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EDITORIAL.

We now present you with the initial number of the OHIO PHILATELIST, a four-page monthly for collectors. We intend to have each number of this paper well filled with interesting reading matter for philatelists. We maintain that if a collector subscribes for a collector's paper the publisher of that paper is under obligations to publish matter in that paper interesting to collectors, and that is just what we intend to do. Every collector who subscribes for this paper is conferring a great favor upon both himself and us.

A great many collectors will wonder how we can afford to give such a good paper for so little money. It can easily be seen that in a very short time this paper will have a large circulation, owing to its cheap subscription price, and this fact will increase its value as an advertising medium. This is where our hope of making it pay lies. Send in your subscription before we enlarge, because when we enlarge we will increase our subscription price. Therefore, it will be to your advantage to subscribe now. Remember, that we guarantee 12 numbers, or money refunded in proportion.

Stamp dealers will find the PHILATELIST a good advertising medium, for the reason that it is the cheapest philatelic publication, and therefore will have a very extensive circulation. Send on your advertisements for No. 2. Only 40 cents per inch. You will never regret it.

It was our intention to make this number of this paper eight pages, but for several reason, best known to ourselves, were unable do so. The second number will positively be eight pages.

Collectors would do well to subscribe for this paper now, as we intend to increase the size and price of it as soon as possible, and those who subscribe now will get the present low rates.

All stamp dealers and collectors receiving a sample copy of this paper should regard it as an urgent invitation to subscribe. Only ten cents per year.

We would like to exchange with all publications devoted to philately, numismatics and collecting in general.

CHEAP OFFER.

Any one sending \$1.00 will receive the *Philatelic Journal of America*, the *Western Philatelist*, the *Buckeye State Collector* and this paper all one year. The regular price of the the above four papers is \$1.35. Philatelists would do well to take advantage of this offer.

TERMS TO AGENTS.

Any person getting up a club of five or more subscribers to this paper at 10 cents each, will receive 25 percent commission. Considering the low price of the paper, this is a very reasonable reduction.

ODD NOTES.

—The March number of the *Mohawk Standard* is as neat a collector's paper as one often meets.

—A house in New York City recently received an order from China for two million five cent stamps for use in that empire.

—After this number we will publish an exchange column, free to subscribers of this paper. No exchange to exceed 24 words.

—H. E. Deats, of Flemington, New Jersey, has bought E. B. Sterling's fine collection of paper currency, coins, medals, etc., for \$7,000.

—Complaints are being made that the green two cent stamps, now in use, are printed with poisonous ink, and for that reason it is dangerous to lick them.

—We warn all collectors and dealers to have nothing to do with Elmer A. Dresser, of Salem, Mass. He deals in the meanest kind of counterfeit stamps.

—The *Philatelic Journal of America* is now managed by a stock company, but Mr. Mekeel still occupies the editorial chair. He is only allowed two pages of advertising now.

—You would confere a great favor upon us by remitting subscriptions by postal note or silver. You can send a silver dime in a letter as well as stamps and we would rather have it.

—The United States Postal Improvement Association, which has just been formed, desires the re-issue of fractional currency for use in the mails, the abolition of postal notes, the issue of postal orders for small sums at reduced rates and the passage of laws of special interest to farmers and fruit growers.

CHALMERS-HILL CONTEST.

There is being, and has been for some time past, quite a contest as to the originator of the adhesive postage stamp. This position has long been occupied by Sir Rowland Hill, but Patrick Chalmers has, by his untiring efforts, entirely proven his father, James Chalmers, to be the true inventor, and it has begun to be generally conceded, by philatelists, that he is. We cannot see what advantage it will be to Mr. Chalmers to spend so much time and money to establish his father's rights. We think, like one of our contemporaries, that it is an advertising scheme for himself, instead of an attempt to prove his father's rights.

A Collection of Autographs.

Ben Perley Poore's large collection of autographs has been sold. The prices realized were very low in proportion to the rarity and age of some of them. This collection comprised some of the rarest and most valuable autographs in existence. The following are some of the most important autographs and the prices they brought: William Penn, \$26; Nathaniel Hawthorne, \$12; Thomas Jefferson, \$7; Robert Fulton, \$17; John Endicott, \$10; "Stonewall" Jackson, \$25; Robert E. Lee, \$25; Henry Wirz (keeper of Andersonville prison), \$34; Disraeli, \$11; Charles Dickens, \$10.50; W. H. Seward, 25 cents.

The American Philatelic Association.

This society now has a membership of between three and four hundred. Ever since its organization its membership has been steadily increasing until it has reached the number above mentioned and is still increasing. It has succeeded in every sense of the word and is an organization of which every philatelist should be proud. The official organ of the association is the *American Philatelist*, and is sent free to members.

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YEARLY subscriptions to this paper will be taken at fifteen cents each until June 1. After that positively twenty cents. Send fifteen cents now and a two-cent stamp to pay postage, and receive free, ten stamps from Portugal, Cape of Good Hope, Sardinia, unused; New Zealand, India, Chili, Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales; catalogued at toc. Be wise and subscribe now.

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Below is a list of members to date:

- No. 1. W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, O.
- No. 2. E. J. Smith, Portsmouth, O.
- No. 3. C. A. Townsend, Akron, O.
- No. 4. G. J. Bailey, Cleveland, O.
- No. 5. D. J. Hard, Wooster, O.
- No. 6. J. M. T. Partello, Fort Keogh, Mont.
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- No. 8. Chas. Tarvin, Cincinnati, O.
- No. 9. Nip Wirthwein, Columbus, O.
- No. 10. Wm. Fred. German, Columbus, Ohio.
- No. 11. W. R. Tilton, Prairie Depot, O.
- No. 12. H. B. Parsons, Columbus, O.
- No. 13. G. U. Duer, Millersburg, O.
- No. 14. J. Loyd Stephenson, Cincinnati, O.
- No. 15. A. J. Clark, Springfield, O.
- No. 16. Houston Platter, Wooster, O.
- No. 17. H. W. Keller, Westerville, O.

THE SHINPLASTER BILL.

A bill was introduced into congress a short time ago providing for the reissue of paper currency of the small denominations of 10, 15, 25 and 50 cents. It has already passed the house by an overwhelming majority, but the probabilities are that it will not pass the senate. We have heard nothing from the bill since it passed the house and are afraid that it will not be considered in the senate and will be filed away without further notice. The reason for the measure was to provide facilities for the transmission of small sums by mail. We would like very much to have these shinplasters come into use again as they are very handy in many ways, and would be especially handy to philatelists who wish to send small amounts of money by mail, and who do not care to invest 5 cents in a money order or 3 cents in a postal note. We hope that there will be further notice taken of this bill as it is one that will surely be advantageous to philatelists.

We have seen number 2 of the *American Journal of Philately*, published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., of New York city. It consists of thirty-two pages and cover. The advertising rates are \$10 per inch. We cannot understand how it can afford to charge such enormous advertising rates for the second number only. It surely cannot expect to get very much patronage from philatelists in advertising unless it has a very extensive circulation.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

The April *Stamp* contains a portrait of the editor, John C. Feldwisch. The *Stamp's* monthly portraits are one of the most interesting features of that paper.

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The review of current publications in the *Western Philatelist*, is excelled by none.

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The Niagara Falls *Philatelist* is no more. It is hardly necessary to state this, as most all the philatelic papers have already done so.

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As far as advertising is concerned, the Quaker City *Philatelist* is certainly beating the record.

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The Buckeye State *Collector* is steadily improving, and always contains several well written articles. A better typographical appearance would improve the looks of the paper.

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The Charleston *Philatelist* is a splendid little paper, but we would like very much to see it oftener.

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We heartily agree with Quetzal in his article on Double Perforations in the March number of the Buckeye State *Collector*.

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The Kalermaraic Chronicles in the Quaker City *Philatelist* are being severely criticised by the

philatelic press. There certainly is nothing, in this nonsense which is of interest to philatelists.

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The *International Philatelic Advertiser* looks well in its new dress. The name hardly suits the paper, as about one half of it is now reading matter.

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The April number of the *Stamp Collector's Figaro* states that personal disputes will no longer find space in it. This is a step in the right direction, brother Voute.

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Goodrich and Trask are certainly making a success out of the Eastern *Philatelist*. It is always on time, and each number is well filled with both reading matter and advertisements.

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Common Sense contains but little original matter, and is of little interest to a lover of good philatelic literature.

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The way the *Mohawk Standard* starts out on its new volume, is indicative of success.

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WE changed printers this month and will hereafter get our paper printed at home, which will be handier and better in many ways.

We will pay a good cash price for interesting MSS. Send your copy with price desired, and if satisfactory will send payment by return mail.

NEXT month we are going to start a Dealer's Directory in this paper. We will insert a two-line card in this directory, six months for only thirty cents. Every dealer should be represented in this directory.

THERE are very few philatelists, we suppose, who have not read articles in the different stamp papers, pertaining to the German dealer who made the world collect stamps for him on the pretense of starting missionary schools and educating heathens, but how does

it come that none of these papers expose his name to the public? Is it because they do not know it? or why is it? Who can enlighten us on this subject?

COLLECTORS will notice our advance in subscription price, but we think no one will object to paying this price as we intend to make the paper more than worth the money.

WE are a little late this month for various unavoidable reasons, but will hereafter appear promptly on the 5th of the month. In the meanwhile we are ready to receive scores of new advertisements and subscriptions.

THE demand for copies of last month's paper was greater than was expected, and as our supply was limited it was soon exhausted. In order to secure some copies of last month's paper we will send this paper free, three months, to anyone favoring us with a copy.

WE come to the philatelic public this month enlarged to eight pages, and next month will add a cover. In order to do this we are going to issue 1,500 copies of that number and still keep our advertising rates down to forty cents per inch as an inducement to dealers to advertise in the next number.

THE American Postage Stamp Exchange is the name of a society now being organized. This society is a good thing as it enables philatelists to exchange their du

plicates for stamps not in their collections. Those favoring this society should write for further particulars to A. M. Wright, 31 Nassua street, New York City.

WE would like to exchange with all stamp, coin, and curiosity papers published. Those papers sending two copies, will receive two copies in return, and those sending one copy will receive one in return. We are not very particular how many copies are sent, but would prefer two copies.

THE Southern Collectors' Association is being organized for collectors south of the fortieth degree of latitude. The dues are only twenty-five cents per year with a membership fee of five cents. Collectors south of the above limit desiring to join, should send an application to W. C. Merchant, San Antonia, Texas.

WE are going to make this paper the representative philatelic journal of Ohio and will spare no pains in doing so. We will do anything in our power to promote the science of philately in this state and in return would like to be patronized liberally by philatelists in order to do this. Dealers will find no better advertising medium in the state.

The Spindle City *Youth* is a good little amateur paper for youths, but is of little interest to philatelists.

Try an advertisement in our June number

EUROPEAN POSTAL POINTS.

The Austrian Ministry of Commerce has just issued a statistical publication on the post and telegraph services during the year 1886. The returns show an increase of $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the letter post, and the accounts for the same year closed with a surplus of nearly 4,000,000fl. Some interesting figures are given relative to postal intercourse, which is indicative of the degree of civilization in the various European countries. First of all comes Great Britain, with 4,480 letters and 410 newspapers for every hundred of inhabitants; then we have Switzerland, with 3,274 letters and 2,181 newspapers; and Germany, with 2,434 letters and 1,152 newspapers. Next follow Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, France and Austria-Hungary. The corresponding figures are for Austria 1,773 and 391, and for Hungary 769 and 304. At the end of the list stands Russia and Bulgaria.—[N. Y. Post.

There is now a postoffice for every 1,000 men, women and children in the United States. If the expenses of carrying the mails were paid direct from the pockets of the people pro rata, each citizen would pay an average of 85 cents a year for having his mail carried

"Dorsey," a Scotch coolie dog carries the mail between Calico and Bismarck, Cal., a distance of four miles and over rough mountain roads. He has carried the mail for three years, and is invaluable to the miners.

PHILATELIC PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Attempts are being made to revive the philatelic press association, which was in existence in 1885-6, and was composed of the proprietors of the leading stamp papers of that time. We have often thought that the philatelic press needed an association of this kind, and will promise our aid in re-organizing it. We have seen the opinions of several philatelic papers which are in favor of reviving it. It would be advantageous in various ways, such as exposing advertising frauds. Address all communications relating to this association to W. H. Goodrich, Fitchburg, Mass.

The World of Nature is a first class monthly journal, devoted to all branches of Natural History, and is edited by S. Jacob, Newport, Rhode Island. The subscription price is \$1.00 per year. This paper contains a philatelic department conducted by J. C. Joy, La Hoyt, Iowa.

EXCHANGE NOTICES.

[Exchanges not to exceed 24 words, free to subscribers. To non-subscribers, 3 cents per line.]

U. S. REVENUE, Document, Match; U. Medicine, Proprietary, and Playing Card Stamps; also Foreign Postage, and Philatelic Papers to exchange for others. B. G. A. P. O. Box 67, Brooklyn, New York.

A PACKET of 100 varieties foreign stamps for every two perfect arrow-heads sent me. H. W. K. Lock Box 95, Westerville, O.

W. R. KING, Grand Island, Nebraska, 500 varieties of stamp papers to exchange for others not in my library. Send list.

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Ink, pad and box, extra.....	08
Nickle-plated self-inker, pencil and stamp, 1 to 3 lines, with ink	40
Nickle-plated "Tom Thumb" self-inker, 1 to 4 lines, only.....	65

Illustrated Specimen Book and Agents Terms, 8 cents. Circulars free. Agents wanted at 75 and 80 per cent. commission.

Special reduced prices to publishers offering my stamps as premiums. Several fine printing presses and outfits for sale at a bargain.

T. S. SPARROW, VERONA, N. Y.

N. B.—\$1.40 worth of stamps at catalogue rates to publishers inserting above and this.

RARE SINGLE STAMPS!

United States, 1861, 9c., used.....	\$0 80
United States, 1869, 15c., unused.....	75
United States, 1869, 10 and 12c. each.....	25
United States, 1869, complete set, "proofs".....	3 25
British Guiana, 1862, 1c. official over 12c., us'd.....	1 50

N. E. CARTER,

Box 314.

DELAVAN, WISCONSIN.

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Good, reliable AGENTS in every school, academy, city and town in the United States, to sell my fine sheets of Stamps.
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CHARLES A. TOWNSEND,
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An eight page, sixteen-column paper, with cover. Devoted to Philately, Oology, Geology, Mineralogy, and all branches of Natural History. Sample copy free.

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and the Philatelic Journal of Ohio, one year, 25 cents. Sample copy and twenty unused stamps, 9 cents. Agents wanted to sell stamps at 50 per cent. commission. Send two-cent stamp and reference to

W. S. KINZER, Wooster, O.

DEALERS! LOOK!

I have put up a packet especially for young dealers, which cannot be equalled in quality or price. I have arranged the packet with the greatest care, and it is better suited to the young dealers than any packet put up. The packet contains two hundred stamps, and consists of ten stamps from each of the following twenty countries: Natal, Greece, Luxemburg, Portugal, Queensland, Roumania, Chili, Jamaica, Tasmania, New Zealand, Victoria, India, South Australia, Sardinia, all unused; Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales, Finland, Turkey, Newspaper, Canada, Register, and United States Postoffice Departments. The stamps from each country are not alike, but well assorted. There is not an inferior stamp in the packet. Every packet contains ten blank approval sheets. This packet is valued by catalogue in excess of \$2.50. Everyone purchasing before May 20th, will receive free, a set of five varieties unused Bergedorf stamps, catalogued at twenty cents. The entire packet will be sent post free, on receipt of seventy-nine cents. Remit by postal note.

H. W. KELLER,
Westerville, Ohio.

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Westerville, Ohio.



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No. 3.

THE VALUE OF OBSOLETE U. S. STAMPS.

By "Flatlist."

Most of the collectors of the present day are well posted in regard to the value of obsolete United States stamps, but a few years ago when all kinds of philatelic literature were not so abundant as at present, many collectors did not have the least idea of the value of obsolete United States stamps. I know of a certain collector who got access to a large box full of old letters containing rare old envelope stamps and rare war envelopes, besides a large number of adhesive stamps. Knowing nothing about their value he cut the envelope stamps out round and tore off what adhesive would come off, and those which would not come off he left on the envelopes. He then piled all the stamps into a cigar box regardless of varieties or dates. After trading off all he could to other collectors he got tired of them and sold the entire cigar box full to two other collectors for a dime, who assorted them over and found that the stamps were valued by retail catalogue in excess of two dollars. Such was the ignorance in former days of collectors in regard to the value of old United States stamps when they had no means of ascertaining their value, and such is the ignorance of those at the

present day who will not avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them of ascertaining their value by procuring reliable works on that subject. This also goes to show the rapid advancement of philatelic literature in the last few years.

But returning to my subject, there are but very few collectors of the present day who sell any obsolete United States stamps at less than their value as most of them know their value too well.

WE have received from Stevens & Co., 15 McCormick Block, Chicago, their illustrated coin catalogue giving prices paid by them for United States and Colonial coins which command a premium. This catalogue should be in the hands of every coin collector. Price 15 cents.

WE stated in our last issue that we would add a cover with this issue, but were unable to complete the necessary arrangements in time. We will endeavor to get everything in readiness in time to issue our next number with a cover, which will very probably be done if nothing more happens to prevent it. Don't be afraid, but send in your advertisements and subscriptions for number 4. It will be a daisy.

SPECIAL PREMIUM OFFER.

In order to induce collectors to subscribe to this paper we are going to make the following most liberal special offer. We want every collector to carefully peruse this and give us his candid opinion, if the premiums given below are not worth alone many times the subscription price. We will give the following premiums to every one sending twenty-five cents for a year's subscription within sixty days from the time this number is issued, or before about August 20th:

125 varieties of foreign stamps.....	25c.
25 varieties of United States stamps.....	25c.
5 unused stamps.....	05c.
One year's subscription.....	20c.
Total.....	75c.

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75 CENTS FOR 25 CENTS!

Although this offer is one unparalleled in the annals of philatelic history, we will give in addition to this,

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A copy of Straus' Forest City Postage Stamp Album, the retail price of which is twenty-five cents. This album has cloth backs and contains space for 2,000 stamps and is in every way a first class Album.

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In order to induce dealers to try our advertising columns we are a going to make the following reduction in advertising rates to all dealers favoring us with an advertisement within sixty days.

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One inch, one issue, 35c. ½ col., one issue, \$1.00
Two " " " 60c. 1 " " " 2.00
One page, one issue, \$4.00.

Remember this paper has a guaranteed monthly circulation of 1,500 copies which together with its low rates makes it without doubt, the cheapest advertising medium extant. We would ask those who contemplate advertising to compare both our rates and circulation with those of other papers and note the difference. Any advertisement favored us, no matter how small, will be thankfully received. Address all communications to

H. W. KELLER,
WESTERVILLE, OHIO.

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WILL exchange rare foreign stamps, postmarks, Indian relics, photograph outfit, \$100.00 worth of jewelry, for rare United States, match, medical, revenue, postage, department, or other stamps. F. N. Massoth, Jr., Hanover Center, Indiana.

STAMPS to exchange for others. Send lists. Charles Castle, 112 Western avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

A LARGE number of tin tags to exchange for a stamp album, or for books or papers on ornithology or natural history. Ulysses Clark, Pipestone, Minnesota.

WANTED — Philatelic, Numismatic, Scientific and Amateur publications of all kinds. Send list, with prices wanted. H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

PHILATELIC papers, banjo, two cornets, many articles, books, etc., for stamps not in my collection. Send two-cent stamp, when writing, and receive "Stanton's Exchange" with our answer. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

AMERICAN Philatelic Directory, price 25 cents, for 200 square-cut U. S. envelope, match, medicine, playing card, document, or revenue stamps, or current issue adhesives except 1- and 2-cents. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

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N. E. CARTER,
DELAN, WISCONSIN.

Box 314.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

The *Youth's Leisure Hour* is one of our most welcome exchanges, although not devoted to our hobby.

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The *Eastern Philatelist* is now owned entirely by W. H. Goodrich, H. A. Trask having withdrawn.

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The *Geologists' Gazette* has removed from Wichita, Kansas, to Elkader, Iowa, where it will hereafter hold forth.

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The *Science Observer* is a large magazine from Vineland, New Jersey. It is one of the best of its kind we have seen.

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A. W. Weikle & Co., publishers of the *Keystone State Collector*, have removed from Spring City to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Address letters to box 478, that city.

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The *Western Philatelist* finally dwindled down to eight pages and cover and then died. We see no reason why the editor endeavored to conceal the true reason for suspending publication, especially since the reason was so perceptible.

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The *United States Philatelist* is the best new paper we have seen. Number one consists of eight pages and cover, is printed on good

book paper and contains several good articles. This paper deserves a place among the first class magazines.

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Common Sense starts out on its second volume in magazine form which we hope it will keep up through the entire volume.

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The *Hawkeye State Collector* is trying something never before attempted by a philatelic paper, and that is to publish a weekly paper. We wish you abundant success all the same.

A gang of five counterfeiters who have flooded Norfolk, Va., with counterfeit silver dollars, were arrested by the police of that city on the 8th. It is believed that they are the same gang who have successfully "shoved the queer" in Richmond, Va., and Savannah, Ga. The counterfeits are excellent and are very hard to detect.

The Congo Free State has had its own money coined in Belgium. The silver coin was finished a few months ago, and the nickel and copper coins of ten, five, two and one centimes value were finished in December. One centime is equal to one-fifth of one cent. The image on one side of these, as of the silver coins, is the star adopted for the flag of the Free State.—[Chicago News.

Try an advertisement in our next issue. See page 4 for rates.

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All Copy for No. 4 must be in by the 15th of July.

Address all Communications to

H. W. KELLER, Westerville, Ohio.

If there are any papers in any way connected with our hobby, which are not on our exchange list we would be pleased to put them there upon notification.

THE July number of this paper will go to press about the 20th of next month and advertisements must reach us not later than the 15th to insure insertion in that number.

WE hear from one of our cotemporaries that J. M. T. Partelo, of Fort Keogh, Montana, has been ordered to Texas with his regiment, and will have to abandon philately until he returns.

WE were going to say that Ohio was the only state that could boast of a state philatelic association, but have since learned that Iowa philatelists are attempting to organize a similar society in that state.

WE are glad to see that the stamp papers are finally giving the "Inventor of the Adhesive Postage Stamp" a rest. This was about as near run into the ground as any subject ever broached in philatelic circles.

PROBABLY one of the worst advertising frauds among philatelists is C. Emery, formerly of 15 Newton street, Holyoke, Mass., from which place he has disappeared and can no where be found by those whom he owes for advertising.

WE have secured the valuable service of the well-known writer, Henry S. Harte, of Petitcodiac, New Brunswick, who will furnish us with about a column of "Philatelic Notes" each month regularly commencing with our next issue.

WE hear that R. S. Harris & Co., the well-known dealers of Dubuque, Iowa, are going to retire from the stamp business. They are one of the most extensive stamp firms in the United States, and will be no small loss to our ranks.

DECLINE IN PHILATELIC JOURNALISM.

Never since we first became interested in our hobby can we remember a time when as many stamp journals have ceased publication in the same length of time as in the last three months.

First comes the Philatelic Herald, one of the oldest stamp papers in existence, although of late years always several months late it was

a splendid paper and will be missed by many. Then there is the Western Philatelist, at one time conceded to be the best stamp paper in America. It occupied a place that cannot be easily filled. Next comes the Witch City Philatelist which issued eight fine numbers and then died. The Buckeye State Collector, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and the Collector, of Gambier, Ohio, although not as large as some of their contemporaries, were promising papers and died from lack of support. The American Philatelic Magazine, another very promising magazine from Pittsfield, Mass., issued two numbers and ceased publication. Besides these, a number of other papers have failed to turn up at their usual time, and we fear the worst has happened.

On the other hand never in the annals of philatelic journalism have as many new papers commenced publication in the same length of time as between January 1, and the present time. The trouble has been that the majority of them were published by irresponsible boys who were unable to keep up their papers on account of lack of both experience and capital.

Philatelists, whatever you do, do not allow our stamp papers to die off from lack of sufficient support. You cannot lose anything by subscribing to them, as the back numbers are always at a premium. In our philatelic journals lies the condition of philately in the future. Help keep up the journals which are such an aid to you in your favorite hobby.

PAPERS RECEIVED.

We are in receipt of the following papers for which the publishers will please accept our thanks:

The Quaker City Philatelist, The Stamp, The Stamp Collectors' Figaro, The Eastern Philatelist, The United States Philatelist, The Philatelic Gazette, The Badger State Philatelist, The Charleston Philatelist, The Curiosity World, The Buckeye State Collector, The Hawkeye State Collector, Common Sense, The Science Observer, The Western Philatelist, The Mohawk Standard, The World of Nature, The Philatelic Journal of Ohio, The Philatelic Midget, The International Philatelic Advertiser, The Old Curiosity Shop, The Philatelic News, The Philatelic Tribune, The California Philatelist, The National Philatelist The Agassiz Record and The Keystone State collector.

We have also received the following Non Philatelic papers.

The Youth's Leisure Hour, The People's Press, The Amateur's Herald, The Agents' World, The American Agent, The Progressive Youth, The Hoosier Naturalist, The Oologist, The Spindle City Youth, The News, The Enterprise, The Monthly Owl, The Geologist's Gazette, The Hawkeye Midget, The Corona News Letter, The Monona Globe, The City Reporter, The Mission Herald and The Ex-changer's Monthly.

The *International Philatelic Advertiser* has been sold by Krebs Brothers to A. M. Wright, who is now sole editor and proprietor.

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H. W. KELLER,
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WANTED.

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contains 15 varieties of used and unused stamps, the catalogue price of which ranges from 15 to 30 cents. Just the stamps to trade with. One packet 5 cents, six packets 25 cents. With each half-dozen packets I give three fine blank approval sheets to mount the stamps on. The packets are not all alike. Mail trade only. H. C. BLACKLIN,
139 17th St. North, Minneapolis, Minn.

"ONE DIME"

Is a twelve-page Philatelic Magazine, published monthly, for only 10 cents a year. If you send a silver dime now, and a two-cent stamp for postage, I will send you one hundred varieties of stamps free, as a premium. "Ad." rates at 5 cents a line, 35 cents an inch. Your name inserted one time in the Agent's Directory free. Exchange column free to subscribers. Address, "ONE DIME,"
Kossuth, Ind.

IOWA'S REPRESENTATIVE

Is that excellent 12-page journal

The United States Philatelist,

which is published promptly on the 15th of every month. Subscription price, 25 cents per year; circulation, 1,000. We give every fifth yearly subscriber 1,000 fine foreign postage stamps free. Send two-cent stamp for sample copy, and get our large premium list free. Address,

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Philatelic News, a six-page, twelve-column monthly, devoted to Philately. Fifteen cents per year. Advertising rates, 40 cents per inch. Exchange column free to all. Address,

HARRY B. WILBER,
Cambridgeboro, Pa.

BADGER STATE PHILATELIST is the best Stamp Collector's paper published, and will be sent one year for 15 cents, and you will have free use of the Exchange Column. Remember that the subscription price is only 15 cents. Address, THE BADGER STATE PHILATELIST, Postoffice Box 314, Delavan, Wisconsin.

CANADIAN STAMPS.

I will send, on receipt of 10c., silver or stamps, 1 packet of Canadian stamps, containing 14 varieties, amongst which are some of the old issues. Canadian stamps sold separately or in sets. Send for prices to

J. H. GOWAN, JR.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

COLLECTIONS WANTED!

I will buy for cash, or give good exchange, rare Collections United States and Foreign Stamps, and will guarantee best prices.

Also, rare United States, Match, Medical, Revenue, old Postage, Department, in any quantity.

Address, F. N. MASSOTH, JR.,
A. P. A. 304, Hanover Center, Indiana.

INVEST A CENT

In a postal card, and send for a sample copy of the only weekly Collectors' paper in the world! Eight pages every week. Subscription, 35c.; advertising rates very low.

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Advertising Rates.

One inch \$ 30 | One column.....\$2 10
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Discount on standing ads

Address, A. W. WEIKEL & CO.,
Box 478, Philadelphia, Pa.

CHEAPEST EVER OFFERED!

A pen and pencil rubber stamp, with your name on, for only 20c., postpaid. Or, for 40c. we will send the stamp, and "The Geologist's Gazette" for one year. Best paper for amateur collectors of Natural History specimens. Address, Publisher Geologist's Gazette, Elkader, Ia.

THE SCIENCE OBSERVER!

Send for sample copy, which will be mailed free. It is a live collectors' journal of twenty pages and cover. Advertising rates reasonable.

A. C. SMITH, Editor,
Box 1178, VINELAND, N. J.

NEW ISSUE U. S. OF COLUMBIA. FOR 1888.

1-cent, green, unused..... 3c
5-cent, blue, unused..... 10c
10-cent, yellow, unused..... 20c
The set 30c., postpaid. Twenty-page catalogue free. F. N. MASSOTH, Jr., Hanover Center, Ind.

Persons who contemplate entering the stamp business, should not fail to read the advertisement of our dealer's packet on another page. We are going to issue a series of these packets, and dealers can obtain a good stock of stamps at a small cost by purchasing these packets.

We will carefully review all catalogues or price lists sent to us pertaining to stamps, coins, Indian relics, minerals, or other curiosities. Our next number will contain a review of all catalogues and price lists received by us.

We would call your attention to the advertisement of F. H. Rice, Flint, Michigan, on last page. He is perfectly reliable and his stamps are as good as the best. Try them and see for yourself.

RUBBER STAMPS

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Vol. 1.

Lancaster, July and August, 1888.

Nos. 4 & 5.

A Collector's Duty.

Every collector should consider his duty to support at least two philatelic papers and more if he so desires. He not only helps the publisher but himself also. He reads the chronicle of new issues, thereby gaining a knowledge of all the changes in stamps and keeping up with the times, which is a very essential thing in Philately. He reads interesting articles of real benefit and value and has a large circle of advertising dealers to select prices from.

There is one great blessing, so to speak, and that is the low subscription price of most of the excellent stamp papers published. They (I mean the first class papers) are worth three times the subscription fee to the subscribers—it is that way with me anyhow. I await the coming of my papers with something akin to joy and I guess the rest of them do so. Of course a month is considered by the subscriber some time to wait for his paper, but if he is a regular receiver of three or four magazines you can easily see that he will not expire from long waiting, the papers being issued on widely different dates during the month.

As was stated in the June stamp, the collector should pat-

ronize only those dealers that advertise in the magazines of which he is a subscriber.

Most every collector knows of other members of his ambitious tribe, that have never seen or heard of the numerous stamp papers published. Now, it seems to me if he would strain a point or two and induce these ignoramuses (gently speaking of course) to look into matters a little, he could get some of their names as subscribers. Now, you must not think, as I said before, that by obtaining subscribers he helps only the publisher, because he (the publisher) by reason of his increased patronage and financial prospects, will be enabled to give his readers a better paper, as every cautious publisher

should strive to do, I will close this article by saying that I have just turned over a well-worn subject and hope to see the writers more capable than I am the same next thoroughly.

JOHN C. MOORE.

We have to postpone the addition of the cover until the November number when we will issue the paper with a cover and will have a fine drawing of the first page of cover which has already been ordered.



AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

With the June number the *Agassiz Record* gives up the race and discontinues publication. *Requiescat in pace.*

The *Agassiz Companion* is now half through its 3rd volume and is one of the best Amateur Scientific papers published.

The *Mohawk Standard* has changed its name to *The Collector's Standard* which is in our opinion a more suitable name.

The *Buffalo Collector and Exchange* is a new 12 page paper from Buffalo, N. Y. The first number looks well but its success hangs on a thread.

The *United States Philatelist* has been changed to a four page paper and will be issued 2 times a month, or every two weeks. It is certainly a new departure.

We hardly know the *United States Philatelist* in its new form. It is printed on antique paper with an imperial antique cover and will hereafter be a bi-monthly. Its efforts will hardly be appreciated, we are afraid.

The *Stamp* for August calls this paper "one of the spasmodic attempts of the Buckeye state to publish a stamp paper," but further

er says that "it is at least neat appearing and that its contents do not weary the soul after the manner of some of its big brothers." We wish to thank you for the compliment, but do not see where we have any larger brothers in the state of Ohio.

Freeman's Fireside Visitor is a new 8 page paper from Mt. Juliet, Tenn. Although the name does not imply it, it is principally devoted to philately, and contains a portrait of Earnest R. Aldrich and a short sketch of his life.

S. B. Bradt now comes forth with a little 8 page paper in the form of *Philo's Monthly*. We should think that he would have higher aspirations after issuing such a commendable paper as the *Western Philatelist* and several others equally as good.

The *Dynamite* is an excellent little paper from Binghamton, N. Y., but we think like a certain other paper that the editor had better not meddle with politics until he learns to spell the name of Cleveland, the standard bearer of his party (but not of ours) who has now occupied the presidential chair for nearly 4 years.

The *Young Idea* for June consists of 12 8x12 pages besides a beautiful cover. This paper is destined to become a very popular juvenile magazine which is no more than it de-

serves. Mr. Whitney has gone to an enormous expense in producing this excellent journal and in return deserves a patronage which will show how his efforts are appreciated.

The OHIO PHILATELIST contains some very interesting reading matter, but it will come out in its shirt sleeves.—*Charleston Philatelist*. The *Charleston Philatelist*, a little once every 3 months paper, with the aid of the editor of the *Figaro* secured enough advertisements to enable it to add a cover, which makes it think it has just eclipsed all its monthly contemporaries, even if they are issued 3 times as often. It condemns such papers also as the *Philadelphia Philatelist* and the *National Philatelist* which are by far its superiors, and all because they are not graced with a cover. The editor will learn by experience that "all is not gold that glitters" even if it is a gaudy little yellow cover.

For want of space we have hitherto omitted the chronicle of new issues. This is a very important item in the make-up of a philatelic paper and the majority of the first class publications contain a monthly chronicle. The next number of this paper will contain the chronicle and also each succeeding number, as we wish to make ours a first class paper in every respect.

Catalogues Received.

From J. R. Nissley, Ada, Ohio, a large 8 page and cover illustrated Price List of Indian Stone Implements for sale by him. One of the best of its kind published.

From E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa., the May and June numbers of his Monthly Priced List of Postage Stamps. We would advise all collectors to send their address on a postal card for a copy.

From the International Stamp Co., Attleboro, Mass., the 7th. edition of their Priced Catalogue of U. S. Postage Stamps. One of the best and most comprehensive catalogues for the price published. Price 10 cents.

From George H. Richmond, 5 Beekman St., New York City, a copy of the "American Philatelic Press Directory for 1888;" This a large 60 page and beautiful covered book and is in every way a valuable work. You should not fail to obtain a copy of this excellent work. Price only 25 cents.

From E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J. a large 124 page book of "Testimonials from Leading American Philatelists given from 1883 to 1888, A careful perusal of this book will show the great benefit to be derived from Mr. Sterling's Catalogues. This book is free to all and will be sent to any address on receipt of 10 cent stamp to cover cost of mailing.

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John C. Moore, 133 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y., exclusive agent for Brooklyn.

THE next number will contain an article on "Old War Envelopes." Subscribe now and get this number.

By some mistake the "notes" to be furnished us monthly by Henry S. Harte did not reach us in time for insertion in this number but will be inserted in next number if nothing more happens to prevent it.

It will be noticed that in this number we follow the habit of

many other publishers of stamp papers, that of issuing double numbers. We owe this more to the fact of our moving, getting our things back in order, and the address changed. We hardly knew how much we were getting behind until we began to get ready for another issue. We think this is the last time we will have to "double up" in order to keep up with the dates, and sincerely trust that it will. Ads. and subs. will be extended 1 month. We will not harangue you with a long list of the merits of this paper as an advertising medium which you probably already know and if you do not know we will let you learn them by a fair trial. Now that the decline in philately for the summer is about over we think we will be able to hold our own among our numerous brother journals.

Special Notice.

Being unable to secure second class rates for our paper at Carroll we will have to publish our paper at Lancaster as you will see by the first page. We would ask as a special favor that all communications be addressed to Carroll as the editor's place of residence is at Carroll. Please also notice our removal from Westerville. Thanking you for past favors and soliciting ashare of your future patronage I remain,
THE EDITOR.

A HACKNEYED phrase—cab, sir?—Life.

Our State Association.

The Ohio Philatelic Association is prospering finely. A constitution has been drawn up and adopted which will be published in the next number of this paper. The election of officers will take place about the middle of August. The result will also be published in the next number of this paper. Secure your ticket for officers on another page.

Philatelists of Ohio, remember that this is your last chance to become a charter member of this association. The annual dues are 50 cents payable in advance, with an initiation fee of 25 cents which must accompany the application. Those who join now can send in their vote with their application. Remember, it will soon be too late to get a vote. Join now and cast a vote at the first election. Votes received after August 25 will not count. Every stamp collector in Ohio receiving a copy of this number of this paper is especially requested to join in time to vote. Join now and by so doing help along this, the only state philatelic association in the United States.

Help make an association out of this of which the stamp collectors of Ohio may well be proud. We now have but 20 members and want 50 before the election is over. Those who are already members try and persuade some of their collecting friends to join. Address all communications for the present to W. S. Kinzer Secre-

tary pro tem. Wooster, Ohio. We trust that the collectors of Ohio who receive this paper will not disappoint us. H. W. KELLER.

VERY often the man who "boils with indignation" one day simmers with regret the next morning, especially if his wrath be put in cold type.—*Baltimore American.*

A WOMAN will usually acknowledge a man's superiority when her lead pencil gets dull.

THE wine cup is said to be the father of sin; and the whisky jug is the step-father.

A HORSE-RACE is always regarded as a matter of course.—*Harper's Bazar.*

EXCHANGE NOTICES.

[Exchanges, not to exceed 24 words, free to subscribers. To non-subscribers, 3 cents per line.]

WILL exchange rare foreign stamps, postmarks, Indian relics, photograph outfit, \$100.00 worth of Jewelry for rare United States, match, medical, revenue, postage, department, or other stamps. F. N. Massoth, Jr. Hanover Center, Indiana.

50 FOREIGN STAMPS for every 25 match, medicine, revenue, or obsolete U. S. postage stamps sent me. Guy W. Green, Stromsburg, Nebraska.

TWO fine Indian axes and 20 arrow points for offer. 8 good foreign stamps for every match, medicine, or revenue stamp sent me.

GUY U. HARDY,
Albion, Ill.

WANTED:—Two first class sets with datas of the Blue Jay, for which I will give "Shadows of Shasta," by Miller, 184 pages, cloth bound, as good as new, cost 75 cents.

FRANK EAMES, Jr.,
Springfield, Wisconsin.

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 SECRETARY,
W. S. KINZER.
 EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT,
A. J. CLARK.
 OFFICIAL ORGAN,
THE OHIO PHILATELIST.

— MEMBERS OF —

The Ohio Philatelic Association!

Having now obtained twenty members the next thing in order is the election of officers. Tickets have already been published in several papers. Members will now take their choice and send in their vote for officers as soon as possible. Votes received after August 25th will not count.

W. S. KINZER, Sec'y Pro tem.,
 WOOSTER, OHIO.

NOTICE.

THE UNITED STATES PHILATELIST is now owned by two persons with a paid up capital. The publishers assure the public of 12 successive issues. Each issue to be the same size (6x10). Sworn circulation 1000 copies each issue. Subscriptions 25 cts. per year. Advertisements 50 cts. per inch, \$4 per page. Terms cash, unless adv's run over three months. Write for discount. We shall issue our next number as Vol. 2, No. 1. We intend to publish a first-class magazine and desire the support of all collectors.

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Write me enclosing a dime and a two-cent stamp and I will send you by return mail one written card with your name written on them in artistic style. Send immediately to

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Send list of wants and prices paid for same. 50 stamps for every stamp paper sent me. Correspondence solicited for the exchange of philatelic papers. The Philatelic Literature Collector, 10c per year. Stamps on approval as 25 per cent. from Scott, on receipt of good reference. Complete file Stamp Record, 4 numbers, 25c postpaid H. C. Beardsley, A. P. A. 95, 422 N. Seventh st., St. Joseph, Mo. 5c cash for Old Curiosity Shop (Cleveland) No. 3, 5 or 6, Vol. 1. 5-12t

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Vol. I.

LANCASTER, OHIO, SEPTEMBER, 1888.

No. 6.

A. P. A. CONVENTION REPORT.

The convention was called to order by President Tiffany at 10:35 a. m., August 13th, at Elks Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston. The calling of the roll by Secretary Bradt showed that 327 members were either present in person or represented, some 50 being present. After roll call the president appointed Messrs. Sterling, Clotz and McKeel committee on credentials; Messrs. Scott, Dejonge and MacCalla committee on standing rules, and Messrs. Holeby and Halton to assist in counting the votes. Convention then adjourned till 3 p. m.

At the afternoon session the following committees were announced by the president: Finance, Dejonge, King and Sparr; library, Deats, Ane and Bodine; exchange and purchasing departments, Corwin, Hobby and Shumann; official journal, MacCalla, Emory and Davidson; branch societies, Levick, Hubbard and Richmond; constitution, Coleman, McKeel, Ross and Stone, with president, ex-officio, chairman. The result of the election was then announced, Messrs. Tiffany, Van Derlip, Bradford, Rechert and Seagrave being the successful candidates. The reports of the various officers being submitted,

the convention adjourned until 10 a. m. Tuesday.

The convention was called to order at 10:40 by Vice President Bogert, after which President Tiffany delivered his address. Upon motion of Mr. Corwin a vote of thanks was tendered him. Messrs. Ane, Stone and Scott were appointed a committee to consider the question of compiling a catalogue of philatelic literature. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$304.84 in the treasury. The secretary reported the actual membership to be 544. The library was ordered insured, also \$50 allowed the librarian to bear expenses of same. Recess was then taken until 3:30 p. m.

Convention assembled at 3:30 p. m. Several resolutions were brought up and passed. A secret session resulted in the expulsion of Mr. Jay. The vote for next convention seat resulted in favor of St. Louis by a vote of 208 to 132 for Niagara Falls, after which the convention adjourned until next day.

At 11:15 a. m. Wednesday the convention assembled. A number of amendments to the constitution were adopted. On motion of Mr. Calman a salary of \$150 a year and a vote of thanks were tendered Secretary Bradt. On motion of Mr. King the convention adjourned *sine die*.

REMINDERS OF WAR TIMES.

The Envelopes and Letter Heads Used by Soldiers During the Rebellion.

To many of the present growing generation the history of the struggle to hold this nation together is like a far away memory that their fathers talk about. Its strange and peculiar phases outside the great battles, and the general facts that go to make up the salient events of those sombre and bloody years are not often read by the quick living youngsters whose thoughts are all about today and its demands. *The Graphic*, in its illustrations, touches one of the customs which sprang into use in the army, and the pictures given will call back to many an old soldier's mind the days when, seated on the ground or on the stump of a tree, he wrote his letter on his knapsack and sent it to the loved ones at home.

General Scott shines down from the head of one of the letter sheets, and, though his uniform in the original was bright maroon-colored, the big stock about his sturdy neck was white as the paper.

In his turn comes General McClellan, bound around in a white letter sheet with stripes of red and blue, and then another with the red world floating in a sea of blue and the flag overlapping all.

Other envelopes and papers with their cannons and flags, their sailors and sword-bearing women, all bespeak the sentiment that filled the heart of the nation

through all those busy days.

This decorated paper first showed itself in 1862, and for a couple of years every mailbag which went to the army carried hundreds of the pictures. They were sold in all the large cities, and, in fact, in every town and hamlet, and in the army were to be had of the sutler, who received five cents for one sheet of paper and one envelope. The paper was not particularly good, but it was loud in its patriotism. The style was not much affected by the commissioned officers, but it is doubtful if a sergeant, a corporal or a private who served in the Union armies did not use it in his correspondence.

A number of the regiments had their own particular paper and envelopes, which were printed by the sutlers with the illustrations of battle scenes, the number of the regiment and a portrait of their colonel. It is not known that any of the rebel corps used paper of this character, for in rebeldom printing facilities were very bad.

A majority of these envelopes were issued by Magee, 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and S. C. Richards & Co., 102 Nassau street, New York. At one period of the war, if the soldier had no stamp his letter was forwarded, but was charged—as can be seen by the mark upon one of the envelopes. Afterward, as it appears from this envelope, which was received at Philadelphia, the mere marking of "soldier's letter" carried it and its contents free through the mails.

In black the pictures are not as striking as they were when printed in glaring colors, and during the momentous times of the war soldiers' letters were sure to arouse the best feelings of the entire neighborhood when batches of them were received.—*New York Weekly Graphic*.

COMPLIMENTARY NOTICES

From the Philatelic, Amateur and Press at Large, Received During Our Six Months of Existence.

From *Piquette Daily Call*, Piquette, Ohio:

THE OHIO PHILATELIST, a lively interesting monthly journal devoted to philately, has made its appearance in full bloom. It is edited and published by Wilson Keller, a brilliant young gentleman of Westerville, Ohio.

From *Spindle City Youth*, Lowell, Mass.:

THE OHIO PHILATELIST looks neat and is destined to become popular as a philatelic monthly.

From *Vade Mecum*, Salina, Kan.:

We have the initial number of the OHIO PHILATELIST from Westerville, Ohio. It is a newsy sheet in all respects, and deserves success.

From *City Reporter*, Clinton, Iowa:

ENTERPRISE.—We come to the philatelic public this month enlarged to eight pages, and next month will add a cover. In order to do this we are going to issue 1,500 copies of that number and still keep our advertising rates down to 40 cents per inch as an inducement to dealers to adver-

tise in this number.—THE OHIO PHILATELIST.

From *Keystone State Collector*, Philadelphia, Pa.:

We have received the usual number of papers and two new ones—THE OHIO PHILATELIST, of Westerville, Ohio, (see adv.) and the *U. S. Philatelist*, from Calmar, Iowa. Both present a neat appearance.

From *The Stamp*, Denver, Col.:

THE OHIO PHILATELIST is one of the late spasmodic attempts of the Buckeye State to publish a stamp paper. It is at least neat appearing and its contents do not weary the soul after the manner of some of its big brothers. [Thanks, awfully.—ED.]

READ THIS AND PROFIT THEREBY!

FLINT, MICH., Sept. 10, 1888.

MR. H. W. KELLER—*Dear Sir*:

I wish to state that I have received as many, if not more, replies from my adv. in THE OHIO PHILATELIST than from advs. occupying same space in any other amateur or philatelic paper.

Very truly yours,

FRANK H. RICE.

We have received from F. Trifet, 408 Washington street, Boston, Mass., the August number of his monthly *Galaxy of Music*. It contains music valued at \$4.40 in sheet form, but costs only 10 cents per number or \$1.00 per year. Those desirous of securing first-class vocal and instrumental music cheap should send for it. We can assure Mr. Trifet that we fully appreciate it.

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H. W. KELLER, Carroll, Ohio.

AFTER getting one number of our paper printed elsewhere, we again return to Sprague & Robinson our former printers, at Westerville, Ohio. We much regret now having changed, as our last number will not compare typographically or, in fact, in any other way, with our previous numbers. We intend to stay with them now as long as we publish this paper, and will promise more uniformity in size and other ways than we have hitherto had.

It is the assertion of a miserable four-page circular styled the OHIO PHILATELIST, that through the aid of Editor Voute, Luhn, of the *Charleston Philatelist*, got enough advs. to add a cover, etc., etc. We are interested in neither of the publications here mentioned, but we should think that Brother Luhn's paper is a very creditable one. Master Keller, of the OHIO PHILATELIST, evidently forgets that he used to issue the *Philatelic Fortnightly*, with six errors in every five words, and his OHIO PHILATELIST is little better. Don't add a cover, Keller. It

will tend to make your ink and paper look out of place more than ever — *The Stamp Collector's Figure*.

We copy the above in full for the express benefit of our readers, and any one of them who will point out any fifteen consecutive words in the above, which do not contain a 1—falsehood, we will present with a year's subscription to this paper.

Now in the first place our paper has always since our first number, consisted of eight pages. As to Voute's being interested in neither of the papers mentioned, we quote from his article pertaining to Luhn in the last number of his paper the following:

Through personal efforts we have obtained for him some advertisements, and we take this occasion to ask the trade to give the young man a chance.

It will speak for itself.

Master Keller: Whew! What a pleasing epithet!

When we consider the source, however, it does not hurt our feelings much. "Master Voute evidently forgets" that he knows nothing about the matter, when he says that we ever issued the *Philatelic Fortnightly*, as we never edited a philatelic paper before we commenced the publication of the OHIO PHILATELIST.

The *Philatelic Fortnightly* was edited by a man almost enough Voute's superior in age, experience, or knowledge, to be his father. Now, what have we ever done to in any way injure him or his paper or in fact any philatelic paper without provocation.

We were taking Luhn down a peg for criticising us, when, he,

like the small boy, had to have his say in.

We think that philatelists are getting tired of his endless harangue of libelous scribbles, and we give him fair warning that some day he will get hold of some one who will pay him well for his trouble.

If we were the only parties that were given these free advertisements, we would not say a word, but his paper is just one continuous piece of slander from one end to the other.

OUR AGENTS.

John C. Moore, 133 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

W. Ernest Horton, Foxboro, Mass.

Climax Mailing Agency, Boonville, N. Y.

James F. Stickels, Snohomish, W. T.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

We would like to again call your attention to Frank H. Rice's advertisement in this number. A trial order will convince you of the superiority of his stamps.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

Being unable to secure second class rates for our paper at Carroll we will have to publish our paper at Lancaster—as you will see by the first page. We would ask as

a special favor that all communications be addressed to Carroll, as the editor's place of residence is at that place. Thanking you for past favors and soliciting a share of your future patronage, I remain, yours,
THE EDITOR.

EXCHANGE NOTICES.

[Exchanges, not to exceed 21 words, free to subscribers. To non-subscribers 3 cents per line.]

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FRANK H. RICE,

(Mention this paper.)

P. O. Box 1454, FLINT, MICHIGAN.

THE OHIO PHILATELIST.

Vol. I.

LANCASTER, OHIO, JANUARY, 1889.

No. 7.

THE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS OF FORMOSA.

[Translated from the Spanish from Ph. Heinsberger's International Agency and Stamp Importer, New York.]

The Island of Formosa (dependency of China) is situated in Eastern Asia and separated from China by the Formosa channel. The large island has different important seaports, and steamers are running from Formosa to the ports of Canton and Hong Kong, China. Below the readers of the OHIO PHILATELIST will find the official document in regard to the new stamps:

EXECUTIVE MANSION (GOVERNOR'S OFFICE).
TAMSUI, FORMOSA, May 1, 1888.

By order of the Chinese Government is brought to the public knowledge as follows:

1. A regular mail service will be carried on beginning from this day, and mail will be forwarded over the island by carriers on foot.

2. The postal roads lead only to the postoffices, and each station is at a distance of one day's travel.

3. Letters and parcels will be forwarded from one station to another for a fee of 20 condareens cash (100 condareens one tael—\$1.15). An additional fee will be charged for mail to cities outside the regular postal roads.

4. The stamps are designed for two purposes: 1. Stamps for the public. 2. Stamps for the

government departments.

5. The stamps are not yet for public sale, and can only be used for prepayment of postage in the following way: Everybody who has to forward mail matter inside the island must call at the nearest postoffice and pay in advance to the postal clerk 20 condareens cash for each postal station on the postal road which the mail must go until destination. A receipt for the money paid will be given by the postal clerk who takes each mail.

6. It is the duty of the post officials to paste the stamp on each mail matter; but only one single stamp of 20 condareens cash. Then the mail will be forwarded to the next postoffice, and the postal clerk there has to perform the same thing, that is, to paste on the mail matter one stamp of 20 condareens cash, and to forward it to the next postoffice until to the station of destination. In such a way, each postal clerk is responsible for his post only, in case mail matter is lost or damaged. Additional postoffices have been established all over the island along the postal roads. [Signed]

IMPERIAL CHINESE GOVERNOR OF FORMOSA.

The new stamps of Formosa are lithographed, perforated, 14½, colored, on white paper. Twenty condareens cash, green. Twenty

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H. W. KELLER, - - EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

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In our editorial in last number referring to our change of printers, the following clause should be inserted in the second sentence after the word paper: "Providing it continues to prove satisfactory."

WE make another change in our address with this number, which we hope will be more permanent than our previous one. It will be noticed that this number is but half our usual size. This was done

in order to save time and will not occur again. Our subsequent numbers will consist of eight pages.

JOHN S. BIXEY, the popular dealer of Decatur, Ill., has our sincere thanks for one of the handsomest and most artistic New Year cards of which it has been our pleasure to be the recipient for some time.

WE resume the publication of our paper after an absence of three months, and will endeavor to appear regularly again. We would kindly ask our subscribers to be patient and less liberal with their postal cards, and they will in due time receive their twelve numbers or money refunded in proportion.

OUR AGENTS.

H. C. Beardsley, 422 North Seventh street, St. Joseph, Mo.

E. Booth Mix, Butler, Ohio.

Ph. Heinsberger, 138 Ludlow street and 89 Delancy street, N.Y.

John C. Moore, 133 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

W. Ernest Horton, Foxboro, Mass.

Climax Mailing Agency, Boonville, N. Y.

James F. Stickels, Snohomish, W. T.

FRAUDS.

E. Emery, 15 Newton st., Holyoke, Mass.

A. E. Ashfield, Rye, N. Y.

J. H. Gowan, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

E. J. Smith, Portsmouth, Ohio.

condareens cash, rose. (One color for the public stamps and one color for the Department stamps.) The design of the stamps is far from handsome. They are 33x34 millimeters, in the four corners the value, 20, above the stamp the word "Formosa," and below, "China" (the sign of dependency), in English letters. On both sides inside is the same inscription in Chinese letters. On the ground within is above a dragon (the arms of China), and below is a running horse (a sign of the postal and mail service). The stamps are designed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., London, England. The postal service in China and dependencies is not to compare with American mail service, as the roads are neglected and travel is difficult, but it is an important improvement to see civilization going ahead. Foreign trade and foreign money opens all roads in Formosa and all other Chinese dependencies. The "Boy Emperor" of China (14 years, is now of age and is about to marry), in his Chinese heart does not like the foreign intruders, but with or without his consent, the "Perpetual Wall of China" is slowly but surely coming down.

MR. H. W. KELLER—*Dear Sir:*
I wish to state that I have received as many, if not more, replies from my adv. in THE OHIO PHILATELIST than from advs. occupying same space in any other amateur or philatelic paper.

Very truly yours,

FRANK H. RICE.

EXCHANGE NOTICES.

[Exchanges, not to exceed 24 words, free to subscribers. To non-subscribers, 3 cents per line.]

I WILL give 3 unused foreign stamps or 5c. worth of stamps from my sheets for every copy of this paper sent me, or any other stamp paper sent me. Previous correspondence not necessary. W. P. Arnold, A. P. A. 400, LaFayette, R. I.

WILL exchange 2 International stamp albums, one complete with sets of arms, flags and rulers, one Mekell album, books and papers, etc., for U. S. or foreign stamps. I. J. Adams, Hurluck, Md.

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I have a very fine assortment of sheets of stamps for those that are beginners, at 12, and 3c. each.

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THE OHIO PHILATELIST.

VOL. 1.

LANCASTER, OHIO, JUNE, 1889.

NO. 8.

Additional Postal Facilities Needed.

We pride ourselves upon being an enterprising nation of liberal and progressive ideas, considerably in advance of our neighbors, especially those of Europe. But in some respects this pride of ours has no basis except self-conceit.

Take for example the matter of postal facilities. We pride ourselves upon the progress we have made. But it required the teachings and example of England and the Continent for nearly half a generation before the Americans opened their eyes and understandings to the success and advantages of cheap letter postage.

We have at last got the idea into our heads, and at the present time our people may transmit their letters as cheaply as do the English.

But there is still one branch of the postal service to which we remain blind, although it is of the greatest importance to the public and of enormous value to our postal revenues. We allude to the parcels lost, which has long been in successful operation abroad.

The dull Germans have been working the parcels lost for several years with great satisfaction. Merchandise of almost any description may be forwarded by mail in Germany, and the public convenience is promoted thereby in a wonderful manner. The rate charged is a little over one cent per pound. Packages of 110 lb. can be sent for \$1.20. In 1885 almost seventy millions of packages were transported by mail, the average weight of each being 9ld., or over six hundred millions of pounds, a quantity greatly in excess of the entire American mails, and fifty times more than the weight carried by our present puny and expensive little package post system.

The postage yielded by the German parcels, for the year mentioned, was \$7,776,212.

For many years past, the expenses of the American Postal Department have exceeded the revenues. For the year 1885, the deficiency was \$3,318,696. For the present fiscal year, the shortage will be much less. It is evident if a parcel system something like the German were established, the receipts of the department should always be in excess of the expenditures.

The Rarest Stamp.

Among the most valuable stamps in existence is the Baltimore 5-cent black stamp, which was issued in 1846, each specimen having written upon it the autograph of James M. Buchanan, who was the postmaster of Baltimore at that time. A specimen of this stamp was sold only a few months ago for \$400.

The next rarest is the Celebrated Battleboro, Vermont, stamp, also issued in 1846. It is valued at \$250 an impression. Another stamp, not so rare as those last mentioned, but which is often mistaken for a commoner issue, is that put forth by the United States, in 1862. It is a two-cent vermilion, with the head of Washington, and is worth \$10 a specimen, while its humbler brother, a stamp differing only in the shade of color, which is lighter red, is only worth one cent.

The United States has been without doubt, the most prolific of all countries in the world in the issue of postage stamps, having put forth over 525 different varieties altogether.

The number of distinct varieties issued by the various governments throughout the world is variously estimated, but 5,000 would probably cover the whole. Quite a number of new issues have appeared this year.

THE OHIO PHILATELIST.

A Monthly Journal devoted to Philately.

H. W. KELLER,

Editor.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

With this issue, we much regret to say, we will be obliged to discontinue publication. Other duties devolving upon us which will occupy our time, we find it imperative that we bring to an abrupt end our short journalistic career. We wish to extend our thanks to those who favored us with their patronage in our infancy, and had more shown a similar interest in our venture, we could have enjoyed a longer and more successful career. We have made promises, which by reason of our limited patronage, we were unable to fulfill, but have devoted our best blood to the enterprise. Although not a success from a financial point of view, we feel we do not depart from the journalistic arena unlamented. All subscribers will have the amount due them refunded in full. Exchanges please discontinue our advertisements.

It makes us smile to see the nerve displayed by philatelic editors in publishing their own portraits. There is always some very plausible excuse or reason given, but the egotism thereof is plainly discernible.

We are under obligations to E. F. Gambs, 224 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal., for a copy of the Fifth Edition of the Revised Coin Catalogue; giving prices paid by him for all American silver and copper coins which command a premium. Price ten cents.

Owing to a blunder of the printer in printing our last number, all advertisements which were standing over from the previous issue were omitted. This made our advertising columns look rather thin, besides being a source of much annoyance to us in other respects. We would ask our readers to overlook this error, as the fault was the printer's, and not ours.

Mr. J. W. Risdon, of Boston, has been indebted to us for a half page advertisement since last September, and up to time of going to press we have been unable to extort a reply from him. We have it from several reliable sources that we are not the only parties that would like to interview Mr. Risdon to a more or lesser extent. We trust, however, that this gentle reminder will suffice, Mr. Risdon.

Mr. Hugo Kuenstler, of New York City, passing as an extensive wholesale and retail dealer in U. S. stamps, occupies space to the extent of a half page in the initial issue *Philately*, in putting before the public a seductive advertisement of his wares. Among other things found in his advertisement may be mentioned the following:

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