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IN placing this our second volume in the hands of our readers, we wish to impress upon their minds the fact that we are with it fulfilling our promise of making this the leading first-class magazine for collectors, in general. This number speaks for itself and any other prefatory remarks are unnecessary, we await your approbation, in the form of a subscription, in which case we will have the pleasure of seeing you the tenth of each month.

THE ANTIQUARIAN.

The reader will probably say "This does not refer to me, but to some hermit who has stowed away in a garret or in old chests a lot of musty parchments, bags of ancient coins, or perhaps mummies, old armor and such trash." But this is looking altogether too far from home, there are scarcely any of us who are not more or less antiquarians.

The taste for mementoes with old associations is instilled into us from our earliest recollections. The child hears from its mother's lips "This was grandmother's rocking chair," or "that house was our old home," and thus we are filled with the inspiration of antiquity. As we advance in years, the desire to know more of our early history, and the world we live in increases, and every production of nature or art become of interest in teaching us what has been done in the past, and what may be done in the future.

We first acquire knowledge through our organs of sense; and from our parents and companions, after that from books and the examination of everything within our reach. From books alone especially when illustrated, we can obtain information of nearly everything, but it requires the actual examination of a large variety of objects to give us a thorough practical knowledge. Suppose we wish to study Geology or Botany how much faster we progress when we are able to examine the rocks or the plants themselves, either in their natural state or made up into a collection.

Whoever has commenced such a collection though it only be dried leaves, shells, or even a few pictures or items of interest cut from newspapers, has commenced to be an antiquarian, and to this

class of persons we owe all that we know of our past history. But there is a great difference among collectors, all do not deserve the same credit. Some make a collection because it is something they are investigating, and hope by comparing notes with other collectors to obtain a full knowledge of, and perhaps make new discoveries. Some collect paintings, engravings, statuary, a library of books or some class of curiosities, hoping to develop in their children a taste for literature and art. Either of these objects are praiseworthy, while others collect simply for the amusement of acquisition, their chief pleasure seems to be in getting something better than any one else has. Even these, however, are harmless people for they soon tire of their collection, and then it is divided among those who will make a better use of it.

In searching for relics of antiquity the earliest traces we can find are minerals, fossils and shells. Through these we are able to discover the different stages our planet has passed through since its formation, which is a very interesting study, but not so important as the history of our race, of which the oldest records we have are parchment histories, traditions, monuments and ruins covered with inscriptions; some of the Egyptian hieroglyphics being 3500 years old.

Approaching this remote period we have the use of coins for purposes of exchange in place of the more awkward method of exchanging one commodity for another. From that time to the present nearly every country in the world has had its coinage and a good collection shows in a striking manner the degree of prosperity and civilization to which they attained.

There is something very fascinating about the collection of coins. Here we have in a small compass something used by our fellow men as money even 2000 years ago. Perhaps we go to Asia ourselves and discover it among the ruins of Antiquity. We regard it with reverence and carefully preserve it for posterity. In modern coins too there is much of interest. We study history, and coins show us the portraits of kings, queens and emperors of whom we have read and the emblems of their nations. In our own country we have the Pine tree money of Massachusetts in the 16th century, the Colonial coins issued by the several states shortly after the Revolution, and the unbroken line of the mint coinage from its establishment in 1793. We do not however always show improvement, of the coins in current use the cent alone is equal in beauty to our earliest coinage.

The modern substitution of paper representatives of coin value, make them also of interest to collect. We have in the United States, the Continental paper money of the Revolution; the local bank notes from 1815 to 1861; the notes and bonds of the Confederacy; the northern shinplaster currency of 1861 to 1863; our convenient but now discarded Fractional currency, and last of all and most useful to the collector, for he can easily exchange them for any of the others, greenbacks of Uncle Sam.

Within a few years has sprung up what might be considered a new phase in collecting; the mania for Postage and Revenue stamps. They, like the coins, have portraits of reigning sovereigns, the emblems of the countries they represent, in our own the portraits of our most illustrious men, and have on them a money value, so that compared with modern coins there is hardly any choice which to collect. They have, however, some advantages over coins, having a great variety of color, and more portable, less expensive, and not so liable to be stolen.—*The Collectors' Library Table.*

OUR FRENCH LETTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BUREAU."

Numerous articles lately appeared in the French daily papers, regarding the falsification and cleaning of postage stamps.

All tending to point out the collector as being guilty of this fraud.

One of our French dealers, one of the largest in Europe, has forwarded a circular to all the papers and to some of the peoples representatives, protesting against such a charge. This protest has been supported unanimously by the "Societe d'Ambrologie" at their last meeting. Some mistake seems to have been made in attributing the original idea of stamps to Sir. Rowland Hill, in 1840. From authenticated documents, small pieces of printed papers for the payment of postage were in use in Paris as far back as the XVII century.

A newspaper of the 27th of August, 1653, fully describes this kind of paper or stamps then in use.

The system really came in operation on August 18th, 1653, but only extended to the city of Paris, and was carried on by a private individual who had received the privilege for doing so from the King.

Small labels of the value of "one sou tape" were purchased and affixed to the letters which were posted in boxes placed for the purpose in different streets. Letters were distributed three times a day. Beyond Paris, use was made of this mode of sending letters, by the followers of the King Louis XIV when the court was absent from Paris. Labels were previously obtained and affixed to letters destined for Paris, this insured them being delivered by the Kings' courriers.

A French collector still possesses one of the original letters with one of these stamps. This letter is written by one of the Kings' suit to a lady of the time and well known in history.

A facsimile of the document granting the privilege for establishing this post, is sold in Paris. The document itself is also still in existence.

I am,

Dear Sir :

Yours Truly,

B. J. S.

STAMP NEWS.

We here give reports of the new issues since our last number, giving illustrations of as many as our space will allow.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—

Three new stamps appear from this country, the design is somewhat similar to the current Hungarian stamps, with an envelope in centre, bearing the value.

Adhesive.— $\frac{1}{2}$ c. brown.
1c. vermilion.
12c. pale blue.

A new envelope stamp closely resembling the current Wurtemberg envelopes, has also appeared.

Envelope.—12c. blue.

ANTIQUA.—

Another stamp of the common British Colonial type.

Adhesive.— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green.

BAHAMAS.—

Adhesive.—1 d. vermilion.

4 d. rose.

BARBADOS.—Following new issue of common design.

Adhesives :

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green	4 d. greenish grey
1 d. carmine.	6 d. brown.
$2\frac{1}{2}$ d. ultramarine.	1 s. orange red.
$\frac{3}{4}$ d. mauve.	5 s. yellow ochre.

1 d. grey.—current design.

BOSNIA.—*Envelope*.—5 novcica, red.

BRAZIL.—

Adhesives.—100 reis, deep green, current, design altered.

200 reis, rose, “ “ “

100 reis, sage green, new design.



CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—

Provisional.— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 3 d. carmine.

CANADA.—We thank the Montreal Stamp Co., for the first sight of the new. *Adhesive*.— $\frac{1}{2}$ c. black.

CYPRUS.—

Adhesives.—30 paras surcharged on 1 piastre rose.

$\frac{1}{2}$ piastre “ “ $\frac{1}{2}$ “ green.

CASHMERE.—

Adhesives.— $\frac{1}{4}$ a. orange, vermilion.

$\frac{1}{2}$ a. “ “

$\frac{1}{2}$ a. pale, dull red.

COPENHAGEN.—

Adhesive.—20 ore, blue and red.

DENMARK.—

A set of stamps of a new design have appeared, the *Le Timbre Post*, announces:

Adhesives.—5 ore, green.

20 ore, blue.

40 ore, rose.

FERNANDO POO.—

Adhesives.—1 c. de peso, green.

2 c. “ rose.

5 c. “ blue.

GREECE.—Current design.

Adhesives.—5 lepta, yellow, green, double figure.

30 “ blue.

80 “ carmine, no figure.

GUATEMALA.—

Adhesives.—2 c. green and brown.

Provisionals.— 1 c. on $\frac{1}{4}$ rl., green and brown.
 5 c. on 1 rl., green and black.
 10 c. on 1 rl., green and black.
 5 c. on $\frac{1}{2}$ rl., green.
 20 c. on 2 rl., carmine.
 5 c. on $\frac{1}{2}$ rl., green.
 20 c. on 2 rl., carmine.



HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.—

These stamps were reported in our last number. The 1 cent is *green* instead of *blue*, and the colors of current 2 cents and 5 cents, are *lake* and *light-blue* instead of *brown* and *dark-blue* respectively.

ICELAND.—*Adhesives.*— 3 aur, yellow.

5 aur, dull green.

20 aur, blue.

40 aur, lilac.

ITALY.—*Adhesive.*—2 lire, orange.



LIBERIA.—Illustrations of two new adhesives.—

8 c. blue.

16 c. rose.

MEXICO.—*Poste de Mar.*— 5 c. pale yellow.

100 c. sage green.

New issue is very like our unpaid stamps.

Adhesives.—2 c. dark green.

3 c. carmine.

6 c. blue.

NATAL.—

A letter from Mr. Walker, Pietermaritzburg, under date of Sept. 4th, reads: "The Free State government will commence their new postal rates to-morrow, and as they have not got the proper stamps yet, (viz: 3 d. and $\frac{1}{2}$ d.) they will have to surcharge for the lower value on the 5s. stamps, 3 d. current, 1 d. for the other.

The stamps will be in use but a short time, as others are expected to arrive soon. I have been unable to get any yet."

NEW ZEALAND.—The new series are as follows :

Adhesives.—1 d. bright rose; 4 d. sea green.
2 d. lilac; 6 d. brown.
3 d. yellow: 9 d. light blue.

PORTUGAL.—

A new postage and telegraph stamp appears from this country.

Adhesive.—50 reis, blue.

QUEENSLAND.—The N. J. P., report the following :

Adhesives.—1 s. violet.
2 s. blue.
10 s. brown.
20 s. rose.

SELANGOR.—

The *Record* says: "The 2 c. Straits Settlements has received a fresh surcharge for use in this state: a crescent and a star, surmounted by a letter "s" enclosed in a single-lined circle; struck in black and in red. *Adhesives.*—2 c. brown, black surcharge.

2 c. " red "

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—*Adhesive.*— $\frac{1}{2}$ rose.

SUNJEI UJONG.—The 2c. Straits Settlements, has been surcharged "S. U." for use in this state.

TRINIDAD.—We take the following from the *Record* :

"The accompanying illustration represents a stamp issued in Trinidad, for local postage, so long ago as 1847,

Mr. Bacon, who kindly sent us the specimen from which the engraving taken, states that it was issued by the owners of the steamer LADY MC LEOD, (hence the monogram on the lower part of the stamp.) and franked letters by that vessel between the Port of Spain and San Fernando, two towns on the island.



The stamps were sold at four dollars per hundred, and letters not prepaid by these stamps, were charged five pence each."

URUGUAY.—M. Tardaguila, kindly sent us a specimen of the new design 2c. A 1 c. also has been reported.

Adhesives.—1 c. green.
2 c. carmine.

UNITED STATES.—The 10c. current issue has been re-engraved and under gone slight changes, the new 5c. envelope stamp has been described by some papers; we as yet, have been unable to get one, there is a report that we are to have a two dollar stamp.

A RESUSCITATION.

BY T. MARTIN WEARS.

In perusing the columns of a twenty year old volume of the *Saturday Review*, a London journal of politics, literature, science and art, I lighted on a most interesting article reviewing the doings of the stamp pioneers in Great Britain. The lucky find was accidental, and as such all the more pleasing. The article not only "goes

for" the poor stamp collectors of that date, but criticises very minutely the first issue of the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, the harbinger of all stamp journals. I will reserve what remarks I have to make anent the fulminations of this literary Jove, until your readers have mastered the squib, which I now set before them, without further preamble. It is entitled

SOFTENING OF THE BRAIN.

"Perhaps no one of our symptoms affords such evidence of disease of the brain as the fact of all New York forgetting greenbacks, gold at 150, Charleston and Vicksburg, to go into ecstasies over the marriage of a brace of *lusus naturae*. We have not come to that yet. We have not yet reached the stage at which we can talk gushingly about "the beautiful ritual, always impressive, but rendered doubly so by the clear tone of" two pigmies, or get up raptures about "the sputre of triumph that illuminated the visage of Tom, and the vestal glow that colored the plump cheek of the bride"; though very likely when Mr. Barnum displays his unblushing cheek on this side of the Atlantic, we shall reward his exertions in the cause of dwarf nature, comforting too, but in a less degree, is the reflection that we are not yet quite so far gone as our neighbours, the French and Belgians in that kind of dotage which takes the form of the postage stamp collecting mania. They have got a name for it.—*Timbromanie*.

With us the malady has not yet spread so widely that it has been found necessary to describe it by a neat scientific term. For all that, there seems to be a good many victims; and the poor creatures have a literature of their own, and a slang of their own, and dealers all over the Kingdom, and an exchange where stamps rise and fall, and are quoted, according to the state of the market, and the demand and supply; and they have a man of letters—of very many letters—Dr. Gray, F. R. S. F. L. S. F. Z. S. &c.—as guide philosopher and friend. It is to be regretted by the friends of M. Du Chaillu that this gentleman is not the Dr. Gray of the British Museum, as it would really have looked like a judgment on the Doctor for speaking disrespectfully of the gorilla.

Of course the sufferers have a good deal to say for themselves, So as a gentleman in Hunwell, if you accept his hypothesis that he is a cut-glass decantor, or the Emperor of China. They insinuate that they collect postage stamps because postage stamps promote the study of history, geography, reading, writing, arithmetic, etc.; and they prove the same by arguments, more or less lucid, which would equally applicable to the collection of tooth-picks or tenpenny nails. But, unfortunately, a glance at their literature knocks this theory about their motive on the head, and shows that it is nothing more than the unreflecting acquisitiveness of the magpie, inherited by man from some remote ancestor common to him and that bird, and here kreaking only like the bars in the tails of Mr. Darwin's pigeons.

Any one who wants a half hour's amusing reading cannot do better than buy the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine*—it is only a penny dearer than *Punch*. He will find himself in a completely new world. The first thing that will strike him is that these pure enthusiasts are stimulated quite as much by a thirst for gain as a thirst for information) At their stamp exchange "buying, selling, and exchanging

were carried on with pleasurable excitement, all ranks (we have seen one of Her Majesty's Ministry there) and all ages taking part in the traffic." Will some independent minister ask Lord Palmerston, some night, who this stamp-hunting-minister is? Can it be Earl Russell getting up a knowledge of foreign states with a view to despatches during the recess—or Mr. Gladstone, naturally drawn to a subject that offers a number of different heads for consideration? "The variation in prices" continues the writer, "was noteworthy. We have seen a set of Nevis stamps pass from hand to hand for four, six and eight shillings successively, and even at this last price bought (to sell at) again a profit." A speculator from Clifton, "wishes to know where to procure a Nicaraguan stamp," and the feeling but cautious editor replies: "We sympathize with him." Another, who has been shamefully taken in—for they are not all honest, these people,—and we gather that there is a good deal of forgery among them—is told that his stamp "is not a genuine Argentine, the cap of Liberty is wanting." Then there are nearly four columns of advertisements. One firm call themselves "dealers in obsolete stamps"; another, "buys and sells collections"; a third, offers French two centimes and Maltese halfpenny stamps at the low price of two pence each. Some foreign stamps, however, cannot be got in this way, and then the collector's ingenuity is taxed. "We know a zealous collector visiting a provincial town, who, wishing to procure a quantity of the tens to take back to England for exchanging, wrote a letter to himself every day, dropped it into the letter box unpaid, and received it duly ornamented by the coveted ten centimes *a percevoir*."

There is an unflinching severity about the reviews which reminds one of the *Quarterly* in its best days. Poor Dr. Gray is taken to task with much sternness for his shortcomings in his catalogue. Here is his offense: "The six baj. Romagra and the seven-pence half-penny of Canada are unrecorded, and the two buff local Stockholms are amalgamated." Another reviewer, in a burst of generous indignation, exclaims: "We are astonished an Englishman should have fallen into a continental error of quoting a halfpenny Newfoundland, and the halfpenny and the twopenny Newfoundland." We hope Mr. Frederick Booty, the gentleman whose un-English conduct has called for this well-merited reproof, is ashamed of himself.

"O mad world, my masters!" said the cynical oloplaywright, but if this be a specimen of the manly and intellectual pursuits of the age, we cannot claim even the dignity of insanity. It is a drivelling world, a doting world, a world in its second childhood; and yet—

They act

Such antics and such petty lunacies,
That, spite of sorrow, they make you smile."

So much for the *Saturday Review* of twenty years ago!

After reading what it has thought fit to write regarding our hobby, the only wonder every one must have is that we yet survive its piercing criticism, and remain still to the front, steadily pursuing our science the same as if the work of the reviewer had been one of those massive projects often thought on, never fulfilled. As it is, stamp collecting has existed for many years, during which time its adherents have followed it out, with more or less avidity; and a science which has existed for a quarter of a century; can surely demand no justification. Nor do I intend to give such.

"Poor Dr. Gray," as he is called, comes in for a bountiful share of notice. The writer displays his dearth of knowledge when he tells us this gentleman was not the Dr. Gray of the British museum. Such ignorance at that date and in the *Saturday Review* is hardly pardonable. Dr. John Gray it was who founded and gave his name to Gray's catalogue, and who was amongst the first collectors of stamps, yet whose stamp propensities did not prevent him from being one of the best zoological authorities of his day, and holding an influential position in the British museum.

Coming to the notices of the representative stamp magazine of that time no one could expect a more pat and pungent ecomium from so high an authority, as "anyone who wants a half hour's amusing reading cannot do better than buy the *Stamp Collector's Magazine*." Whether or not this is given in a satirical vein it would have been a good advertisement, when inserted among the opinions of the press; and I am inclined to think its publishers profit by it, and give the above as a spontaneous and appreciative opinion coming from the *Saturday Review*.

The reviewer flounders considerably when he essays to tell us something regarding the French unpaid 10c. stamps. Of course the provincial town must have been in France, and the desired stamps of the *chiffre taxe* order. He appears also to have misquoted that generous indignant contemporary, as it is most unprobable he would have upbraided Mr. Frederick Booty for chronicling "the halfpenny and twopenny Newfoundland." Dr. Viner, editor of the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* during the first four years of existence, and who has been kind enough to revise this article, informs me that the Mr. Booty therein referred was a Brighton gentleman, who publishes one of the first catalogues that was ever issued in Great Britain.

The "*Saturday Review*" has been exercised in dilating on stamp collecting several times since the date when the preceding article was written. In 1867 it took occasion to draw its readers' attention to the scientific term of Philately, which had shortly before been established; and it is no further back than April when the same periodical made another "fling" against stamp collecting. The article was sent by me to the *New Jersey Philatelist*, and is published in their June number. It was then in the course of a review of Messrs. Philbrick and Westoby's "Postage and Telegraph stamps of Great Britain," that amongst sundry kindred errors appeared a new name for our Science—"Philatellism," towit:

Keep on periodically noticing our work, and hurling thy thunder at us thou mighty and abstruse reviewer, and you may rest satisfied that you labor not in vain, since you will at least afford the drivelling maniacs "at half hours amusing"—yes *very amusing*—"reading!"

"THE BUREAU."

BY CHAS. H. MEKEEL.

The fall trade is opening with a vigor and briskness that would indicate a good season; dealers are beginning to stock up and publish new circulars; new "firms" and journals have already commenced to pour in upon us. Of the latter, we shall without double have our usual dose; they flicker bravely for a little while and then hie away to the land that knows no editors' trials and printers' bills.

We have in this our second volume dropped the word "STAMP" from our title, not that it shall be any less of a stamp journal, but that it will enlarge its field and represent the interests of collectors in general whose interests we find to be in common with our own, or so closely connected that we feel sure our journal will be of practical use and interest to every collector, no matter what his department.

We find that there is scarcely a stamp collector but that is also collecting coins, confederate money, minerals, shells, curiosities or something of like nature.

The subject of advertising rates should interest publishers more than it does, we should have a Press Association, and have a uniform table of rates; it is simply ridiculous the way some papers cut under their rates, even as low as they are now, for instance, a large firm in New York, informs us that they never pay more than \$1.00 for the insertion of a whole page electrotype; we would rather give twice that amount than to have it. Any practical publisher knows that a paper with a circulation of several thousand, would lose money on the presswork and stock at that rate.

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We were at the last minute disappointed in our first article, so we owe an apology to Mr. Smith, for reprinting his, but as it is a credit to him, he perhaps will over-look it.

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A letter from J. T. Handford, gives us the pleasing information that he is compiling a "Collectors' Directory" for 1883; the marked success of his last two numbers is enough to assure us of his success with this one. As an advertising medium, our experience testifies to its good merits, as we very seldom have a better paying advertisement than the half page we took in his No. 2. Collectors may by means of the Directory, effect exchanges among themselves very profitably.

A cure for an illness is frequently effected by a repetition of the means by which it is acquired, hence, Rassmussen's dog is now alive and well, for the owner simply had to boil down a few pages of his "Review" and apply a "*blue-vitrolized Casey poultice*." The June number of his paper has not appeared; likely there is another Almanac being published in Rock Island.

Cincinnati's Philatelists, dealers and editors, seem to be constantly changing and present to the public mind ideas of a political organization; why not call it the Collins, Mills, Logan and Miller Combination publishers of everything essential to wants of philatelists?

The National Philatelic Association of New York, have made the "*Table*" its official organ; we may have an association in Chicago, but not till we can afford a piano.

Our New Jersey friend has been dry-docked through the summer months, but is with us again as usual, in good form.

"Union Exchange List," presents itself favorably before collectors of all classes and is proving a success.

GREAT BRITIAN.—

THE PHILATELIC RECORD, No. 43.

THE PHILATELIC TIMES, No. 9.

THE PHILATELISTS, Vol. 2, No. 1.

THE FOREIGN STAMP COLLECTOR'S JOURNAL, Nos. 45 and 46.

THE STAMP NEWS, No. 7.

THE PHILATELIC REVIEW, has been sold to the publishers of THE STAMP NEWS, they were foolish if they paid much for it.

British journals are behind hand, the latest of the above being for July and August.

FRANCE.—

"L'AME TIMBRES," No. 104.

BELGIUM.—

LE MONITEUR DES TIMBROPHILES, Nos. 5 and 6.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA.—

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AUSTRALIA.—

NEW SOUTH WALES STAMP COLLECTORS' MAGAZINE, No. 1.

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NO. 6.



LET us, advance a month and introduce to you, our holiday number. It will be the event of the season, as in size, it will be double that of this number, and as for contents, it will be a little library in itself.

Beside articles on Numismatics, etc., there will be for the stamp collector, articles by such writers as Rev. R. B. Earee, T. Martin Wears, E. B. Sterling and "Mulready."

It must be apparent to collectors that we are sparing neither money or pains, to give them a first-class magazine, and hope they will not fail to appreciate it, and if they do, the only recognition of same, we desire is, a subscription.

Advertisements are inserted only on the covers, space therefore being limited, and as we make no advancement in rates for the holiday number, which will have an extra large circulation; application for space would be advisable as soon as possible.

COLLECTORS.

BY C. H. M.

A British writer says: "Collectors can be divided into several classes:—Scientific, antiquarian, artistic, historical, sentimental,—and last, but certainly not least—*fashionable!*"

To the scientific collectors are due our great museums of geology, natural history, medicine, etc.; to the antiquarians those collections of arms, coins, old books, manuscripts, and other relics of a half forgotten past, which we find scattered about more especially upon the continent; to the artists the world's grand galleries of pictures; to the historical collectors the many relics which are made interesting to us by their associations with personages and events of olden times. The treasures of the sentimental collectors are chiefly valuable to himself—or herself—alone; for we cannot say that old love-letters, locks of hair, etc., are particularly precious to the world in general. And with regard to fashionable collectors, things which they patronize, though so eagerly sought for at the time, soon go out of fashion again, and become valueless to their possessors."

Of the above classes, the scientific is the one most likely the best represented among our readers, for most all of our different branches will come under that head, although many may apply as well under one or two of the others. The subjects of most interest to our collectors are coins, currency, stamps, curiosities (in a general sense), fossils, shells, specimens of natural history, ores, stones and petrifications, birds' eggs, pottery, indian implements, autographs, old books, etc.

Any of the above, cannot fail to be of great benefit to the collector personally, as well as a object of interest to any, whether collectors or not, for you will seldom find a person of education who does not take pleasure in examining the contents of your cabinet or turning the leaves of your album.

Another point is, that you will find that persons interested in collecting, are among the educated and better classes of society; they are persons of thought and intelligence; these qualities are essential to them as collectors, and collecting is their means of gratifying and developing them.

Charles Darwin once wrote in response to a request for his autograph from a collector:—"My collecting led me to science, and I hope that it may have the same effect on you, for there is no greater satisfaction than to add, however little, to the general stock of knowledge."

It would be impossible in one article, to treat of the different branches, so this will be the first or introduction to a series of ten essays, by the editor, to be continued through this volume, the subjects will be in following order: Autographs, Oology, Philately, Pottery, Fossils and Petrifications, Mineralogy, Implements and Utensils of American Indians and Pre-historic Races, Conchology and last, but not least, Numismatics.

THE 1799 CENT.

This cent is deemed by numismatologists as being very rare and valuable; fine specimens of which will command a greater premium than those of the cent of 1793, of the same condition of preservation, to which, from their extreme scarcity, much value is attached. The number of this coin issued amounted to 904,585—no insignificant sum. Their scarcity, however, is attributed to a shipment of the coast of Africa, by a Salem, Mass., firm, of several hundred thousand, on an order from that country, where being punched with holes, they were bartered away, probably to the chiefs—certainly not for negroes—and subsequently used as ornaments by the natives, being suspended from the neck by a string, and showing to what good account so slightly valuable a thing as a copper cent may be applied by the sagacity of our countrymen. Of the few of these cents to be found, it is very difficult to procure perfect specimens. The copper of which they were composed was rendered very inferior by too much alloy, which gave them a very rough and uneven surface—perhaps the result of the copper being burnt in smelting.

The great value of these cents among numismatologists has led to an attempt at counterfeiting them, by altering those issued in 1798 by means of acid or the graver—the former being most successful. Both are readily exposed by the use of a glass.—*Empire City Philatelist.*

STAMP NEWS.

We were disappointed in our electrotypes this month, so only two appear.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Same design as recent issue.

Newsband, $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo, brown on buff.

FIGI.—*Adhesive*, 5 s, black and rose.

FRANCE.—Messrs. Gruat & Bonn announce, by offering for sale following unpaid stamps: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60 centimes, and 1, 2, 5 francs, color, black.

GT. BRITIAN.—Mr. Wears will please accept thanks for our first sight of the new reply postal card.

INDIA.—*Adhesive*, $\frac{1}{2}$ a, green.

LIBERIA.—An envelope stamp, for registered letters, is in use, having a stamp of annexed design printed in black.



LUXEMBURG.—We give a cut showing design of the recent issue of stamps, adopted October 1st.; values are as follows:—*Adhesives*.

1 c, violet,

2 c, grey,

4 c, yellow,

5 c, green.

10 c. carmine,

12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, ultramarine,

20 c, orange,

25 c, blue.

30 c, green,

50 c, brown,

1 s, lilac.

5 s, brown.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—*Adhesives*.

10 c. d. p., claret.

25 " bister.

QUEENSLAND.—We omitted last month.

Adhesive.—5 s, carmine.

RAMPOUR.—*Adhesives*, $\frac{1}{2}$ a, orange.

1 a, brown.

2 a, blue.

4 a, green.

8 a, red.

TRANSVAAL.—The 4 d, green is surcharged, Eeu Penny in black.

TRINIDAD.—The following are the likely values of a new set being prepared: $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4 and 6 d.; 1 and 5 s. Mr. Leckie has shown us one penny stamps cut in two obliquely, and used as $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamps; also 6 d, green, surcharged 1 d, with pen in both red and black ink.

UNITED STATES.—A local post has recently been opened in Chicago, the only stamp now used is 1 c. rose; the stamp is quite neat in design, representing old-father time with mail sack in hand. Inscription reads: Allen's City Despatch; the government authorities here are trying to suppress it, if they succeed they will be very rare; we have a few used, that may be had at ten cents each, or sixty cents per dozen.

COLLECTIONS AT CHICAGO EXPOSITION 1882.

There is scarcely a department of collecting that was not some way represented in this years display. We will briefly review the different collections without entering into particulars.

STAMPS.

We had a small but choice collection, occupying eight cases in north-east end of gallery.

COINS AND CURRENCY.

This branch seemed rather lamely represented, though J. M. Head had a small collection, mostly U. S., and Theo. Nagel displayed a complete set of U. S. cents.

CURIOSITIES.

In one of our cases there is displayed a terre cotta lamp and unique porcelain vase from Pompei, price of the pair \$50.00 and also some lava carvings from Mt. Vesuvius.

MOUND BUILDERS AND INDIAN RELICS.

J. W. Bliss exhibited a large and valuable collection of arrow and spear heads, hatchets, hammers and other stone and flint implements from Washington and Jefferson Counties, Missouri, as well as some mound builders' utensils from the same district.

J. W. Velie exhibited some curious implements and utensils as well as arrow and spear heads from Florida shell mounds.

J. M. Head and J. M. Wiers also had exhibits of credit in this department.

MINERALS, STONES, FOSSILS, ETC.

C. M. Higginson's collection of minerals and stones was the best displayed, it occupied three large cases. Mr. Bliss also had a fine display; of these there were a great variety of specimens, too numerous to mention, most of them being from Washington County, Mo. *The Mining Review* had a very creditable display of gold, silver, copper and iron ores, and many curious and interesting forms of them in process of manufacture.

Besides the above mentioned, J. W. Wiers had a small collection of birds eggs, and J. W. Velie a very interesting collection of shells from the west coast of Florida.

The Formosa Tea Importing Co. had a booth arranged in very good taste displaying Japanese and Chinese pottery, porcelain and bronze, showing some of the unique designs, and fine inlaying and decorating work, also a Corean and a Tiapu suit of armor, both several hundred years old, and numerous other curiosities, swords, fans, etc., though this would hardly be in our line, it could not fail to interest lovers of the curious.

The committee in charge of the Science and Educational department, will next year devote more space to collections of all kinds as they feel the growing interest in these things, and it will, without doubt, be one of the most interesting features of the Exposition.

“THE BUREAU.”

BY CHAS. H. MEKEEL.

First in order in this department is, an apology for the typographical errors in our last number, they were most too numerous to be pardonable. The best amends we can make is to assure our readers that more care will be taken in future. It is unnecessary to say that our proof reader received his walking papers, and just here we might add, that his position is still vacant, though temporarily occupied by an ex. (?) Cambridge professor. Applicants for the posi-

tion will please be sure they have mastered the rudiments of the art of proof reading before filing their credentials, in the waste basket of the editor. For benefit of the above, or any others, wishing to fit themselves for a like position, we will give a few of the first elements required, as prescribed by an experienced editor :

"The first step is to serve an apprenticeship at printing, which enables the student to discern typographical irregularities. A general acquaintance with history, biography, poetry, fiction, music, the drama, etc., is important."

Geography and civil government should have special attention ; must become familiar with all countries and states which have ever issued stamps or coins, all money rates, dates of different issues, colors, etc.

"Read, ponder, and assimilate Webster, the Bible, Shakespeare, Anthon's Classical Dictionary, Roget's Thesaurus, Lippincott's Gazetteer, Hayden's Dictionary of Dates, the cyclopedias of Appleton, Zell, Johnson, and others. Bremisch-Niedersachsisches Worterbuch, Brandtke's Słownik dokładny Języka Polskiego, i Niemieckiego, and any other works of a solid nature."—

Pualy's Encyclopadie der classischen Alterthumswissenschaft, which would no doubt be useful in study of some of our antiquarian subjects also a perusal of the files of the *Correspondenzblatt des Gesamtvereins der deutschen Geschichts und Alterthumsvereine*, would be, also be of assistance. In anticipation of a forthcoming article on Oology, a few odd moments spent with Fortpflanzungsgeschichte der gesammten Vogel would not be wasted.

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Catalogue of Tin Folds - - - - -	15c.
L. W. DURBIN, Philadelphia, Pa.	
Excelsior Stamp Album, 1882 - - - - -	28c.
Catalogue of Postage Stamps, 1883, 11th edition -	25c.
W. E. WOODWARD, Roxbury, Mass.	
Catalogue of 52nd Auction Sale, Dec. 12th.	
"The Blanchard Collection of Coins, Medals, etc.	
SCOTT & Co., New York City.	
International Stamp Album, 6th Edition.	

We wish to call attention to Mr. Sterling's address, which is Trenton, not Jersey City, as last month reported. The above catalogue is fully up to the standard, and very popular, as tin foils are now "all the rage" among revenue collectors.

There was also an error in Mr. Durbin's address last month, his place of business is Fifth and Library Streets, instead of Liberty St. His album for beginners, the Excelsior, is a perfect little gem; and it is marvelous, that it can be sold so cheap. (ie, twenty-eight cents.)

Orders for it will be filled by him, or if sent to publishers of this paper, will be equally as well served.

Messrs. Scott & Co.'s International Album stands without a rival. The 6th Edition, including all the latest issues is without doubt the most complete and desirable album in the market; the publishers of this paper have a stock of these albums for holiday trade, and will send, securely packet, number one, in board covers, post-free, \$1.50; number two, handsomely bound in cloth and gilt, post-free, \$2.46; they make a very appropriate holiday present for a boy of the nineteenth century.

An extract from a recent letter from W. F. Smith, may be of interest to some, it reads as follows: "In consequence of a sudden and unexpected change in my outside business, I find myself for the next few months unable to attend to the duties that involve upon a person in the publication of a paper, and therefore, in justice to myself and the public, I am compelled to dispose of the C. L. T. Mr. Henry M. Rolston, a well-known dealer in this city, will assume the management of the same, commencing with November issue. This unexpected change is a deep regret to me, as my paper has been a very pleasant hobby of my own. The promises made in September issue, as regards Volume II, of the C. L. T., I shall fulfill to the public during the early part 1883, by publishing in large form and superb style.—" *The National Philatelist*."

Durbin's 1883 Catalogue, "The Standard," is well named, for it is, without doubt, the most correct and complete catalogue in our language; it is bound with an appendix, giving over a thousand illustrations. One of the creditable new features of this the Eleventh Edition is, the rearrangement of the stamps of Native India. The publishers of this paper, have some of these catalogues on hand, which will be furnished to our readers at publishers prices, twenty-five cents. It should be part of the outfit of every collector.

A magazine that is fast gaining popularity, and, we hope success, is *The Empire Philatelist*; this no doubt owing to the perseverance of the editor, who seems determined to spare neither money or time to make his journal, what it should be. A glance over the eight numbers already published, we find a great deal to interest the collector, as well as the thoughtful reader. The two leading topics are, Numismatics and Philately, and just there rises the question of error (?) numerous editors have fallen into, of calling such a paper a "Philatelist," in reality meaning one who collects stamps, although it would be quite applicable as the name of a paper devoted exclusively to the interests of such persons. But, "what's in a name?"

Another of our bright lights is, *The New Jersey Philatelist*, always prompt and full of instructive and interesting news; it is just commencing the fourth volume; may it live long.

The Stamp World, commences its third volume, with Mr. Mills in the chair, this paper lacks just the points, which in a recent editorial it rather ascribed the failure or dullness of English magazines. One of the first and most important features of a stamp paper should its news regarding new issues, and one of the least necessary is the "spice" as the editor terms it, if that article is to be graded by the contents of past numbers of that paper. What is needed is interesting and reliable information on the various subjects before us for our consideration, as collectors. Of what interest is a long article on

the doings and wranglings of some British publishers and dealers, by one of their number, to an American collector of postage stamps, who perhaps has heard nothing, and cares less about them?

We do not expect to devote this amount of space regularly to the free advertisement of the Philatelic press, but this is rather an article on their present condition, the previously mentioned, are the leading monthly papers; we have several others it is true, of more or less minor importance, *The Granite State Philatelist*, located as name would imply, contains little original or of interest; "*The Philatelic Monthly*," principle feature, of which is its new issues; *The Philatelic Triumph*; has of yet developed but little of importance; there is also a quarterly, "*The Stamp Collectors' Review*," "the misguided efforts of an ambitious editor."

A noticeable fault in our journals is; the absence of articles by American writers; can it be that we are without such? We are inclined to think not, but our journals seem only too ready to patronize the pens, of Earee, Wears, etc. This can only be remedied by each editor, not that we should dispense with their writing, but that they should be kept in place with others of our own, rather than to give them the preference.

The first number of a new paper, "*The Old Curiosity Shop*," comes to hand, it is one that deserves success, and as its range is a wide one, there is little doubt of its attainment; this number contains among much else of interest an excellent article on Autographs, a new feature is a list of dealers in counterfeit stamps, which will be kept in print as a warning to collectors, it is as follows, viz:

S. Allen Taylor, New York; L. Perkins, Philadelphia; Englehardt Folul, Saxony; H. Baumer, Switzerland; Dodson & Co., Sheffield, Eng.; Star Stamp Co., Pt. Hope, Ont.; Atlas Stamp Co.; Equitable Stamp Co., and Union Stamp Co., New York; Triumph Stamp Co.; Eastern Traffic Co., and Wallace, Herly & Co., Richmond, Va.

The Collector, a magazine for those interested in Natural History Specimens, etc., lies before us, it is a guide to the young student, and has much valuable information for all, even the experienced curator. The division of topics in this number, is as follows:

Entomology, Conchology, Geology, Mineralogy, Ornithology and Oology.

GREAT BRITIAN.—THE FOREIGN STAMP COLLECTORS' JOURNAL, No. 48.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS' JOURNAL, etc., Vol. 5, No. 49. This is the new name of the former; it is devoted to the Antiquarian and Coin Collector, as well as Stamp Collector; it has some very interesting notes and articles on each of these subjects. We are inclined to agree with its editor, the *old* journals are the best.

FRANCE.—L'AME TIMBRES, No. 106.

BELGIUM.—LE MONITEUR DES TIMBROPHILES, Nos. 7 and 8.

U. S. OF COLOMBIA.—ANUNCIADOR, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BRAZIL.—O BRAZIL PHILATELICO, Nos. 1, 2 and 3. The editor of this journal, Mr. Luiz Levy, kindly sends us the above numbers, enclosing a brief note, as follows: "Ceased its publication since last April." The date of No. 3, is March.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTES.

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Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 31st, 1882.

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J. F. NESTER.

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We desire replies to our letters from the following:

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Members of the Agasszi Association.—If the chairman of each chapter, will send us the addresses of active members, we will send to each one, a copy of our Holiday number. Our magazine is one that will be of interest to you all; and, should we receive your support, we shall lend our feeble efforts to assist in your great work.

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