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#### Greeting.

We have the satisfaction of presenting to the Philatelic public the first number of THE PHILAT-ELIC ADVERTISER. We have adopted this name because we intend to make it a paying advertising medium as well as news.

The degree of our success will depend upon subscribers and advertisers, and we shall enlarge as they dictate by subscriptions and advertisements. We guarantee to issue twelve numbers or refund the money, so no one need be afraid to subscribe or advertise lest we cease publication after a few months. Our reading matter will be of the first class and we shall endeavor to make it profitable as well as interesting to all classes of stamp collectors. We have made our subscription price very low as we believe that one thousand subscriptions at ten cents each are worth more than five hundred at twenty-five cents, both to ourselves and our advertisers. Our advertising rates are so low that every dealer can afford to give us a trial if nothing more.

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The \$2,500 revenue stamp perforated and printed in red with the head of Washington, is the highest value revenue stamp ever issued. The color of the Western Union Telegraph Franks for 1893 is blue, according to the *Hoosier Philatelist*.

Myrom Griesheim, of this city, while visiting in Chicago was presented with a fine collection of stamps by his Uncle.

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The first sheet of Columbian stamps was printed Nov. 5, 1892 by the American Bank Note Co., in the presence of A. D. Hazen, the 3rd Asst. Post Master and J. Mac Donough, President of the American Bank Note Company. This sheet is unperforated and is printed in blocks of 200. It is now on exibition at the World's Fair in the Government Building.

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