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### Editorial.

A blue pencil mark in this square indicates that your subscription has expired, and we kindly solicit its immediate renewal.

With the aid of a few collectors, club-ites and amateur journalists, we have put upon the field of literature, a new magazine devoted to philatelia, amateur journalism and the clubs.

With the help of subscribers and advertisers, we are satisfied that it will stand foremost among its many rivals.

The subscriber has a chance to become posted about the movements of the philatelic world. The subscription price affords a means of supplying

young collectors with useful knowledge.

Trusting that all readers of our first issue will decide upon this matter, rest assured that they will be perfectly satisfied with our magazine.

Like many other new magazines, we have not as yet taken a good foot-hold, but you can help us. Subscribe now.

Our black list affords a means of keeping collectors' eyes open for persons making a business of defrauding honest dealers and collectors, and if you know of anyone doing business in this way you will confer a favor on us by sending their names and addresses and the methods of swindling.

All good Mss. sent to this office will be appreciated and accepted if terms are reasonable. Enclose postage so that if rejected, it will be returned safely.

We wish to hear from all collectors residing in Canada, Mexico, West Indies, Greece, Argentine, Central America, Scandinavian countries, Hawaii, China and Japan, for the purpose of taking an agency for this paper.

Mr. Arthur Sewell surprised readers of "The Army and Navy" who were interested in the collecting of stamps by omitting the stamp talks from the last number of his paper. Let us hope he will continue the talks in "Half Holiday" to which "Army and Navy" has been changed.

Send us your subscription and receive this magazine one year for only 25 cents, which includes a forty word exchange in our exchange column. This is to remind you of the fact that you may not receive a sample copy again.

Suggestions and opinions will be gladly welcomed, as we wish to make this magazine with your help, the standard of all others in amateuria.

We wish to extend our heart thanks to the advertisers who have aided us in our first issue, and we hope their advertisements may bring them good returns for their trouble.

WM. A. JORGENSEN, Editor

## Stamp Gossip.

BY SIR CHARGE.

The increase in stamp collectors for 1893 shows that many veterans who have in past years devoted themselves to the glorious hobby have again enlisted in our ranks and are marching on like the rest of us.

The attention, money and time that is spent in collecting, buying and selling the insignificant little postage stamp, is proof enough to the most doubtful that stamp collecting is no little child's play by any means. Men who devote all their time and money to stamps are by far the best judges, as dealers surely ought to know whether there is money and pleasure in it.

Don't start a collection and then when you get sort of tired of seeing the same thing over again, go and sell it, but take a few dimes a week and buy some good legitimate stamps to give your album an attractive appearance. Stamps will not come to you, that is one sure thing, and if your means are limited join some good clubs, and exchange your "dupes" with the other members.

Abyssinia is to have a new issue soon preparatory to the change in currency. We expect big things from this colony.

The Trading Stamp Company of which there are two large branches in this city, are giving postage stamp albums in some cities as premiums. Philately is growing.

Next month this magazine will publish an excellent article on "One of The Powers That Move The World". This article is from the pen of Phil A. Telist and will be hailed with delight.

St. Louis is among the great cities of the country devoted to philately and is making a booming success of her auction sales. Auction sales may be alright for young collectors, but when grown up collectors step in, who have plenty of cash and bid larger sums on some of the rarities, then it helps to disgust more

than to liven the interest.

New Zealand is to issue a set of stamps in connection with the Free Public Library Jubilee at Otago. Mr. H. R. Oldfield, treasurer and secretary of the S. S. S. S. declares them to be nothing but the most speculative stamps to be issued and collectors should leave them alone.

Germany could improve on her present unattractive stamps. A new issue is said to be in consideration for this empire for August. This is said to be only a rumor.

Revenue stamps, especially Canadian are all the rage this year and advertisers in the amateur journals take advantage of this and have been reaping a harvest.

Cochin China unpaid letter stamps are good to invest in, provided you can get them. These stamps are to take an upward rush sooner or later.

Siamese stamps are to come into favor soon, as there are a number of varieties which form an attractive set to place in one's album. There is said to be quite a few specializing in these stamps.

Postage stamps were first invented by Sir Rowland Hill and first came into use in England in 1840, and other countries soon followed. When the Cape of Good Hope issued the triangular stamps in 1853, the people all wanted these odd but pretty labels.

The issuance of speculative stamps is looked on by every enthusiastic collector as an illegal manner on the part of the government issuing such stamps, and should be treated with the greatest contempt and scorn. This unjust manner in obtaining money from boys and girls who are just beginners is to absurd to think of. Any country who will lower its honor, name and rank in history of other nations by putting on sale so called postage stamps for the purpose of fattening its revenue is without doubt the greatest swindler.

## Club Notes.

BY SIDNEY NELSON.

The American Philatelic Association organized September 20, 1897, by the editor, has recently changed its name to the American Philatelic League. The officers are as follows: Wm. A. Jorgensen, president and secretary; Edward J. Higgins, 1st vice president; Paul Jones Stewart, 2nd vice president and Henry L. Halleck, Jr., treasurer.

The initiation fee is 25 cents including the subscription to this paper and the premiums offered from time to time. Membership cards and current number of paper will be sent on receipt of fee. Ladies are admitted to this organization for the small fee of 10 cents including this paper for one year. This is an extraordinary fine offer and should be taken advantage of at once.

We have been very late in getting our membership cards, and we wish to apologize to members who have waited patiently for them.

The editor has requested me to stop chewing about the A. P. L. and to start on something about the other clubs.

The January number of "Bits and Chips" produces a fine cut of Mr. Harry M. Konwiser, 2nd vice president of the N. A. P. A. He is a resident of this city and well acquainted with the editor.

During the year 1897 the U. A. P. A. secured 129 members. One member secured 24 members in the past year. You can do the same for the A. P. L.

There seems to be a vast increase in the number of clubs which have recently come into existence. Mr. Abarbanell, editor of "Golden Hours" is said to be very much interested in the clubs connected with his paper.

Mr. Arthur Sewell, editor of the "Half Holiday" has been admitted as an honorary member to the N. A. P. A.

## Amateur Journalism.

The attention which is paid to amateur journalism is not quite as great that which is paid to philately, but in number of cases (this paper for instance) the two join hands and thus the young people of America are brought together on the same basis of friendship and unite into the clubs.

The many amateur philatelic journals devoted to our hobby, have to have the attention of a number of young people to prepare the literature and advertisements as this is a most worthy article to speak about, it is nothing but right that we should devote some of our leisure time to its growth.

Among the many sample copies of these journals so kindly sent us are the following: Messenger of Canada; Bulletin, of Salem, Mass.; Texan of Abilene, Texas; International Stamp, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Review, of East Boston, Mass.; West, of Superior, Neb.; New York, of New York, N. Y.; Allegheny of Allegheny, Pa.; Evergreen State, The Dallas, Ore. and Stamps, of New York.

The above journals are all monthlies and if every sample copy fiend had a copy of each journal sent him, he ought to be able to make up his mind in a very short space of time as to which one to subscribe to.

Mr. Joseph P. Plourd of E. Boston, Mass., issues a neat amateur called the Philatelic Review. Breezy notes on philatelic articles and topics are discussed through its columns.

The editors of magazines devoted to amateur journalism do not forget philately by any means. Several editors have a good department devoted to it and it seems to put life in the general amateur journalism news.

The Philatelic Messenger for February is indeed a high-class publication.

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## AMATEUR JOURNALISM.

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and Brother Knight deserves credit on that point.

The editor of this magazine is indeed an obnoxious piece of furniture to have around this office. He has the doctor here three times a day to heal the sick and dying victims of his literary epithets.

## Review of the Press.

"The Evergreen State Philatelist" for March contains the usual good news stamp notes on several stamp notes by H. J. Bradt, Keras, Veritas and Era; general reports of the I. S. A., notes from Peru and generally good make-up.

"The New York Philatelist" for February is very good. Geo. S. M'Kerin gives a lengthy chat on "Minor Varieties"; Revenue and Telegraph Stamps by Webster; The Tempter by Mack; excellent editorials, Ceylon Surcharges by Waldo, reports of the E. S. P. S. and an unusually good lot of ads.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Johnstown Stamp & Pub. Co. for the specimen copy of the "Revenue Philatelist" for the first quarter of 1898. The first page has two handsome cuts, scenes of the great Johnstown Flood in 1889. They are Unknown Plot and the Stone Bridge. This magazine which is devoted exclusively to revenues; gives information on Revenues Stamps of the World, Canadian Bill Stamps, Reference Lists, Stamped Documents of the War, editor's Table and in addition a finely printed supplement portraying 8 different Canadian Revenues. This number deserves credit.

"The International Philatelist" for

February makes its appearance with notes on The Habit of Observation, short sketch of Mr. Henry Nelson Bullard, Postal Facts, Opinions on the Omaha Stamps, Tips, Notes, Editorial, etc.

"The Boston Stamp Book" for February is a very creditable publication.

"The Philatelic Review" for March is a corker. Among its many fine features are to be found the following: A Mourning Stamp, Hints, New Issues, Frauds, Editorials, an illustrated sketch of Mr. H. A. Chapman, Canadian Notes, Stamp Chats, Exchange and a philatelic history of San Marino. The whole was inserted in a handsome cover. Mr. Plourd says that he will discontinue his paper on account of being refused second class rates. It can easily be seen why second class rates were refused him as it is a first class publication.

Dear Readers.

It would be impossible to give an account of the general contents of all the philatelic journals that we are in receipt of every month, so to meet requirements we will hereafter make reviews as brief as possible. We wish to make with your help, the "American Philatelic News" one of the leading journals in the field.

We wish to call your attention also to the fact that next month we will begin a Puzzle Department in which all the readers are respectfully requested to compete in.

American Philatelic News.

Why is this magazine like the Klondike?

Answer: because you get so much for almost nothing.

## Clippings.

In 1870 the Duke of Galliera began to spend thousands of dollars a year collecting rare stamps. To-day his collection is believed to be the finest in the world and valued at \$1,250,000.

About 60,000 stamps are found loose in the letter bags of the United Kingdom each year.

Dutch omnibuses are fitted with letter boxes.

A Birmingham workingman made use of the parcel post recently to send his 3 year old boy home by mail. The post-office under the rule regulating the conveyance of live animals, was obliged to accept the child and charged nine pence for the service. They will be sending stoves next.

Postal cards with lithographical views in color of scenery and historical localities have become so popular in Germany lately, that the income of the postal service shows a decided increase.

Members of the Turn Verein of San Francisco desire the elimination of the words "In God we Trust" from the coins of this country.

No parcel containing coin, jewelry or anything made of gold or silver will be forwarded by the British post-office hereafter to foreign countries or British Colonies unless it is insured. Anyone detected violating the rule will be fined.

A postman who lately retired calculates that during his forty-one years of service he has walked 230,000 miles.

A collection of 276 letters by and to Sir Phillip Francis, after being offered in one block for 500 guineas in London, was sold at auction, the separate lots bringing a total of \$2,150.

## Black List.

This column is indispensable to collectors as it keeps them posted about the crooks, frauds and thieves. If you hear of any one doing business in this way you will confer a favor on me by sending their names and addresses and their methods of swindling.—Ed.

Some time ago I sent a number of "Golden Hours" coupons to Mr. James G. Stickney of Tallapoosa, Ga., in exchange for foreign stamps, but as yet I have neither seen nor heard of him or the stamps. He has had numerous exchange notices in "Golden Hours" and has perhaps been swindling for some time. He will branch out some day as a stamp dealer; look out for him.

Another young collector by the name of Walter Holston of 111 Mifflin Street Philadelphia, Pa., recently kept three approval sheets which I sent him, thinking that he was an honest collector as he had transacted business with him before as is usually the case I never heard from him.

The Editor

### OTHER FRAUDS.

S. A. Reigel,  
Box 606, Lewistown or Readsville, Pa.

J. R. Ashton,  
911 Rothchilds Bldg., Phila. Pa.

S. Cronin,  
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Wm. C. R. Peck,  
Box 201, Hortonville, Mass.

L. E. Gregerson,  
418 Y St., Rochester, Minn.

American Stamp & Pub. Co.,  
Laconia, N. H.

## Business Cards.

One insertion, 3-4 inch, 10 cents; 12 insertions one dollar, in advance. No display.

Johnstown Stamp and Pub. Co.,  
Antiquaries and General Publishers,  
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Paragon Stamp Emporium,  
Big List Free,  
P. O. Box 386, St. Louis, Mo.

The American Philatelic News,  
Send 2 cents for copy,  
234 Elm St., Newark, N. J.

## Pickings.

Never pass any remarks about sand in the sugar. It is a coarse joke.

Do not eat cheese with your pie. Eat it with your mouth.

When through with your napkin throw it under the table. the waiter may see it if you put it in your pocket.

In case there is a fire in your room and there is no fire alarm, wring your towel.

If the fire goes out at night, follow it.

Never blow out the gas when going to bed. It is a woful waste of a valuable product.

If you are "held up" on a dark night by a footpad, put on a bold air. Tell him to get on the other side of the street, that you are "working" that side yourself.

Do not become a doctor unless you are sure of a good stock of patience.

Never let the policeman catch you with arms about your person. It is illegal unless they are your wife's.

Every gentleman should learn to drive with one hand. It may come handy when out riding with your best girl.

A lady should not drop her eyes when a gentleman looks at her. He may step on them.—New York Evening Telegram

## Exchange Column.

One notice is allowed to each subscriber free, if sent with remittance for a years subscription. Each exchange limited to 40 words counting name and address. To non-subscribers 10c each insertion. No offers to buy or sell accepted in this column.

A. L. Wissmann, 1104 S 13th St., St. Louis, Mo. I desire to exchange cancelled foreign stamps in good condition with any collector. I desire U. S. obsolete, also Columbia and postage due; also Argentine, Azores, Bahamas, Barbados, Buenos Ayres, Bolivia, Brazil, Borneo, Ceylon, Chili, Columbia Republic, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominion Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji Islands, Gibraltar, Guatemala, Hawaii, Hayti, Honduras, India, Lagos, Liberia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Natal, Nevis, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, New South Wales, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Nova Scotia, Paraguay, Peru, Salvador, Uruguay, etc.

Paul J. Stewart, 329 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, Pa. I will give 50 brand new cigarette cards, a paper back novel and some other reading matter for best offer in foreign stamps. All letters answered.

We will exchange foreign stamps from our sheets for straight lots of stamps from any country, write us.

Paragon Stamp Emporium, 1104 S 13th St., St. Louis, Mo.

Wm. A. Jorgensen, 234 Elm Street, Newark, N. J. Wishes to exchange U. S. and foreign postage stamps. Good offers in reading matter for Columbian stamps above 2c. Bee soap wrappers in exchange for good stamps.

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**An Unprecedented Success**

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Of which the undermentioned form a part. We have a large stock of these varieties so no supplementary order need be sent. \*Indicates unused.

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\*5c green.

**Transvaal**

1885, 1-2 or 1d. 1887, 2d olive.

**Costa Rica**\*1889, 1, 2 or 10c. \*1893, 1-2r blue.  
\*1890, 1c green.**Queensland**

Obsolete, 1 or 2d.

**Spain**1870, 50m blue. 1872, 12c lilac.  
1873, 10c blue. 1874, 1p green.**Zambesi**

2 1-2 reis brown.

**Portuguese Indies**

1886, 6 reis green

**Constantinople**

\*1865, 5, 20 or 40p.

**Japan**

1883, 5, 10, 15 or 25c

**India**

1865, 1-2a blue. 1883, 2a blue. 1883, offi 2a

**Argentina**

1882, 1-2, 2, or 5c.

**Venezuela**

1883, 5c, 10c or 1b.

**Uruguay**

1892, 1 or 5c.

**Shanghai**

\*1-2c orange and blue.

**Madagascar**

\*1c black and red.

**Orange Free State**

1868, 1d brown. 1883, 2d mauve.

**Mexico**

\*Officially sealed brown. Official olive

1886, 1, 2 or 5c. 1887, 3, 4 or 10c.

**Cuba**

\*1888, 1-2m black. \*1894, 1-2m rose.

1896, 1-2m blue-green.

**Portuguese Congo**

\*2 1-2 reis brown.

**Canada**

1868, 3c red. Jubilee 1 or 3c.

Current, 1-2, 5 or 8c. Law Ont. 10c.

Bill, 3, 6 or 9c. Law, F. F. 10c.

Card, 1871, 1c.

Postage extra on orders under 50c. The 65 stamps to one address for 60c.

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Please mention the "American Philatelic News" when answering ads.

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Daisy Stamp Album for beginners .00

Packet No. 3, for. 25 var. all diff. .10

" 4, U. S. 20 var. all diff. .15

" 7, for. 36 var. all diff. .20

We will exchange foreign stamps from our sheets for straight lots stamps from any country.

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P. O. Box 386, St Louis, Mo.

This paper was printed by  
Plourd, Box 44, East Boston, Ma

**FREE STAMPS.**

A packet of 50 stamps free to every sender references for our 50 p.c. approval sheets. Stamps priced low. The sets. 3 Mexico '91 unused, 2c; 6 Helvetia unused, 3c; 3 Constantinople, 2c; 4 Philippine Islands, 2c; 6 Servia official, 4 Porto Rico, 3c; 25 Approval Sheets, Scott's Hinges, 8c per 1000; Lot 3 Postage 2c.

We buy Canadian and U. S. stamps.  
**LUCAS STAMP CO.,**  
226 Floyd St., Toledo, Oh

**TO THE ADVERTISER.**

All stamp and novelty dealers can easily see the merits of this magazine looking at its advertisements. We hope to be able to show more next month.

Our rates are moderate and within reach of all, and the advertiser takes space in our paper will not regret. Send us a trial ad and see its merits. We are sure you will get good return. Notice our business cards, and compare rates; then compare our rates with others and see the difference.

In order to get a good space in next issue, send us your ad. now and we will receive our careful attention.

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