

The U. S. Philatelist.

A Monthly Journal Devoted to the Greatest Hobby of the Day—PHILATELY.

VOL. I.

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No. 1.

DOCUMENT STAMPS.

BY WOLVERINE.

The first set of United States document stamps, consisting of one hundred and two varieties, was issued in 1862. Their use was required upon all legal documents, photographs, playing cards, etc. Both perforated and unperforated were issued, all of them bearing the portrait of Washington. The unperforated, with one or two exceptions, are by far the most valuable. The face value of these stamps ranged from one cent to two hundred dollars. The colors used were red, orange, blue, green, brown, lilac, violet and in one instance, that of the \$200 denomination, red and green.

A complete set of the perforated is worth about \$60, while a set of the unperforated would bring a much higher price. The hardest specimens to obtain are the six cent proprietary, twenty dollar probate of will and the two hundred dollar internal revenue. These are quoted at \$10, \$20 and \$30, respectively, for the perforated.

This issue was followed by a second set of thirty-two varieties. These also bore the head of Washington. Their value ranged from one cent to five thousand dollars. With the exception of the five hundred and five thousand dollar denominations, they were blue with black centres. The former was red and blue and the latter red, blue and black. No unperforated ones were used.

The complete set is worth about \$600, the most valuable being that of the highest denomination, which to quoted at \$500, although it is unobtainable. The next in value is the \$500. variety which brings \$60.

The third issue was the smallest, consisting of but twenty varieties. The colors used are claret, orange, brown, green, red, and blue. All bear the portrait of Washington, except the two cent blue, which bears the head of Liberty. All have black centres. In face value they range from one cent to twenty dollars. Of the two cent, orange, there are two varieties, one being printed on green paper and one on white. The twenty dollar orange is the most valuable in the set, being priced at \$5. The complete set is worth only \$9. All

of this issue were perforated.

I omit the proprietary issues as they are not document stamps though often classed with them.

PHILATELIC CORNER.

F. S. GOLDSBURY.

Yes! Bro Martin, you and your *Progressive Philatelist* are very welcome at the wigwam of your Vt. brother. We hope to see you again ere many moons have passed. Your white brother will give you a very friendly greeting every time you visit him.

Mr. W. H. Bratt of New York City offers some very fine bargains in the leading Philatelic papers of the day. He is thoroughly reliable.

Cigarette card collecting is getting to be quite a hobby. I have tried the "biz" to a small extent. I only have about 3,000 varieties, but have enjoyed it quite well; still it is "way back" beside of stamp collecting.

The *Utica Advertiser* is a new paper from Utica, N. Y., with F. B. M. Sheldon at the helm. Success to you and yours.

Lohmeyer's "Mug" graces the first page of *Philatelic Era* for Febru-

ary. They are going to enlarge to 16 pages soon.

Mr. Gustav Aue is again going to edit a Philatelic paper. His latest venture is the *Philatelist*, which will succeed the *New York Philatelist*. The address has changed to 419 East 15th St., New York City.

REVIEWS.

We're sorry but it's so, the *Western Philatelist* has been suspended till September for "lack of time."

Mr. Grant has dissolved partnership with "Yours Truly" in the *Yankee Philatelist*, and Mr. Caswell has taken his place as Jr. Editor. By the way, you need a proof reader since you have changed printers.

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EDITORIAL.

Here we are for the first time and we hope you will find time to read us through and after to send us your sub. I intend to work this paper up among the best by beginning at the foot of the ladder and continue to enlarge as the occasion demands.

This is the third paper I have started within the last six months, all of them giving up the ghost on account of being unable to secure 2nd class rates, but by the help of the new P. M. (who is a Republican) I hope to succeed in getting entered.

The subscriptions of the N. J. C. will be transferred to this paper and I hope that my former friends and patrons will be as well satisfied and continued to give me their support as heretofore.

Respectfully,
THE EDITOR.

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No. 2.

METHODS OF COLLECTION.

BY W. A. DUNCAN.

Many of our prominent collectors employ different methods of collection. Most collectors collect used and unused specimens of both adhesives and envelopes. One well known Canadian collector has not an envelope stamp in his entire collection of over four thousand varieties. Others, and there are many of them, collect only unused stamps. A collection of this description presents a very neat and pretty appearance, but is rather expensive. One of the younger members of the A. P. A. makes a specialty of unused United States stamps and has a very fine, as well as a very valuable collection. His album contains a remarkably complete assortment of document stamps. A collection of United States stamps is certainly very interesting and can be made expensive enough for wealthy and far advanced philatelists.

The beginner, as a rule, finds it much cheaper to form a collection of used specimens, but as he ad-

vances he will find even the used ones are expensive.

The unused varieties issued by Heligoland, Monaco, Hamburg and other small countries and provinces are much cheaper than when cancelled. This arises from the fact that few are used. Take for instance Heligoland, which is an island one mile square with but two thousand inhabitants. As the population is small few stamps are used the greater part of those issued being sold to the dealers in various countries. The government is said to derive quite an extensive revenue from their sale.

Another cause for the low price of unused stamps is that many governments, when issuing new sets, dispose of those of the former issue at low prices.

The inexperienced collector, when purchasing unused stamps, should be careful not to get reprints or counterfeits. It is often hard for an advanced collector to distinguish between the genuine and the latter. The safest way is to buy of responsible dealers.

Many collectors of note are turning their attention to the study of

oddities, and many very interesting discoveries have been the result. Mexico, the United States and the countries of South and Central America furnish many specimens of this kind. Surcharged stamps, against which there is an increasing and perhaps reasonable prejudice, belong in this class.

REVIEWS.

I'll bet a dollar to a tooth-pick that the *Universal Philatelic Advertiser* does not succeed in getting entered "as second class mail matter." Uncle Sam doesn't give second class rates to a bundle of circulars.

The *Essex County Philatelist* has changed printers for the worse. You'd better come back to where you came from before. You can't get good work for nothing, and don't you for-get-it.

Where, Oh where is the *Fitchburg Philatelist*? We have not received a copy since April. If you are still alive, and we hope you are, please send us Nos. 3 and 6, which we have never received.

The *Times* of Haverhill, Mass., has been enlarged from 6 pages 3x5 inches, to 4 pages 6x8 inches. Suc-

cess to your bright little paper, Bro. Nutter.

There's nothing the matter with the *Yankee Philatelist*. At least financially, by the looks of the last number. 16 pages, 3 of reading, 13 of advertisements. Better drop a few advertisements and give us a little more reading matter, Bro. Goldsbury.

Boy.—Oh my!

Man.—What's the matter?

Boy.—I've got a pain.

Man.—What from?

Boy.—Been trying to read the *boy's own*, an amateur monthly, published by kids.

The *Stamp Collector's Journal* had better keep its face closed about other people's papers being printed poorly and using poor paper. The last number we received was so smeared up with ink and smutty finger marks that we had to buy a magnifying-glass to enable us to read it at all. You'd better "practice what you preach," Bros.

The last number of the *Figaro* was a much improved paper, on account of the Junior Editor giving his jaw a rest on dirty, vile, liars, whack, don't give a darn, jim jam

cold Argus jubjuburklizye atmosphere buy a bat, etc., etc.

We would be much obliged if the *Nebraska Philatelist* would not stamp "sample copy" all through the papers they exchange with us.

The May number of the *Eastern Philatelist* had a very interesting article, entitled "Some of my Experiences" by Guy W. Green, which is the best of the kind ever before published.

If you want to read something that's been printed before manys the time and no credit given for the same first read The——Collector.

Come come Bro. Park, when are you going to issue number 2, vol. 2 of your paper? You are now two months behind time.

A PIECE OF LUCK.

BY S. B. BRADT.

(Continued from No. 3 of *New Jersey Collector*.)

After such a beginning there can be little surprise at my turning to the collection itself with considerable anticipation. Nor was I to be in the least disappointed, for the album

was unusually well filled and the specimens in excellent condition. I found nothing of later date than 1869, the presumption being that the original owner had ceased collecting at about that date. But to the issues prior thereto there was an abundance, the great majority of the spaces being filled. I noted especially two of the first issues of Hawaii, many early Mauritius, most of the Sydney Views of New South Wales, fine specimens of the first Natal, and hosts of others.

The pages devoted to the United States were a great delight. Very little was missing. To be sure there was no Brattleboro, but there was a Buchanan, and the five and ten cents St. Louis.

The issues of the New York Post Office and also the Carriers stamps were there complete. The adhesives lacked but the unperforated thirty and ninety cents—a magnificent used specimen of the twenty-four being in the collection. The loose stamps that had first fluttered forth proved to be duplicates.

In the midst of my delight obtruded the query, how came it that so valuable a package happened to be in the unclaimed express sale? This bothered me, for it hardly seemed possible that the sender of the package could be ignorant of its approximate value.

(To be continued.)

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EDITORIAL.

I warn everyone to beware of Frank Stone, No. 12 Cross St., Boston, Mass. On March 6th I sent him a sheet to the value of 62 cents, of which I have written to him several times, but never received any reply. Publishers please put the above fraud on your black lists.

If certain parties don't pay their advertising bills by next month, they will receive a free advertisement and a good big one too.

When answering advertisements in this paper please mention this journal.

Papers having a circulation of less than 750 copies per month, need insert our exchange advertisement.

Collectors, look out for J. T. McFarland, 84 Warrenton St., Boston, Mass., who advertises 8 Tri. Cape of Good Hope for 10 cents and the Mobile Confederate 2 for 5 cents, etc.

All dealers and publishers receiving a copy of this paper, consider it an invitation for you to send us your list of frauds. Black list column next month.

PHILATELIC CORNER.

By F. S. GOLDSBURY.

A prominent collector living in "Jersey's Foreign Shore," got a great bargain while in New York City recently. He bought \$750.00 of stamps from a person knowing nothing about stamps, for only \$40. That's what I call a good "find."

Mr. F. L. Stone of Benson, Minn. has purchased the entire stock of stamps formerly owned by the Undine Stamp Co., of Philadelphia,

Penn. He is selling valuable stamps at very low prices.

The *Curio* has improved wonderfully of late. It is now one of the "finest." By the way, does everyone know who the principal owners are?

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The Golden Stamp Co., of Lake View, Mich., writes me as follows: "We have received more replies from *Yankee Philatelist* than any other paper we ever advertised in." See *Y. P.* ad in this paper, and give it a trial.

Mr. S. H. Wood met with a severe loss in the death of his father, which occurred May 4th, 1890. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Wood.

Several dealers are selling counterfeit stamps to collectors who collect them. They are marked as such, and it is reported have quite a large sale.

What der matter wid the *Boodle Philatelite*? Why she's all right, and so is that Dutch romance. Bro. — it's just fine.

We made a slight mistake in our last issue in regard to the *Western Philatelist*, by stating that it had been suspended till Sept., which is incorrect. It is now being issued in 4-page form till Sept., when it will blossom out into a very giant of its former self, "so they say."

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No. 3.

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No. 4.

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EXCHANGE. Members have the free use of same in this paper.

AUCTION. One Scott's Copper Coin Catalogue.

STAMP EXCHANGE. All members have use of same by sending for a sheet and putting stamps on same and sending to me and I will send to members who must send to next numbered member.

SALES. All members will be allowed an item for sale under this head.

WANTS. All members can have an item under this head.

LIBRARY. Members will have the free use of Library by sending a one-cent stamp for postage on papers. Each member will be allowed to

take all the papers they want provided one cent is sent for each one and they must be returned in two weeks. We have not the space in this number to put the names of papers here, but full list will appear next month. Send stamps and I will send you good assortment of papers.

All members who wish the use of any of the foregoing departments should send their notices at once to me. Every collector who has not joined the association yet should do so at once. Admittance fee 10 cents and 10 cents monthly dues. Address, R. M. Spencer, Sec.

A PIECE OF LUCK.

BY S. B. BRADY.

(Continued from No. 2.)

Yet I reasoned, that as its appearance gave evidence of its having lain long neglected, the chances were that its collector had departed this life, and it had fallen into unappre-

ciative hands. At the same time I began to fear some claimant might come forth and attempt to rob me of my treasure. For, although there was no doubt of my legal right to my purchase, at the same time I knew I should feel decidedly disagreeable over it should the original owner of the package ever trace the collection to me.

The more I thought over the matter the more troubled I became. I worried over it until my ears began to ring and I thought my head would burst. The ringing finally increased to such an extent that with a deep gasp I—awoke and sat bolt upright, listening to the infernal din made by about two score of locomotive whistles and any number of bells ringing and guns firing.

For, sad to relate, it was only a dream. I had intended to sit and read the old year out and the new year in. But falling asleep in my chair I experienced what I have above related, my pleasant dream being rudely disturbed by the racket over the dawn of the new year.

[THE END.]

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The other papers that we have started have been refused on account of too much advertising, but when we see papers of twenty-four pages with four pages of reading and twenty of advertisements, we don't see how they ever secured them or hold on to them.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

If the following papers don't send the papers due us by exchange, they will not receive this paper again.

Stamp Collector's Figaro, Vol. IV, Nos. 25, 26, 27, and 28.

Nebraska Stamp News, Nos. 6, 8, and 9.

Yankee Philatelist, Nos. 7 and 10.

Boodle Philatelist, Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Fitchburg Philatelist, Vol. II, Nos. 3, 6, 8, and 9.

Philatelic Express, Nos. 14 and 15.

American Stamp Journal, Nos. 9 and 10.

Essex County Philatelist, Nos. 6 and 10.

Curiosity Collector, Vol. II, Nos. 6, 7, and 8.

All papers that do not send the above papers by October 15th will not receive this paper again.

The "boys own" in there last issue state that the "N. Y. World" has looked favorably upon them.

Now the N. Y. World never saw there little 4 paged poorly printed, worded and inciginficant sheet.

The World haveing copied the notice from the Daily Press.

They also state that there grammar is perfect(?) below we copy an article from there paper and let our

readers juge for them selves.

For Sale! Or Exchange, for a mouse trap a large black cat. She is a fine conceit singer a mortal foe of Mouse and rat. (Oh! How close the old black cat.)

One of the editors confindately states that Base Ball is Fast becoming the National game of the United States. What is the National Game now we wonder if that is not. He also states that the Bull Fight is the National Game of Spain. Showing how much he knows (?) of that exhibition. The National game is Le Pretanasia which is similar to cricket or tennis.

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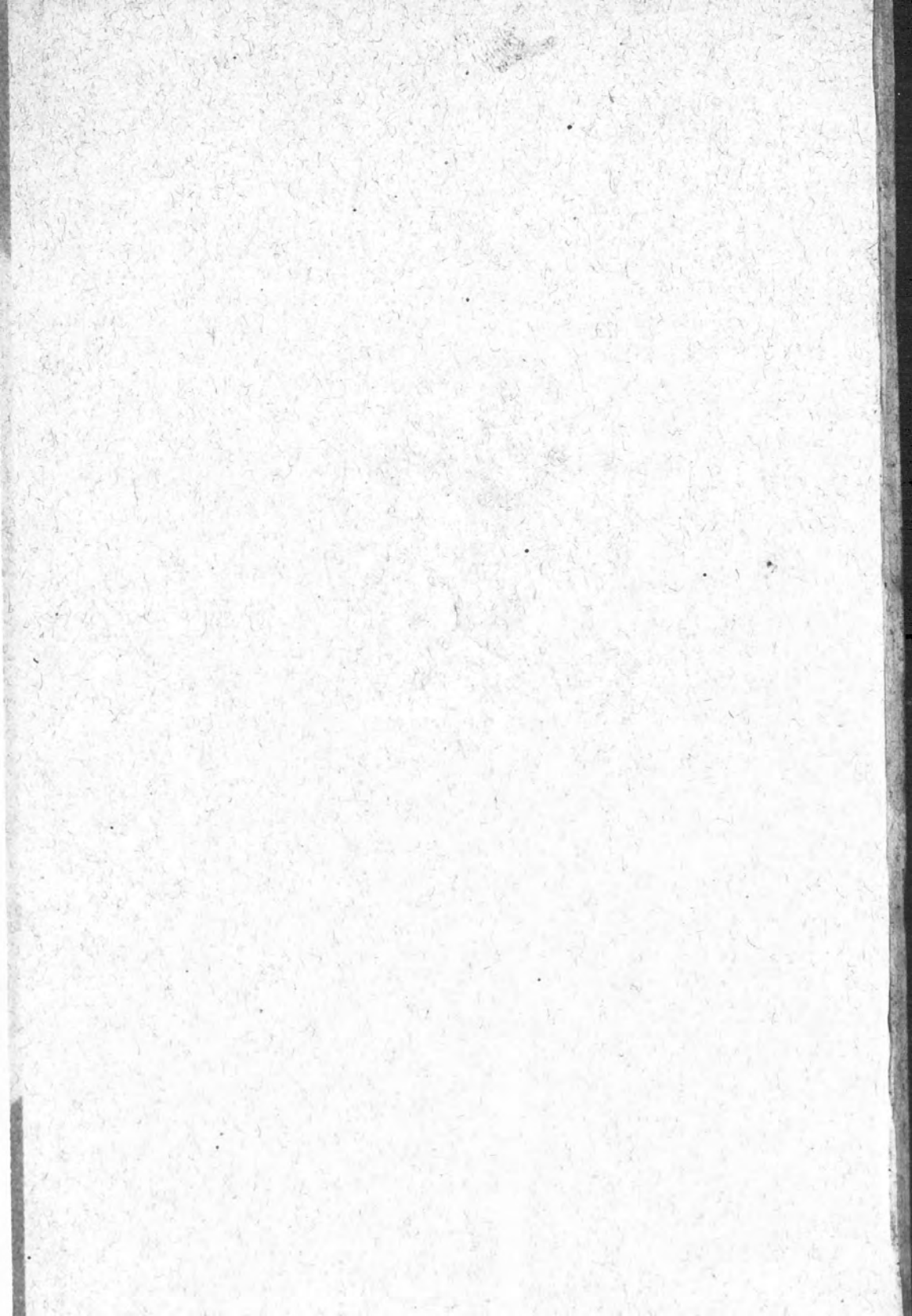
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