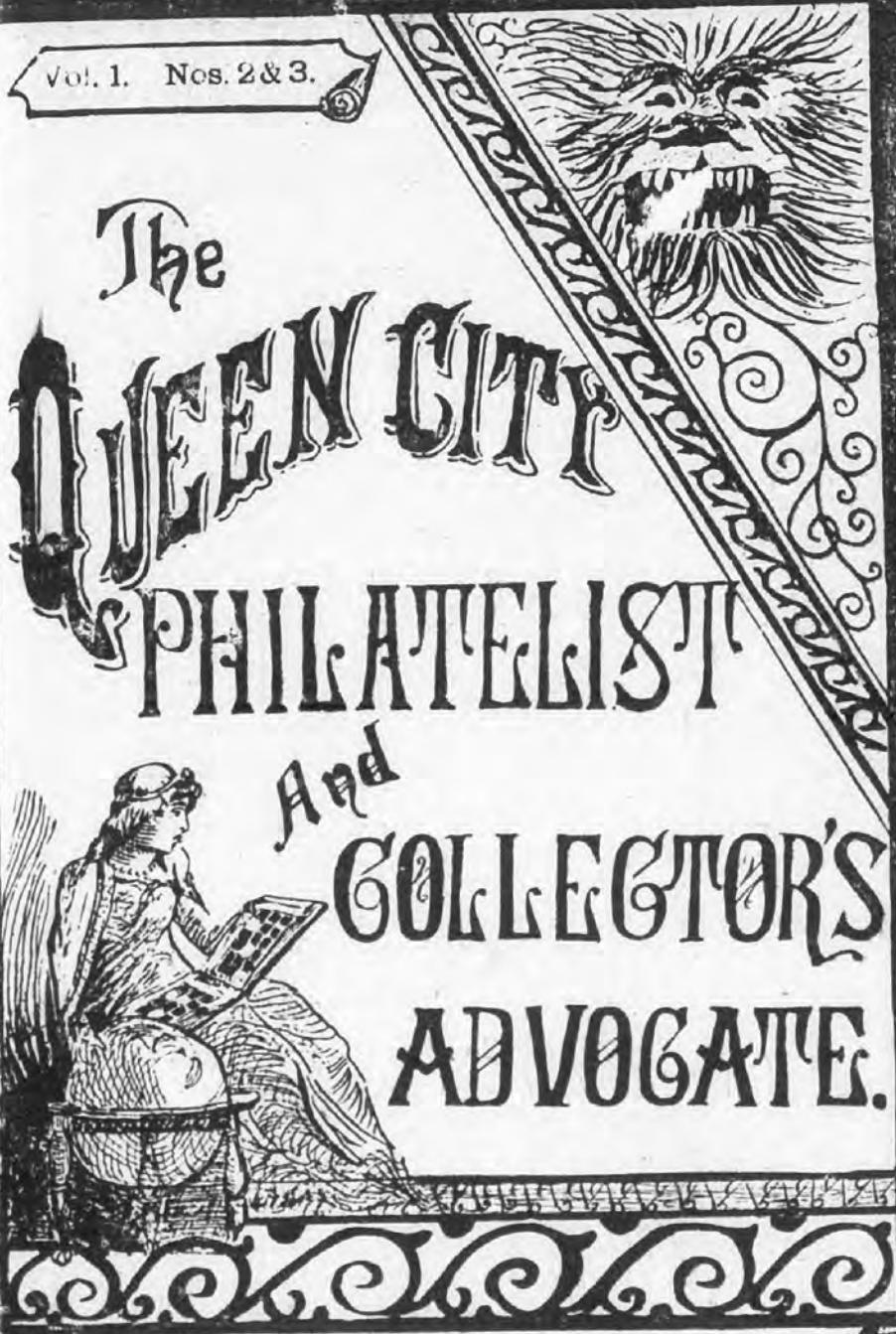


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EDITOR.

An Important Philatelic Question.*Editor Queen City Philatelist:*

DEAR SIR:—I have a question to place before your readers, that I consider of great importance for all philatelists' consideration; and that is, *ought stamps imported from foreign countries to be dutiable?*

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

The fact is, we (both dealers and collectors) are in an embarrassing situation, having considerable trouble with the U. S. Custom House officials in securing our foreign mail, upon which they are demanding duty. The law I believe is an old one, but it seems has never been generally enforced.

In 1875, when in business in St. Louis, I had all my bulky mail matter from foreign countries seized by the St. Louis authorities, and for a long time I was obliged to pay 25 per cent duty *ad valorem*. Through strenuous efforts on the part of my esteemed friend, Mr. John K. Tiffany, and myself, we finally succeeded, after considerable delay and trouble, in securing our foreign mail without any further difficulty.

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

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

Where it is *not* enforced I have observed that dealers prefer to remain quiet, as they probably think it better for their own interests to do so, fearing that in expressing their views they might possibly call the

attention of the P. O. officials to a law that really exists, but which they are negligent of; and on the other hand, where it is a strict law, you can not blame a person who is having custom house difficulties, in protesting against something, that to every intelligent stamp dealer, must prove to be as preposterous as it is unjust.

Why should we be made to pay a tax of 25 per cent on foreign stamps which have only a fictitious value, when foreign coins which have an immediate marketable value are *free of duty*; and lastly, when the new ruling mentions that stamps are *dutiable as printed matter*, (such a decision having been established in July, last), yet at the same time, the Government rejects the identical stamps admittance in the mails *as printed matter*.

Does not this add one more to the list of postal absurdities?

Yours Respectfully,

E. F. Gamba.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar., 13th. 1888.



For the QUEEN CITY PHILATELIST.

A Stamp Catalogue of Twenty Years Ago.

—ERA—

THE contrast between a stamp catalogue of twenty years ago and that of today is very marked. A short time ago the Scott Co., issued its forty-ninth edition of stamp catalogues, which consisted of over two hundred and twenty-five pages, yet this is but a baby when compared with the one sent out by Moens of Brussels, consisting of over one thousand pages.

The catalogue, which it is our intention to describe, is not generally found in collectors hands. It was issued by G. W. Winterburn & Co., of Cincinnati, O., in 1865. It consists of twenty-seven pages of matter, exclusive of advertisements of a foreign nature.

Winterburn & Co., were, for those days, large dealers, having the main office and a

Ye Editor's Sentiments.

WE have not become millionaires from the returns of our last issue, on the contrary we did not make actual expenses, but if perseverance will count, we can assure both advertisers and collectors, that the Q. C. P. has come to stay.

As will be seen, we come out in an entirely new form, and with a longer name for we have concluded that "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

Owing to a mistake in the printing, the Editorial columns were forced on this page when they should have been on page 12.

On account of our engraved cover and other things, we were compelled to make this a double number. However, our subscribers will lose nothing by this as we shall extend their subscriptions, one month.

The Ohio Philatelic Association does not appear to build up very fast. So far, only ten persons have sent in their names for enrollment as members. Eight of these are:

- No. 1. W. S. Kinzer, Wooster.
- No. 2. E. J. Smith, Portsmouth.
- No. 3. C. A. Townsend, Akron.
- No. 4. Geo. J. Bailey, Cleveland.
- No. 5. D. J. Hard, Wooster.
- No. 6. Lieut. Partello, Ft. Keegh, Mont.
- No. 7. Chas. P. Tarvin, Cincinnati.
- No. 8. P. L. Schneider, Columbus.

Lieut. Partello, was formally a resident of Ohio.

Also two persons whose names we have not yet obtained.

This Association will be nearly equal in advantages, to the A. P. A., and the dues will be but 50 cents per year, with an initiation fee of 25 cents.

Let every stamp collector residing in this State, send their name and address to Mr. W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, O., for application blanks and become a member at once, and

show other philatelists that the Buckeye boys is bound to "keep up with the times".

All members will receive the *Buckeye State Collector*, of Portsmouth, O.; the *Monitor*, of this city, and the *QUEEN CITY PHILATELIST*, free.

Read the letter from Mr. E. F. Gambs, on what, is indeed, an important philatelic question. We would be pleased to hear from other philatelists in regard to this question.

We have received the following papers, for which the publishers will please accept thanks and congratulations, and send regular:—*Western Philatelist*; *Badger State Philatelist*; *Witch City Philatelist*; *Philatelic News*; *American Exchange & Mart*; *Buckeye State Coll.*; *Mohawk Standard*; *Et. Monthly*; *Collector*; *Autograph*; *Geologist's Gazette*; *W. Naturalist*, and a few others.

A Stamp Cat. Twenty Years Ago.

(Continued from Tenth page.)

branch one in Cincinnati, and branch agencies in Hartford, Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago, Columbus, Detroit, Louisville, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Milwaukee and Toledo.

How philatelists of today would snap up the bargains which this catalogue offers: wood block Cape of Good Hope's at a dollar and a half to two dollars; triangular shilling "Cape's" fifteen cents; the adhesive and two envelopes of Poland, for seventy-five cents, *unused*; New York Post Office's at *seventy-five cents*; and a set of eleven Swiss Cantonals at a trifle over a dollar apiece.

In all, 1641 varieties were described, including a large number of essays.

The highest priced stamps are, the "Connell", quoted at \$25.; the V. R. English at \$21., and an English essay at \$13. Strikingly in contrast with this, is the price asked for the 1 shilling Mauritius envelope which is listed at ninety cents

Stamps and Stamp Collecting.

(Second Paper.)

BUT at the present rate of increase, the number will soon double. We have therefore, an easy task, in comparison to that of the future collector who will have to classify and arrange his stamps by the thousand. The collections of today however, will then command an enormous price, as the old issues will be almost unattainable.

Collections of uncanceled stamps are generally of more value than those of used stamps, as the specimens are rarer, and look far prettier, arranged in an album, but the great drawback to this, is that it is almost impossible to obtain some stamps in an unused condition, others again, can not be procured, used, therefore it is advisable to collect both kinds.

The question in regard as to which is the best album for collections, has long been discussed by Philatelists. Although some advanced collectors for certain reasons, prefer a blank book to any other kind; the International Album is certainly the best book for the beginner, as he can arrange his stamps in it without any trouble and find the proper place for each one. If you use a blank book, however, go as much as possible according to your catalogue, and leave no space for stamps which you are likely never to get, otherwise you will never get any of your pages filled. The specimens should be inserted on hinges, so that they can be turned up and the backs examined, and you can also then remove poor specimens and replace them with better ones, without any injury whatever to either the book or stamps.

Only fair specimens should be placed in the book, and if all of the stamps in it have margins that are neither cut or torn, good perforations and are canceled lightly, your collection will look far neater and be more

valuable.

Young and inexperienced collectors should always buy of the well known dealers who are known to be reliable, otherwise they might have counterfeits sold them, by some unprincipled dealer and a counterfeit is a disgrace to any collection. EDITOR.

A New Departure in Collecting.

—BY A. P.—

AT this age of the world, there are very few things of any kind, which nobody has considered worth collecting.

Stamps, coins, minerals, fossils, shells, insects, birds; their nests and eggs and relics of so many kinds that it is useless to attempt naming them; all are sought for, according to the varying tastes of the persons who collect them.

But there is one branch of collecting, of which though I have heard nothing, seems to me so interesting, that I have no doubt but what it is followed by many individuals. This is the collecting of canes.

For some time I have considered the subject of getting canes from celebrated places but have not had an opportunity of getting many, as yet. If there are any noted places in my vicinity, such as, battlefields, Indian camps, homes of illustrious men or any other famous places, I visit the scene of interest and from the tree nearest it, cut several stout canes, taking these home I trim and smooth them, and I have a stock to exchange with other collectors and an addition to my own collection.

Of course unless the collector travels a great deal he will not be able to enlarge his collection to any great extent, except by exchanging.

The canes having no intrinsic value can best be exchanged, cane for cane, even though one may be of more interest than the other.

FOR THE COLLECTOR'S ADVOCATE.

Nesting of the Pileated Woodpecker.

By V. H. LEWIS, Potsdam, N. Y.

THIS large and beautiful woodpecker is one of our rarest birds in this region, only one nest having been found within thirty or forty miles of this place, in any direction, since 1876, during which year I had the good fortune to secure two fine sets, one of five and the other of six eggs.

They were of a pure, glistening white, rather more rounded than those of the other woodpeckers, and averaged 1.20x1.02 inches in size.

The first nest I taken, was on April 8, 1876, which contained five perfectly fresh eggs. The nest was situated in an almost inaccessible shaft, and about sixty feet from the ground. The stump was too large around to admit the use of climbers, so I set to work to "cleat up". I do this by nailing a strong cleat to the tree, with spikes, about six feet up; I then get on this, bringing my feet under the cleat and crossing them against the tree and so hold myself while nailing the next cleat. This is rather "scarey" work, when at the height of fifty feet, but I consider it safer than climbers.

When I finally reached the nest and ran my arm in, I found that I could not reach the woodpecker without a stick, so I descended and obtained one and with this, soon dislodged the bird. But now a new difficulty arose; the hollow was so deep that try as I might, I could not reach the eggs.

I clambered down, and immediately set off for home, six miles distant, for the purpose of securing a hatchet. I waited until the next day before returning, all the time having some misgivings as to whether my "find" did not contain young, or that some other collector, possessed of a long

arm or a hatchet, might discover the nest and appropriate its contents. But upon my return, I found every thing as I had left it, and five eggs in the nest.

The hollow was about two feet deep, and went straight in for several inches before turning. From my own observation and from what I have read, I judge that this was a typical nest. It was formed in a slightly zigzag manner and was about six inches in diameter, the eggs being laid on the chips that had fallen into the hole while it was being drilled.

The last nest taken near here was found by Mr. Harold C. Cook, of this place, and contained six eggs.

I have noticed that this bird hollows its nesting place in the tallest stubs to be found and all the nests that I have seen, were situated on the lower side of the stub, when they leaned to one side. Whether this was done purposely or simply by chance, I cannot say; but if by the former, it proves conclusively that this noble bird is possessed of great intelligence.

FOR THE COLLECTOR'S ADVOCATE.

A Few Rules for the Oologist.

BY W. T. P.

IF young collectors of eggs will follow these rules I will promise them that their interest in their collection, will be greatly increased.

Rule I:—Do not collect a great number of eggs of any species. Only take for your own collection and three or four sets for to exchange. The practice of some collectors is to rob every nest they find; but this should be discouraged by all true lovers of birds. Do not disturb the nest or eggs in the least, if you already have several of the kind for exchange.

Rule II:—Never start on a collecting trip without being fully prepared. Always take a strong tin or wooden box (this should

be divided into compartments), plenty of cotton and a note book and pencil. All these are postively necessary.

Rule III:—Never take eggs from a nest until you are absolutely sure of the identity. Get at least one good view of the birds to whom the nest belongs; for an unidentified egg is of no value whatever.

Rule IV:—Write out a description in your note-book, of the birds, location and material of nest, number of eggs, and any thing else you may think peculiar about the "find".

Rule V:—Always pack the eggs most carefully in the collecting case to carry home.

Rule VI:—As soon as possible after arriving home prepare your eggs for the cabinet by blowing their contents through a smoothly drilled hole in the side, then carefully rinse with clear water, and place hole downward on a towel or piece of white blotter, to dry out. Never blow an egg through the ends. It reduces its value more than one half.

Rule VII:—Now revise your field notes and copy them into the cabinet register. Make out the *Datas*, and as soon as the eggs are dry, number them with a soft lead pencil, according to Ridgeway's or the A. O. U. Nomenclature, and they are ready for the cabinet or for exchange.

NEW ISSUES.

Correspondents wanted in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information regarding new issues. Dealers or collectors furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgement.

ANTIOQUIA.—The 5c. is now red on pale green.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The new issue is as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$ c. blue, design similar to the 2c., but with new portrait; 5c., rose,

same design as 8c. of 1877; 10c. brown, design same as 10c., 1878, but with new portrait; 15c., ochre, same as 15c., of 1867. These stamps are all lithographed.

BAVARIA.—The current stamps are perforated 15 instead of 12, and it is intended to issue stamps of 30 and 40 pf.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—Surcharged stamps have appeared,—2c. on 6d., 3c. on 2d., 10c. on 4d., 20c. on 6d., 50c. on 1sh.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—There is a 5c., gray.

CUBA.—The $2\frac{1}{2}$ c., is red brown; 10c., blue, 20c., lilac.

FRENCH GUIANA.—The provisional 30c. brown of 1872 issue, French Colonies, is surcharged in black, in three lines as follows: "Dec. 1886—Guy. Franc.—5c."

HONDURAS.—New stamps are to be made by a German dealer, it is said.

MAURITIUS.—The 6c. card has been surcharged to do duty as 2 cents.

MEXICO.—The 4c. is vermilion as well as the 3c. and 10c. already reported.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—There are new stamps.—1c., green; 5c., slate blue; 6c., brown; 8c., brown.

SANTANDER.—Of the new type there is a 5c. vermilion.

SENEGAL.—There is a 5c. on 30c., and 10c. on 4c.

TOLIMA.—There are three new stamps inscribed "Departamento del Tolima", 5c., vermilion; 10c. green; 50c. blue.

UNITED STATES.—The 30c. brown is out; also the 10c. envelopes, size 9, on white and amber.

URUGUAY.—The 5c., is again blue, (c. c. 42); 7c., orange; 20c. brown; 25c. vermilion, and there is another new 10c. lilac with arms in the center and "Republica Oriental" in a curve, above; figures of value at the sides, and "Uruguay--10--centisimos" below.—*Western Philatelist*.

Correspondence.

Under this head we would be pleased to have our readers express their opinions, or ask for information on any branch of collecting. Answers to questions will be printed when received.

COLLECTING IN OHIO.

Editor Collector's Advocate:

I received a copy of your journal and seeing your invitation to collectors, to contribute; I would like to say a few words in regard to collecting in our State, (Ohio).

Ohio has fewer collectors than most any other State; and why is it so?

She is abreast of the other States in all other branches of modern improvement; and she abounds in rich fields for nearly every branch of collecting.

However, she is fast gaining her proper sphere in the collecting world, and we hope soon to stand near the head of the list.

Collectors residing in the southern part of the State, are especially favored, as they have both the upper and lower Silurian fields, to work in, and the drift also furnishes some very fine fossils.

The lime-stone of the Niagara Group, (that is so extensively quarried in Preble county), contains many varieties of the finest fossils. Trilobites; especially the *Calymene Niagarensis*, are very plentiful in the vicinity of Eaton, and a short distance south of the above named place, the *Calymene Seurria*, are found in the blue clay of the Cincinnati Group. There are also many varieties of fossil shells in both Groups of southern Ohio.

Ohio is also one of the best States for the Archaeologist, as the fields contain many of the most valuable Indian relics, and there are numerous mounds that yield up rich treasures that enlighten the people, as to the past history of a large and powerful race that occupied these same fields, centuries ago.

Let Ohio's collectors join hands, form

societies, fill the journals with instructive and interesting articles, exchange freely, and our numbers will increase until we will compare favorably with other States.

Yours Collectively,

Dr. H. D. Runyan,

EATON, O.

A CURIOUS ARROW HEAD.

Editor Collector's Advocate:

As you invite all collectors to contribute to your magazine; of which I recently received a copy, and can recommend it to all collectors interested in the advancement of their "hobbies", I want to describe an oddity in my collection of arrow heads.

My hobby is mainly collecting Indian relics, and while on a tour the past summer I found a good sized arrow head of dark flint material, which has on each side, directly opposite, a hieroglyphic figure, which in all my observation and experience I have never seen one like or in any way similar.

It is a circle about one half inch in diameter and resembles very much, the dial of a clock or watch. It is perfectly round, and alike on both sides, with no indentations, the surface being perfectly smooth. The circular line and short lines within, are white and similar in appearance, to the minute and second marks on a watch dial.

In all my collection of Indian and mound relics, I have nothing that is like it in any respect, and I would to hear from other Indian relic collectors through these columns.

Respectfully,

G. U. Duer,
MILLERSBURG, O.

* Who first proposed a philatelic society and when was the first, organized?—F. W.

What is meant by double perforated stamps; also by grilled stamps?—H. I. R.

Exchanges and Wants.

Under this head we will insert notices not exceeding 30 words, free to subscribers.

I have a choice lot of postage stamps and coins which I will exchange with collectors. Persons not known to me please send good reference; also a two cent stamp each time. Always send a letter; no postals. W. B. Hale, Williamsville, Mass.

60 Philatelic papers, a small collection of U. S. stamps, font of type, books, and other articles, for first class side-blown, birds' eggs, in sets with full data. W. P. Gregg, Paris, Ill.

Birds' eggs in sets or single, for eggs in sets. Correspondence solicited with collectors; in the North, especially. Dealers please send price-lists. W. E. Pratt, 2513 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.

A large pack of illustrated papers sent for five good arrow heads, or a fine book for an axe, drill, or any good Indian relic. G. U. Duer, Millersburg, O.

Exchange; first class birds' eggs in sets or single, for the same. P. S. Maloney, 2126 N. 20th. St. Philadelphia.

Fine Irish Belfast Games, Guinea-pigs, and first class mounted specimens to exchange for eggs in sets, or birds in meat. Want owls of the following numbers; 394, 395, 396, 399, 400, 407, 408, 409 and 411. I also want other birds. A. E. Kibbe, Mayville, N. Y.

An American bulldog revolver, 44-caliber, with 100 cartridges; cost \$10. will sell for \$5. or exchange for the best offer of short-handled, nickled and engraved egg drills, embryo hooks, curved embryo scissors, nickled blow-pipes, or climbing irons. W. B. Fisher, Norwood, Mass.

10 varieties large U. S. cents, or 75 varieties stamps, for each cane sent me from a tree on any American battlefield. Send-

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Probably after this or some other reply card, has been adopted all over creation, (even in the future Greenland post-office that philatelic authors glory in writing about), Uncle Sam will drop in at the tail of the procession, and even then the great legislators may hesitate before adopting it.

EDITOR.

Written for the Q. C. P.

WHAT TO COLLECT.

By F. D. RAPPLEYE.

ANY persons; at least if we may judge by what they write, seem to think that every one else should collect just what *they* do, and, furthermore, should not collect any thing which they, themselves, do not.

For instance, take entire envelopes some writers are very antagonistic to their collection. One says, in substance, that he would as soon collect packs of playing cards, bottles of medicine, boxes of matches, etc., with the stamps on them, as to collect entire stamped envelopes. But if he

would look into the matter he would see that there is nothing in the comparison.

The United States Government *did not* issue the packs of playing cards, etc., already stamped, and it *did* issue the stamped envelopes, just as they were intended for use.

But it seems reasonable to me that what would suit one person would not suit some one else, therefore, I say, let each collector decide in his own mind, what suits him, and what is to his taste, and then don't give it up, nor quarrel with any one because he is collecting some thing else. In short, don't be "stampeded".

If you decide to collect U. S. stamped envelopes in all their various sizes, shapes, etc., don't give it up because some one else says it's "only a collection of stationary". If you decide to collect postage stamps, or revenue stamps, or postal cards, or whatever you undertake, do it as well as your time and resources will allow.

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sway.

Some twenty years or more have passed,
Since it was with the hobbies classed.
Today it's chief of one and all,
And even is a science called.

Not long ago, 'twas dubbed a craze;
And in any paper you might gaze,
You'd find its' followers always ranked
Among the class of so-called cranks.

Still it gained its' place with a mighty rush,
Showing philately could not be crushed.
And its' position today is second to none
Of any hobby under the sun.

WRITTEN FOR THE Q. C. P.

SELECTED SPECIMENS.

By FIG.

COLLECTORS now days are not, as a general rule, very particular in regard to the quality of the stamps that adorn their albums, and they seem to think entirely about the quantity they can obtain, without giving but little thought to the specimens they select to represent the various countries and issues.

I think it time however, that collectors give their particular attention to the specimens they select to place in their albums, and to discard all such that are rough and dirty looking.

Often a collector will receive a quantity of stamps which he has purchased in bulk, or that some friend has presented to him, and among them he may find a poor specimen of a scarce stamp, quite likely he will place this in his album, remarking at the same time, that he will leave it there until he procures a better specimen, and ten

chances to one if the stamp is seldom met with in good condition, the identical specimen will remain where it was first installed, and its' successor never arrives to relieve it from its' conspicuous position.

For if the collector see's one on a sheet or priced moderately in a catalogue, he will make no effort to obtain it, saying that the poor one will do.

Now if he had never placed that poor stamp in his album, he would very likely have purchased a good specimen to fill the position.

Such stamps may do with some collectors, but they don't do with me, at all, and if any collector would think twice, before they put such stamps in their books, they would save money in the end, for a poor stamp is a damage to all the surrounding varieties, and spoils the beauty of all the specimens near it.

I hope soon to see a firmer stand taken against this worthless trash, that is so very apt to become a part of a collector's collection.

OHIO PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

AT last we have awakened the philatelists of Ohio to the fact that the proposed Ohio Philatelic Association is just what they want, and what has long been needed to bring the philatelists of this state, into closer contact.

Since we mailed our last issue, the list of members has more than doubled, and there are bright prospects of it again doubling in a short time.

Though rather small; the members have concluded to organize with the present number of names enrolled, and we send out a call this month for nominations for officers, from all members, we also publish in this issue, a ticket that we think should

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THE
QUEEN CITY PHILATELIST

April 30th, 1888.

BBETTER late than never." Therefore "here we are again!" three weeks behind time, and not a single excuse to offer except that we were too —. Who said lazy?

There is a rumor of a band of music at the A. P. A. convention. We suppose that this is to insure perfect harmony among candidates, as it is said that "music hath charms to soothe the savage."

The Denver Philatelic Press Club promises any visiting editor or publisher, a "high old time." Such times should be given a wide berth by a philatelic editor, as it is apt to effect his massive brain and render him unfit to wield the mighty pen.

We recently received a business letter from a prominent philatelic publisher, enclosed in a "full bloom" mourning envelope. Whether this is a new scheme to inform patrons of a journal's demise, we are unable to determine.

Whats in the wind now, for the philatelic journals to wrangle over? Their former great topics, such as: "Those Speculative Envelopes"; "The Inventor of the Adhesive Postage Stamp"; "Is Philately a Science"; etc., etc., are all worn threadbare, although some journal will bring them up now and then; it seems like a voice from the past and forgotten ages. Any information as to whats "next" will be gratefully received as we wish to be on deck in time.

The April number of *The Stamp* contained the benighted countenance of the senior

editor. Contemporaries had better be careful in criticising *The Stamp*, as he looks to be a "bad man" and as he resides in the cow-boy and stage robber regions, he is probably a "dead shot". We have taken warning and our "blow up" may be found in another column.

The *Buckeye State Collector*, and this paper having withdrawn from the contest for Official Organ of the O. P. A. the *Ohio Philatelist* and *Queen City Philatelist* are the only remaining contestants. One of them had better withdraw. — *P. J. of O.*

By no means Bro. Kinzer, for nothing would please us better than a sharp contest with our rival. We have no fears as to the result.

Is not fifty cents per year too light dues for a philatelic association? We think so, and move to make it a dollar at least. The Buckeye boys are evidently afraid to trust a treasurer with too much boodle, as there are several railroads running in the direction of Canada

The "cheek" of some philatelic writers is astonishing. Mr. Jay of Richwood's Local fame (?) makes the startling assertion in the last issue of the *World of Nature* that one collector in Paris possesses an enormous collection of a million and a half varieties. It takes more than one volume to hold it, does it not, Mr. Jay, and he does not collect oddities does he? If not we advise him to commence, and make it an even two millions. Give us a more full account of this collection in some philatelic paper, Mr. Jay, and don't place such valuable information where it is seen by antiquarians and others not interested in philately.

Since printing the ticket on page 22, we have been advised that Mr. Smith positively refuses to accept an office, and there-

fore a new candidate will have to be nominated. Also we forgot to mention that the election will take place in July, and that Messrs. Kinzer, Hard and Platter, of Wooster, O., will constitute the Committee on Election. All members should send their ticket at once to Mr. Kinzer. In our next issue we will give further particulars, and also the rules governing the election.

Dear Reader, we contemplate changing these pages to the single or wide column style and we want you to send us a postal saying which you prefer. The majority shall rule.

The *Hawkeye State Collector* bewails the loss of the *Philatelic Herald*. Never mind brother editors, we are doing our best to fill the gap, by following the footsteps of the late lamented. Here we are, one month behind time, bright prospects of a double number in the near future, and plenty of promises that we will soon "catch up." Are not our efforts appreciated?

The *Stamp* comments on the serial entitled "Our Society" now running in the *B. N. P.*, and wants to know how late it was when John "saw sweet Nellie home." Say, *Stamp*, why not ask them if they continued the discussion on the French Colonies' surcharges, on their way home?

Read the "High Value Envelope" offer on the second page of the cover and avail yourself of the opportunity.

PUBLICATIONS.

All philatelic publications sent us, will be carefully reviewed.

"Ketcheson's Standard Catalogue of Canadian Stamps;" compiled by H. F. Ketcheson, Belleville, Ont. This is the most extensive work of the kind published. Price 10 cts. To be had of it's compiler.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We desire to exchange regularly with every paper in the world, published in the interest of, or having a department pertaining to philately.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* is undoubtedly one of the world's leaders.

The *Figaro* for April comes out with a very appropriate, engraved cover and states that personal disputes will no longer find space in it's columns.

DIED:—At the office of publication, Chicago, Ill.; the *Western Philatelist*, age one year and five months. Coroner's Verdict:—Deceased came to it's death from lack of support and financial backing. *De bonis non mortuis nil nisi bonum.*

The *Eastern Philatelist* is a very creditable journal. It calls six numbers a volume. Take our advice Bro. Goodrich, and make it three and in a few years you can number your paper Vol. XXXVIII.

The *Stamp* for May contains a portrait of Henry Clotz, their nominee for Int. Secretary for the A. P. A.

The *Collector's Ledger* is now "one of the finest" and the May number contained a portrait and biography of F. H. Pinkham; and an interesting article on early postage in the U. S.

The following papers have succumbed to the inevitable; *Witch City Philatelist*; and *Buckeye State Collector*. Also the following have not been heard from for some time; *Philatelic Herald*; *Mohawk Standard* and the *Manhattan Journal*.

We have been receiving the *Springfield Republican*, through the kindness of it's local editor, Mr. J. B. Smith. It's weekly Saturday supplement contains plenty of interesting philatelic news.

Lack of space prohibits an extended review of the following: *American Philatelist*; *Int. Philatelic Adv.*; *U. S. Phil.*; *Rodger State Phil.*; *Ohio Phil.*, and many others.

OHIO PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

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and will, receive the support of the entire Association. The men nominated are all earnest philatelists, and will no doubt ably fill the offices, should they be elected.

As for our nominee for President, he needs no comment, for Lieut. Partello has a world wide reputation, of being one of the most able and enthusiastic philatelists of America. Should he accept the nomination; (which we hope he will do.) he will receive the unanimous vote of the entire Association.

The officers to be elected are: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; Librarian; Exchange Superintendent, and Purchasing Agent. Also the following appointive officers; to be appointed by the President: Counterfeit Detector; Board of Trustees, and Official Editor.

We desire to offer the QUEEN CITY PHILATELIST, as a candidate for the Official Organ, and if selected, will devote, under the exclusive control of the Official Editor as appointed by the President; *four* pages (which we will add to our present size) each month, free of cost to the O. P. A. We will in no manner whatever, interfere with the contents of these pages, but will allow the editor full control.

All members will receive *this* paper; the *Ohio Philatelist*, of Westerville, O.; and the *Buckeye State Collector*, of Portsmouth, O., all free.

Below will be found a complete list to date, of members and their official number:

- 1 W. S. Kinzer, Wooster.
- 2 E. J. Smith, Portsmouth.
- 3 C. A. Townsend, Akron.
- 4 G. J. Balfey, Cleveland.
- 5 D. J. Hard, Wooster.
- 6 Lieut. Partello, Fort Keogh, Mont.
- 7 P. L. Schnieder, Colmbu.

- 8 Charles P. Tarvin, Cincinnati.
- 9 Nip Wirthwein, Columbus.
- 10 Wm. Fred German, Columbus.
- 11 W. R. Tilton, Prairie Depot.
- 12 H. B. Parsons, Columbus.
- 13 G. U. Duer, Millersburg.
- 14 J. Loyd Stephenson, Cincinnati.
- 15 A. J. Clark, Springfield.
- 16 Houston Platter, Wooster.
- 17 H. W. Keller, Westerville.

Any person having formally resided in this state, is entitled to membership. Lieut. Partello, was formally a resident.

Any information regarding this Association can be had by addressing W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, O.

OUR TICKET.

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D. J. HARD.

For Official Organ.

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F. W.—The International Phil. Verein of Dresden, Germany, is the oldest society.

H. L. B.—A double perforated stamp, is one which has two rows of perforations on one side. Same as an embossed stamp.

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Under this head we will insert notices not exceeding 30 words, free to subscribers. We reserve the right to refuse any or all notices.

I will give a brand new \$1.50 International stamp album, for 3,000 U. S. square cut envelope stamps, match, medicine, playing card, document or revenue stamps. John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

I want 1,000,000 U. S. square cut envelope stamps, match, medicine, playing card, document and revenue stamps, and will give 200 foreign stamps for every hundred of the above sent ~~me~~. John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

I will give a new "World" stamp album containing space for 2,540 stamps, for every 500 U. S. square cut envelope stamps, match, medicine, playing card, document or revenue stamps sent me. John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

I will give a new "Gem" album containing space for 600 stamps, for 200 U. S. square cut envelope stamps; U. S. adhesive postage stamps, (with the exception of the 1, 2 and 3 cents) accepted at same rates. John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

A set of drawing instruments, in case, for 10 foot of $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch rubber hose and a short handled, nickled and engraved, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. burr, egg drill, or others. W. B. Fisher, Norwood, Mass.

Eggs: 1st. and 2nd. class in sets or single to exchange for 1st. class sets with data. Books, magazines, roller skates etc. for sets. Will. N. Colton, Box 658, Biddeford, Me.

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Akron, O.

P. S.—I only have 150 packets left and if want one order at once.

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Nova Scotia 1860, set (6) 1, 2, 5, 8½, 10, 12½c.	\$1.65
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" " 5 on 35c.	75
" " 5 on 40c.	35
" " 5 on 75c.	1.75
" " 5c. on 1 franc	50
" " 5 on 2c. reverse	5.00
" " 5 on 4c.	1.75
" " 25c. on 1 franc	2.50
*Martinique, provisionals, (set of 4)	75
Bermuda " 1d. on 3d.	36
India, 1867-8; revenue surcharged "Service Postage" in green	7.50
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