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NEW CHESTER, PA.

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No. I.

FOR THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

GRILLED STAMPS.

BY WM B. HALE.

I have often had the question put to me: "What is the difference between these two stamps? I see you mark them different in price." For which I reply, "This one is a grilled stamp: the other one is not." This always brings the second query, "What do you mean by grilled?" I however fancy that nearly, if not all the readers of this Magazine know the little mechanical embossing raised on the stamp. But I believe but very few know why this was done. Not very long after the general use of Postage stamps in this country,

it was found by carefully rubbing of a chemical solution on the stamp the black cancellation would come off, leaving the stamp just a little dull of color but nearly as good as new. Perfect enough to pass without notice for a second letter.

The unscrupulous, were not slow to find this out and a company of Foreign sharpers located in New York; they did an immense business buying cancelled stamps for a song, cleaning and gumming them and putting them on the market at face, at an immense profit.

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What has become of the following papers? The Standard, Eastern Collector, The Fireside Friend and The Nebraska Philatelist.

FOR THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR,
THE COIN CRANK,
BY GUY W. GREEN.

Man is a curious being. In fact curiosity may be regarded as one of the predominant traits of the human race. Once let an object fall into his hands and he takes no rest until he finds out its value. With old coins especially is this the case. The majority of the human race does not seem to comprehend the fact that such a thing as a coin guide is published, and so question column editors have life made miserable by inquirers who wish to know the value of silver three-cent pieces, V nickels without the word "cents," and other more or less worth-

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THE COIN CRANK.

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less coins. So common have these inquirers become that the query editor of the Chicago Times positively refuses to answer them and this example has been followed by other journalists throughout the United States. It will prove a paying investment to the person who imagines himself possessed of rare coins to secure a guide and there ascertain the value of his specie.

The new issue of Persia which has appeared resemble in design and size the stamps of Tunis.

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GRILLED STAMPS,
BY WM. B. HALE.

(Continued from Jan. no.)

Energetic Police work prevented it somewhat but the great bulk of the evil was undetected and small concerns were soon in every part of the country working at such good result that the Government lost thousands of dollars yearly. It was discovered that by this system of embossing the ink would sink into the stamp to such extent that it was impossible to erase the cancellation

and also it was claimed that the stamp would adhere better to the letter. The Government however found that its system of grilling was very expensive And so was used only on a few stamps of each issue and was totally dropped early in 1871.

The Department of Peru used it up to a much later date.

The effect on unused stamps is promptly recognized, but on used specimens it is more difficult to detect. The size varies somewhat; in the case of the U. S. 3 cent 1861 is found embossed all over and in such condition is very rare. The stamps of the U. S. with the exception of the 1869 issue are more valuable grilled (or embossed) than plain.


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We had to omit several ads.

The Western Philatelic Pub. Co., Drawer 707, Chicago, Ill., has our thanks for a copy of the "Addenda to the Stamp Collector's Library Companion." It is worth several times the price (5 cents).

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FRAUDS.—The Northwestern Stamp Co., (G. W. Achard and A. V. Chamberlain managers) Minneapolis, Minn., is a fraud. Look out for them! —W. B. JALE


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UNUSED STAMPS.


BY WM. B. HALE.

People often see unused stamps at a price greatly below their face and wonder if they are genuine. Of course they may not be: but I will take a case where they are. Many governments when adopting a new set of Postage stamps sell the remainder of the old issue to some stamp dealer, for instance the remainder of the 1882 issue of Guatemala sold to an American dealer for \$5000 which would pay for the entire print-

ing of the present issue and yet was so under face as to sell very cheap at retail.

Nearly all the Central and South American countries have at some time sold remainders which will usually aggregate several hundreds and some time thousands of dollars face, at a small per cent, to stamp dealers who thus give the collectors genuine stamps at a price within their reach.

I will add that in all such cases the government gives its countrymen a short time to redeem what stamps they have on hand and after that they refuse to accept the old issue, thus protecting the government against loss.

 We will soon enlarge.

REVIEWS.

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FOR THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR.
NUMISMATICAL OBSERVATIONS.
BY L. G. G.

There are numerous coins in circulation at present which are worth many times their

face value to coin collectors. Some of these are quite rare as a matter of course. As there are so few well posted on rare coins, some of the most important are circulated through the country year after year before they pass into the hands of an expert on coins.

It very often happens that business men refuse to take coins that look a little odd, saying "they are out of date," and those are very often the ones that are the most eagerly sought after by collectors, for instance, the dimes with the "fillet head," those pieces are refused by some individuals who think they're discreet; as all those pieces from 1796 to 1807 sell at a good premium.

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Numismatological Observations.


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The half-dimes, "fillet head" are rare, especially the one of 1802, which is catalogued at over \$100. Of course it is evident that such pieces are very rare, hence the high premium.

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NUMISMATICAL OBSERVATIONS.
BY L. G. G.

(Continued from April No.)

The nickel five cent of 1877 sell at \$1. The others of earlier or later date are not so profitable, should one care to experiment in speculating. The nickel cent of 1856 sells at a high premium. "In God We Trust," first appeared on the bronze two-cent piece in 1864.

Then there are the old copper coins, some of which are in great demand, for instance; the old cents, which may be found in old collections; the

half-cents, likewise, of which there are quite a number. In almost every collection, you see old cents and half-cents predominate. The Washington-coppers, of which there are very few, sells at a very high premium. One coin dealer agrees to purchase one of 1792 for \$200.

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There is hardly anything known to numismatists before the silver coins of Alexander I., king of Macedon, whose reign extended to the year B. C. 323; and Lysimachus, king of Thrace, who was one of the inheritors of the empire of Alexander the Great. His are almost the first on which the

regal portrait appears. There is a tetradrachm of Lysimachus that sold for \$750.

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PHILATELIC PORTRAITS.
BY WALLACE EVERETT BROWN.**

The collecting of postage stamps is, as every collector knows, one of the most, if not the most popular and fascinating pursuit of the present day; and its prevalency only shows the many thousands who appreciate this fact. It teaches geography, the currency and history of other nations, and it elevates our artistic taste by the comparison of all grades of skill from wood cuts to the finest steel engravings. But the purpose of this article is to

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original, a resemblance can be traced in the profile lines of Victoria's face to-day.

Many philatelists thought that in the New Foundland 3c. stamps of 1873 they had a good likeness of the queen, but it is not nearly so good as the one of 1880 which, although very good is far from accurate.

It has been the cause of much dissatisfaction in philatelic circles that the Jubilee issue (1887) does not bear a likeness of the queen at a later age than it does.

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