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For EASTERN PRESS.

Some of the Attractive Minerals of Delaware.

BY H. J. E.

The mineral collector, to learn the real value of his collection, should visit the various mines or quarries within his easy reach. Take a walk of five or six miles into the country, to some quarry, as the writer has done, and as you take your specimens, find out for yourself in just what substance the mineral is found. This will give the young collector a great advantage in the determination of his specimens.

Within a radius of six or seven miles of Wilmington there are about five feldspar quarries, (they having been worked for the manufacture of crockery,) and also the best pieces are made into false teeth. In these quarries a great many varieties of minerals are found which are of great interest to the collector.

One of the best of these is Way's quarry, about six miles from Wilmington. It is situated at the base of a steep hill. When about one mile from the quarry the observant collector will find traces of mica and feldspar along the roadside.

On arriving there the mineral *delawarite* seems to be the larger in quantity, and specimens of a very good quality are found. This delawarite is pure white and in thin pieces nearly transparent.

Some very pretty specimens of *apatite* have been found here; but it requires patience besides a little work to find it. It is of a beautiful bluish green color. The best pieces are imbedded in delawariteand granular quartz, which must be broken up to be secured.

Vermiculite is in structure very much like mica, but in color it is a greenish brown. When heated in the flame of a match or candle in exfoliates and becomes a gray color. It is found buried in earth with steatite, and requires some digging. It is seldom that pieces more than three or four inches across are found here, as it is in very small quantity.

Dana says *deweylite* occurs at this quarry, but the writer has not found any yet.

For EASTERN PRESS.

Stamps of Cuba.

BY "BLOCKHEAD."

Cuba, the largest island in the group which comprises the West Indies has an area of about 38,000 square miles. This island was discovered by Christopher Colombus in 1492. He named it Juana, this name was changed two or three times; but at last retained its Indian name. I might talk about its history, etc., for a long time but as the title says that this peice is about the stamps instead of the history, I will, therefore, endeavor to say something about them.

The first stamps were issued in 1855, comprising four varieties, viz.: ¼ r p carmine, ½ r p bluish green, 1 r p green and 2 r p of a red color. These were all printed on blue paper, which was watermarked by loops. They are all considered rare except the *used* specimens of the ½ $ 1 r p.

Only one of the four values issued in 1856 was printed on this kind of blue paper and that was ¼ r p of an orange red color. The other values, viz.: ½ r p of a blue color, 1 r p green and 2 r p orange red were printed on yellowish paper which was rough and was watermarked with lines which formed diamonds.

These varieties are not very rare, good specimens being worth about 40c each.

Again in 1857, four varieties of the same value as the first issued were printed on smooth white paper which had no watermark. These stamps were used for a period of about seven years before a new set were made. But in the meantime one new stamp was made, that being the ¼ r p black in white paper. This stamp is worth more used than unused.

In 1864 the new set was made. This comprised the ¼ r p black on *buff* paper, ½ r p green on pink paper, 1 r p blue on salmon colored paper and the 2 r p red on flesh-colored paper.

Again after a lapse of two years five new stamps were made, one of which was nearly the same as the ¼ r p black of 1864, the only difference being, that the figures 66 were stamped across the stamp.

The other four stamps were the 5c lilac, 10c blue, 20c green, 40c rose. All being quite common except the 40c rose, which is very rare. This stamp is worth $10.00 new and $5.00 used. All the above stamps were unperforated.

Of the stamps issued from 1867 to 1869 except the provisional issue, nothing need be said as they are quite common. The provisional issue of 1868 and 1869 are all worth $1.00 each, most of which are unused.

Of the regular issue from 1870-1884, the stamps are generally worth from 50c down with few exceptions. Among them being the 40c rose of 1870, 1 p carmine of 1874, 1 p brown of 1875 and the five varieties of the 20c brown of 1883.

There was one stamp issued for the Republic of Cuba but was never used.

Correspondence.

Any one may have the use of this department, as it is free to all. Everything pertaining to it should be addressed to the Editor of this department, Benjamin Smith, 1211 Market street, Wilmington, Del.

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E. A.—Our paper will appear the 5th of each month.

WIL., DEL.—As you will see elsewhere, our exchange column is free to all.

Written for EASTERN PRESS.

Postmarks and Tin-Tags.

BY "TOM TWIST."

Collecting of Postmarks has very nearly gone out of existence, I am very sorry to say. There are some though that still delight to collect those little bits of stamped paper called postmarks.

Of course some collectors say "What is the use of collecting postmarks, they are no good and are of no value whatever, and moreover are very easy to get." That is where they are mistaken, some of course I will admit are very easy to get; for instance those of our large cities. But those of small villages and only Post Offices, that is the kind that the collector mostly wishes to get.

That is what they call the hard ones some of them are from Nevada, Washington, Ter. Mexico and New Mexico. I have traded five or six postmarks for one of the above named.

Well the postmarks are of some good and are valued by some. Their goodness lies in the fact that to collect postmarks, would help the studying of Geography, just the same as Stamps. Take up a postmark fron Lake City, Colorado, now that small town is right on the Rocky Mountains; and you can ask yourself what minerals are in that State, and so on to every postmark your collection contains. It also helps the collector to study the products of each town and village.

A friend of mine about five years ago had a collection of not less than 2,000 varieties of postmarks; they were fastened in the book by gummed hinges, and were arranged alphabetically. To set them off he had different varieties of paper, and you could not detect a blemish in the type of any one of them. He also had a few from foreign countries that were in the back of the book, but like everything else could not come up with the beauty of those of the United States. He valued his collection at $25, and sold it for that price, and his collection was only two years old. Some of his postmarks were five and six years old.

I will say that when you first begin collecting postmarks, it will be like everything else; the fever will grow upon you so, that some day you will even be surprised yourself at the size of your collection; and to have such a collection you will have to trade and sometimes buy. But alway be on your guard about trading counterfeits, only exchange for those that you are sure, and you can most always tell those that come off of envelopes.

Tin Tags arranged in an Album are as pretty, if not a prettier sight than a collection of postmarks or stamps.

There are now about one thousand varieties of tin tags, just think of it that many varieties of tobacco, and remember we are not counting the paper tags. How many hundreds of them.

What makes a collector of tobacco tin tags angry is, for a collector to send him those tags that come off of candy. Some collectors though, put them in their collections; but I should advise you not to, because if you wish to save Tobacco Tin Tags, save them, but do not have tin tags of all descriptions among your collection of tobacco tags.

I have taken up too much room speaking about Postmarks, but I will tell yon again some time very soon, some thing more about Tin Tags.

Parties desiring to join Golden Hour Club No. 4, of this city, will please send their names to Geo. Kloberg, Secretary, 101 East Second street, Wilmington, Del., and receive circulars by return mail.

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NOW THAT the President is elected, let us all, irrespective of party, support him heartily. It is, as all know, a responsible and difficult position to fill, and is worthy of our support. Not only the Republicans, but the Democrats and all the people should do so.

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WE HAVE received a very neat monthly, "Bargain List," from J. Krebs, New York City, and we would advise our Philatelic readers to send for same.

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WM. B. HALE has purchased the well-known Berendsohn Collection and will turn it over exclusively to his approval trade. See his ad elsewhere.

Amateur Notices.

We have placed *The Pearl* of Syracuse, N. Y., on our exchange list, as requested. We think it is a very good paper. Please send us two copies each month, and we will return the favor.

A copy of *The Philatelic Literature Collector*, has reached our hand. Mr. Beardsley, place us on your exchange list.

The Mission Courier, for November, to hand. We have placed this paper on our exchange list, and we desire to receive it every month.

Exchanges.

Exchanges not exceeding twenty-five words inserted free to all. Over twenty-five words, five cents per line. They should be in by the 21st of each month, to be inserted in the following issue.

FRED A. COLE, 906 West Tenth street, Wilmington, Del. I have the following postmarks to exchange for good ones not in my collection. Send me list of those to exchange. Poultney, Vt.; Wausau, Wis.; Marquette, Mich.; Chester, N. J.; Cadillac, Mich; Alcolu, S. C.; Ottumwa, Iowa; Mt. Cuba, Del.; Philmont, N. Y.; Savannah, Ga.; Englewood, Ill.; Bloomfield, N. J., and Stockholm, Sweden.

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The first silver dollar was coined in October, 1794. This silver dollar bears upon the obverse a female head, with loose tresses falling below the neck. Legend: "LIBERTY," directly over the head; seven six-pointed stars around the outer circle of the field, on the right of the effigy, and eight on the left. Exergue: "1794." Reverse: American Eagle, with extended wings, standing upon a rock, encircled by a laurel wreath. Legend: "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." Upon the edge: ONE * * DOLLAR OR * UNIT — * * *. HUNDRED — CENTS * * — * *. Of this dollar there exists but one type, which is exceedingly scarce and commands a considerable premium.

Exchanges, always send us two copies of your paper. We will always return the favor.

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We would be very much obliged and thankful if any members of Golden Hours Clubs will let us know the addresses of the following clubs: Golden Hours Club, No. 1, New York City, Chas. Madden, Secretary; Golden Hours Club, No. 3, New York City, J. Knight, Secretary; Golden Hours Club, No. 17, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Golden Hours Reading Club, No. 19, Cohoes, N. Y.; Golden Hours Club, No. 23, New York City; Golden Hours Debating and Social Club, No. 36, New York City, H. Foster, President; Golden Hours Club, No. 2, Province, town, Mass.; Golden Hours Club, No. 4, Salem, Mass.; Golden Hours Club, No. 1, Providence, R. I.; Jas. J. Nugent, President.

The Secretary of each Golden Hours Club will receive this our first number and we would be pleased to have him send us the number of members of his or her Club, and how the said Club is progressing, as we wish to publish the numbers of said Clubs from Maine to California.

No. 4.—The officers and members of Golden Hours Club, No. 4, Wilmington, Del., is as follows: President, Geo. Kloberg; Vice President, Ellsworth Gentry; Secretary, Jas. Brady; Treasurer, Ellis Reeves; members: Oliver Gentry, Herbert Kloberg, Harry Edwards, Robert Gregg, Erwin Spence, Amos Scholosser, Jno. Maier, Harry Bickle and Howard Woodrow. This Club meets every Thursday evening 7.00 p. m., at Western Union Telegraph Co.'s Building. For information of any description address the President, Geo. Kloberg, No. 5, West Seventh street, Wilmington, Del. This Club has only been organized about one month, and has at present eleven members. The purpose of this organization is for the intellectual improvement of its members.

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BY H. J. E.

In the last article on minerals I gave a description of Way's Quarry and its product. Let us now "take in" the next nearest one to it. Mackey's Quarry is by road about one and one-half miles from Way's, making it about seven and one-half miles from Wilmington. Although this is so near Way's very few of the same minerals are found there. Mackey's Quarry is nothing but a large hole, about fifteen feet in diameter. The owner I suppose dug it up expecting to find feld-spar and being unsuccessful, gave it up. *Asbestos* is found here but not in sufficient quantities nor of good enough quality to make the working of the quarry pay. This is the same variety as that now used so extensively in the manufacture of incombustible articles and pipe covering.

Some very good specimens of black *Tourmalime* are also found here. It is enclosed in a matrix of Quartz and Feldspar. In one case I have known a terminated crystal to be found here. *Beryl* occurs in hexagonal crystal in the same matrix as the torumaline. It is a good quality and very scarce.

Garnet is found here also but only in small quantities, the largest specimen I have seen from there weighed about one ounce.

Way's Quarry and Mackey's Quarry are only about one mile apart in a straight line, but very few of the minerals found at one are found at the other.

Beaver Valley lies about seven and one-half miles north of Wilmington on the east of the Brandywine. Here is Ramsey's Quarry, the largest of the feldspar quarries near Wilmington. Besides Feldspar, the only mineral of importance to the collector that occurs here is *Reticulate' Magnetite.* It is found between slates of mica the fine crystals showing through makes a beautiful specimen. It is of the very best quality and there is plenty of it. I advise every collector going to Beaver Valley to take out a life insurance policy before starting because dogs are more numerous on this road than on any other.

Dixon's Quarry is also about six miles from Wilmington but mostly the same minerals are found there as at the quarries I have mentioned. It is stated that collectors always have a warm reception at Dixon's, as the owner carries a shot gun, owns two bull dogs, and is generally drunk, but I can not vouch for the truth of the statement.

At Iron Hill good specimens of *Hematite* are found, some of which have *Drusy Quartz* in them.

There are very few of the young people of Wilmington who collect minerals, considering the chances they have, and in fact, very few who know there are any attractive ones in Delaware. We can besides explore the quarries near here, take a short trip by rail to Kiem's mine in Chester county, Pennsylvania, where the following varieties are found: *Calcite*, chalcopyrite, bornite, magnetite, byssolite, Iceland spar, iron pyrites, apophylite and others.

The Medal Cabinet of the Mint.

In 1859 the Hon. James Ross Snowden, Director of the Mint, conceived the happy idea of collecting and placing in the Cabinet of the National Mint, specimens of all the medallic memorials of Washington. At that time did not know of the existence of more than twenty of such memorials; the Cabinet of the Mint contained only four or five specimens. During an investigation, subsequently made it was ascertained that there were at least sixty different medals, etc., of the above character

The collection thus made was, therefore, arranged in an appropriate case and formally inaugurated as a part of the Cabinet of the Mint on the 22d day of February, 1860, on which occasion a small medal known as the Washington, Cabinet Memorial Medal was struck.

Thi medal has upon the obverse the bust of Washington, facing to the right; legend, all around: "*George Washington* Born Feb. 22d 1732* Died December 14 1799." Reverse; A representation of the Washington Medallic Collection, in the Cabinet of the Mint of the United States, surmounted by a bust of Washington, Cabinet of Medals U. S. Mint*" L' Exergue: "Inaugurated Feb. 1860." Size 38.

The Mint also contains a monument to George Washington, composed of one hundred and fifty memorial medals. Among this collection we notice the medal which was struck at Paris in 1778, by direction of Voltaire. It bears upon the obverse the head of Washington, facing to the right. Legend: "G. Washington Er. General of the Contin'l Army in America." Reverse: Martial emblems, surr unded b diverging rays. Legend "Washin Reunit Par Un Rare Assemblage-Les Talens Du Guerrier & Les Vertus Du Sage." Size 24.

Only on two medals among the many we find Washington represented as a warrior, and this was the first order of the kind issued by the Continental Congress. The original medal was of gold, and intended to commemorate the "Evacuation of Boston, March 17th,1779." The obverse bears the undraped bust of Washington, facing to the right. Legend: "Georgio Washington Supremo Duei Exercitrvm Adsertori Libertatis." Exergue: "Comitia Americana." Reverse: In the background appears the City of Boston, which the British troops are evacuating, and retiring to their shipping. To the right are the American intrenchments with the troops drawn up in front ready to march into the city. On an eminence in the left foreground is Washington and his staff mounted. Washington is pointing out the retiring enemy. On the ground are cannon balls. Legend: "Hostibus Primo Fugatis." Exergue: "Bostonium Recuperatum X V I I Marti M D C C L X X V I." Size 42.

The largest Washington Medal was struck in iron and four and a fourth inches in diameter. It bears upon the obverse the bust of Washington, three quarter face, in citizen's dress. This medal has no legend and no reverse. It is generally admitted that this medal represents an excellent likeness of General Washington.

Another medal in this valuable collection, which, has an excellent likeness of Washington is known as the large Mount Vernon medal. Upon the obverse, the bust of Washington, facing to the right. Legend: "George Washton." The whole is surounded by an exquisite workmanship representing a circle composed of a number of hoops united with bands, emblematic of union and strength. Reverse: A

representation of Washington's residence at Mount Vernon, beneath which is inscribed, "Mount Vernon in 1796," and the name "J. Crutchet Mt. Vernon Factory." The whole inclosed by circle of hoops corresponding with the obverse. Size 50.

Of this Mount Vernon medal there is also one which has upon the reverse a representation of the Tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon.

In this Washington Medal Collection is the well-known "Silver Penn" of Washington. It bears upon the obverse the bust of Washington, in uniform, facing to the left. Beneath is Washington, in uniform, facing to the left. Beneath is the date 1792. Legend: "G. Washington President I." Reverse: An eagle, with raised wings; the U. S. shield upon its breast, an olive branch in the right and six arrows in the left talon. Around the edge are fifteen stars. Legend: "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." Edge plain. Size 22.

Another and unique piece in this valuable collection is the one presented by H. Drumheller, of Schuylkill county, Pa. It bears upon the obverse the bust of Washington, surrounded by rays of the sun running outside; beneath is the date 1796.

Philatelic News.

The well-known stamp dealers, Messrs. Thomas & Warren Co., of Pemberton, N. J., issued a very neat and pretty card, with compliments for the New Year, which they send to their patrons and agents.

"The Collectors Ledger" is one of the best philatelic and collection papers published. Messrs. Gustav and Wm. Cine are live young men and will keep their readers posted on all the latest philatelic news, success to you.

Mr. Alvah Davidson has opened a Philatelic Department in "Plain Talk." Mr. Davidson is well posted on all philatelic matter.

Where is "Voutes Figaro?" We haven't seen it since October. By the way, the Oct. number was a "dandy." Voute "gets there all the same," if he is a little late.

Mr. S. B. Bradt has been compelled on account of his health to sever his connection with the "Philatelic Gazette" and discontinue Philo's Monthly. All matters of importance should be addressed Mrs. S. B. Bradt. Grand Crossing, Illinois.

The A. P. A. has enrolled its 690 members and about twenty more have applied for membership. We hope they will enroll the 1000 members before their meeting in St. Louis next October.

The "Badger State Philatelist" for December is a "daisy." It containing a portrait of Mr. Francis Jackson, of Waybands Academy, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and a fine looking young man he is. The Badger has just entered its second volume.

James C. Jay, of La Hoyt, Iowa, has been advertised quite extensively of late in sone of the leading Philatelic papers. The latest is a poem in October Figaro.

We learn we are to have two new philatelic papers soon. One from the "far West" viz. Denver, Col., with E. Engle. at the helm, and one from Trenton, N. J., D. B. Crockett, manager, success to you and yours.

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WE HAVE decided to drop our amateur journalism department, and after our January number our paper will be devoted to stamps and collectors of all classes. Also, at the same time we will dispose of "local ads," and will not publish any more of them. All this goes into effect after January 15th, 1889. We are sure that our paper is, and will be, one of the leading ones in circulation, cheapness and in quality.

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OUR FIRST number was published to be out by the 5th of December, but was not out until the 10th. It would have been out at the time first stated had there not been delay in getting it entered as second-class mail matter. But such was the case; we were delayed five days. We hope there will be nothing to delay us this time, and will endeavor to have it out by the 5th of every month promptly.

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JUST AS soon as our first issue had been fairly circulated we began to receive letters every day by the handful, and have been receiving them ever since. We thank all for their subscriptions and good wishes, and will try to make our paper a "grand success" as they term it.

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ALL communications received which do not have stamp enclosed for reply, except those pertaining to "ads" or subscriptions or other *very* important business, will be answered in our correspondence department. The writer will identify his answer by his own initials prefixed.

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THE *Stamp Collector* justly rebukes the *Eastern Philatelist* for its uncalled for remarks upon the personal appearance of President Cleveland. The *E. P.* is, however, right, as regards Grover's classic features, he has them and a head to back them. It strikes us that the *E. P.* will never be accused of having neither one of these requisites for a man.

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TO ALL we wish a happy New Year.

Exchanges.

Exchanges not exceeding twenty-five words inserted free to all. Over twenty-five words, five cents per line. They should be in by the 21st of each month, to be inserted in the following issue.

F. J. Bolen, 316 S. Franklin St., Wilmington, Del.—Would like to receive sample copies of amateur and philatelic papers.

Ed. M. Kendall, 813 Church St., Kalamazoo, Mich.—Vol. 9 *Golden Days* and a small hand-inking press, with roller, etc., for best offer of type, type cases, cuts, etc.

Chas. H. Thayer, 24, Medford St., Chelsea, Mass.—I would like to receive copies of amateur papers, with full description of advertising rates.

J. C. Berkey, Mt. Ayr, Ia.—Would the publishers of amateur, philatelic and nuismatic papers send me sample copies of the same?

F. Steward, Goldsbury, Box 4, Bane, Vt.—I will give you U. S. postal cards, three varieties, 15 varieties Foreign stamps, or three story papers for every stamp paper with cover sent me.

H. Fœlke, 188 Greene St., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Fifty Foreign stamps for every covered stamp paper, or fifty U. S. envelopes 2c and over, cut square, also, a one Kram Persia stamp for every dime dated before 1865.

John H. Cole, 906 West 10th St., Wilmington, Del.—Vols. 8 and 9 *Golden Days* to exchange for the best offer of reading matter, books, etc.

NOTICE.—More exchanges have been received, but will be published in our next, on account of lack of space.—[EDITORS.]

Golden Hours Clubs.

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No. 1—The officers and members of Golden Hours Club, No. 1, of Wilmington, Del., are: President, Jacob Higgins; Vice President, Geo. Hutton; Secretary, Robert Simms; Treasurer, Jas. Hutton. Members: John Dunbar, Jno. Rex, A. Wolfson, Arthur Kapurf, Willard McDaniel, Harry Ramsburger, Jacob Ingler, William Walters, Samuel Hinger, Frank McKenstry, Wm. Proel, Sam'l Clark, Jas. Hutton and Jacob Yates. For information address the Secretary, Rob't Simms, Fourth and King streets, Wilmington, Del.

Golden Hours Club No. 16, of Chelsea, Mass., officers and members as follows: President, C. H. Thayer; vice president, W. C. McLeod; members are: H. G. Thayer, John Mortin, G. McLeod, Albert Sanford and E. G. Thayer. This club is thinking very seriously of publishing a paper, to be called the "Golden Eagle." Subscription price 15 cents per year. I would advise members of G. H. C. to send for their first number, which will appear very soon.

Golden Hours Club No. 16, of Chelsea, Mass., C. H. Thayer, president, have published a paper called *The Golden Arrow*, but we have not seen it yet, as we just received this before going to press.

Correspondence.

This department is free to all. Communications which do not have stamp enclosed for reply, unless of an important business nature, will be answered here. Writers will identify their answers by their initials prefixed. Everything pertaining to it should be addressed to the editor, Benjamin Smith, 1211 Market St., Wilmington, Del.

T. J. B.—We intend to have it a little later on.

R. W. F.—We have accepted your offer as you will see.

S. O. P., TREAS.—(1.) Certainly we will publish the report of your club. (2.) We begin with current number.

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Our Exchanges.

What is the matter with *The Pearl?* We have not seen December's issue yet.

The Wisconsin Youth is the name of a "Literary Magazine for Boys and Girls," from Neenah, Wisconsin. We received a copy of its Christmas number, which we think very fine. Come again.

The Holiday number of *The Mission Courier* was very good, and presented a very neat appearance.

The Amateur World is a new Exchange from Ripon, Wisconsin.

The Park City Collector seems to be a little slow this month, but when it does come, it will be worth the time of waiting for it.

The Eastern Philatelist was very good last month. It says that after New Year's it will endeavor to appear the 15th, of each month.

The National Philatelist informs us that their January number, will be a "daisy," if it is as neat as Decembers issue, we will be very much pleased with it; especially the article "Mail Service in Japan," which was very good.

The Press has commenced its second volume with a very neat four-page paper, and has decided to change the name for the coming year to The Press Publishing Co., and will only hereafter appear monthly.

The *Boys Own Magazine*, eight pages and cover: "To the Robins," is a very good piece of poetry, by Arthur L. Tubbs. It has commenced its third volume.

Mr. H. B. Wilber, of Cambridgeboro, Pa., has very kindly corrected a mistake by one of our contributors in last month's issue of the "E. P." about postmarks and tin tags; instead of one thousand varieties there are over five thousand. Thanking Mr. Wilber for his kindness, we remain,

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French Postal Route to Africa

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

Africa (The Dark Continent) is invaded from all sides by European intruders. Every nation of Europe almost, has a small or larger part of land as colony and "Uncle Sam" is represented there as protector of the darky republic of Siberia. Specially France has large and important interest in Africa, and her largest colony is Algeria, and the smallest colony is "Tunis" (her "nominally" protected child.) To these countries, situated in northern Africa regular mail steamer routes are established here by France. But as an enterprising country, the French people are looking to the wertern coast, and will enlarge their mail communication. The "Chamber of Commerce" at the city of Marseille (France) took matters in hand, to open a new monthly mail service, between Marseille, a leading French port, and "Fongo, Free State," Angola (Portuguese) Toguland (German,) down to the port of Cape Town (Cape Colony.) The French government has approved the proposals made by the Chamber of Commerce of Marseille. But this new mail line, is not a private line, bun a government line. The Chamber of Commerce made the following rules, on occasion of the lease of the new mail line:

(1) That the port of Marseille must be the head port of the new steam line.

(2) That the new mail line must be approved by public will, and that the lessees should not act in the interest of any third party: (captialists or a clique)

(3) That the new mail line should not be given in charge of people, who had any private interest in it, but, that the lessees must act only in her capacity as forwarders, shippers, who had no business houses in Africa, nor business relations there, for themselves or for other parties. That the lessers should not be in a position as an "obliging man" for business friends in Africa, for any business house there, or for any Frenchman who owned property in Africa, because this new mail steamer route should be only in the general interest of the French people.

This new mail steamer route from the city of Marseille (France) to the west coast of Africa, is of great importance for the French country specially, and the traffic in general. It will facilitate the correspondence. The mail steamers for the new mail route are fitted out with all improvements, and are furnished in the French style.

The government of France, and the city of Marseille, both, give large subvention to this new French mail steamer line to Africa, and the line will in a short time be in full operation.

Especially for EASTERN PRESS.

Why Stamp Collectors are Called Philatelists.

Philatelist comes from the Greek Philos, a friend or lover, and atebera, exempt from taxation. Taxes at the time it derived its name in Greek, represented the issuing of a small printed piece of paper or chique, for the same purpose that the postage stamp is now issued. The name philatelist is affixed

in modern times to an adviser and collector of the various specimens of postage stamps, in use throughout the world. The collecting of postage stamps is the most agreeable, and intellectual pursuit of the day, and is engaged in by the old and young, rich and poor the world over. In the United States alone there are thousands of collectors, in every land and the continent many more thousands, and I might say, even millions. Are collectors of stamps cranks? I do not see any sense in collecting city and town stamps, I hear my sarcastic friends say: As they observe me spend hours in looking over stamps. We not only leave history, geography, and many things in regard to the building of our wonderful mail system, with such great benefits to be derived, stamp collecting should be no longer looked upon as a mere childish pastime. But as a science, an art or combination of both. W. W. F.

Written for EASTERN PRESS.

Coins of Greece.

BY JACK.

The earliest known coins were issued by the Greeks in the 7th century before the Christian era.

By the 4th century the whole civilized world used money, each state generally having its proper coinage.

The early Greek coins were of three classes, the archaic Greek, the ordinary Greek, and the Græco-Roman. The coins of the first class are of silver, electrun, and sometimes gold. They are thick lumps of an irregular round for bearing on the obverse a device, within some cases are accompanying inscriptions, and on the reverse a square or oblong incase stamp (quadratum in cusurer) usually divided in a rude manner. The coins of the second class are of gold, electrum, silver and bronze, they are much thinner than those of the preceding class, and usually have a convex obvease and a slightly concave or flat reverse.

The obverse ordinarily bears a head in bold relief.

The coins of the third class are with very few exceptions, of bronze. They are flat and broad, but thin, and generally have on the obverse the portrait of a Roman Emperor.

Written for EASTERN PRESS.

Some Facts about Turkish Stamps.

BY BLOCKHEAD.

In the first place you will want to know the situation, population and etc. of the interesting country. Turkey, otherwise known as the Ottoman Empire is situated in the Southeastern part of Europe. Its area comprises about 1,100,000 sq. miles.

Population is about 25,000,000, 1¼ millions reside at its Capitol, Constantinople. The value of money which is used in this country consist of Paras and Piastre, the latter being worth about four cents of our money. I would also state here that 40 of these Paras constitute a Piastre. Well, as I think about enough has been said about the Country as regards Population, etc. I will endeavor to tell the readers of this journal, something about stamps of this Empire.

In the year 1863, this country started off in its history of stamps by issuing four, being of the value of 20 Paras which was printed on yellowish paper, the pi on *violet* paper, 2 pi on *blue* and 5 pi on *rose* paper. These were all printed on *thin* paper and were unperforated. The following stamps were all issued in this year: the 20 Paras in *yellow* paper and one pi on slate paper. These were printed in *THICK* paper.

Two years later the stamps issued

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For EASTERN PRESS.

Philatelic News.

The Chicago Philatelic Society and the old standby the "Philatelic Gazette" issued an elegant New Year's card. The "Gazette" is one of the standard philatelic papers.

A new collector's paper is announced to appear this month from Hunters Land, New York with Arthur Dings as head man. We hope it will prove a success.

The Philatelic Society of America, is being advertised extensively of late by circlars sent out by Ernest R. Aldrich of Benson, Minn. It has been "talked about" sometime, and we hope it will do one thing or the other, "bust" or get organized and in working order.

"One Dime" a little late is still on deck, Brother Peugh seems to be prospering, as the new names in his Agents Directory every month show, new subscribers to his little paper, keep on you will get there by and by.

Among the new articles in Philatelic circles we find among other things booked for this month an elegant Stamp Collectors Guide published by W. S. Mc Lean, 11 Church St., Boston, Mass. I think by the description that it will be fine.

"*The Curiosity Collector*" from South Amboy, N. J. has reached us. A very good paper, only you had better enlarge Brother Bartlett.

"The National Philatelist," is a good Philatelic paper, Brother McSmith is a live young man and makes things "hustle." He improves his paper each issue.

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Our Exchanges.

FERREE, R. W. Box 107 Constantine, Mich.—I will ex. stamps for stamps; send sheets.

HOYT, CHAS. W. 309 Howard Ave., New Haven, Conn.—Two hundred (200) foreign stamps for every dime dated before 1868 or one of 1876 77-78 Seventy-five (75) foreign stamps for every 3 or 5 cent piece same date.

CLARK, E. J., La Rue, Ohio.—Two varieties of uncanceled U. S. postal cards for every stamp paper sent me.

BATTON, H., Room 2, No. 3 W. Seventh St., Wilmington, Del.—A 2 cent piece for every cigarette picture, BIRDS OF AMERICA, sent me. No two alike.

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ELSEWHERE will be found our great offer. This is offered to make another boom in our subscription list, and we feel confident that it will. How could it be otherwise? A paper of eight pages with good reading matter, and reliable advertisers, issued monthy and a chance of getting a valuable premium, such as offered, all for ten cents, cannot help but boom our subscription list. Send promptly. The result will be made known on the 26th day of February; the offer closing on the 25th of same month—and the money will be immediately sent to the lucky person. The names of the fortunate ones will be published in our April issue. Send now.

THE "local ads" that appear in this number of our paper are the ones for which we contracted and as soon as they expire, not another "local ad." will appear in our columns. As all will see by our Publisher's Notice, we have increased our circulation to one thousand, five hundred (1,500). This issue has that ciroulation.

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WE advise all to read the advertisement of Mr. Ph. Heinsberger on last page. Besides his other reliable departments, he has a very good stamp assortment and has very good bargains in that line. All stamps are sold under catalogue prices. His correspondence is in English, German, French, Dutch, and Spanish.

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IF subscribers ever fail to receive their paper they will be doing a favor if they notify us at once, when the mistake will be rectified.

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REMEMBER this paper is only 10 cents per annum.

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IT will be noticed that we have instituted a Collector s Directory. The name and address and that which the collector collects will be inserted for one time at 10 cents, or three insertions 25 cents. It goes before 1500 readers, will prove a good advertisement for the collector. Send in your name at once.

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THE "approval books" of Mr. J. Krebs of New Yoak City, is something that all persons who are interested in stamps should send for. Mr. Krebs, we believe, allows a larger commission to agents than any other dealer. Read his ad on last page.

THE Bell Publishing Co. were very careful that we should not receive the initial number of their paper *Flour City Philatelist*, in which contained their very complimentary (?) remarks on our paper. Through the kindness of a friend, however, we obtained a copy, and after reading over the column entitled "Our Exchanges" we think it would be very appropriate to place that bull dog which appears on page 3 at the head of that department.

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were 10 pa *green*, 20 pa *yellow*, 1 pi *pearl*, 2 pi *dark blue*, 5 pi *rose* and 25 pi *orange*.

These were perforated and are rather common with the exception of the last one which is worth about $8.00 unused and in good condition. In 1867 there were six more stamps issued like the preceding and are worth only 4 cents each *unused*, except the 25 pi of which I am not able to state its value. Two years ofter this or in 1869 nine were issued which are, viz. two varieties of the 10 pa one being *brown* and the other *lilac*, two varieties of the 20 pa, but this was in the shades, one *green*, and the other *dark green*, 1 pi *yellow*, 2 pi *red*, 5 pi *blue* 5 pi *grey*, and 25 pi *rose*, all except the 25 pi (which is worth $1.00 used) are worth about 3 cents each used and 25 cents unused.

Seven years elasped before the authorities had toissue stamps again and then they came to time by issuing five varieties being ½ pi *mauve* ½ pi *green* 1½ pi *pink* 2 pi *red* and 5 pi *blue*. These were surcharged. There were also issued in this year three others of the value of 10 pa *blue*, 20 pa *green* and 1 pi *yellow*. These were not surchanged.

And, if I must say it, there was a new design made in the year of 1876. This new design consists of six varieties which are considered not *very* cheap, the 25 pi being worth the most viz. $2.00 unused and 75c used.

The valtes are 10 pa *black* and *rose* 20 pa *blue* and *green*, 50 pa *blue* and *yellow* 2 pa *black* and *orange*, 5 pa *red* and *blue*, 25 pa *claret* and *pink*.

In 1880 the following values were issued, the 20 pa *black* and *rose*, 1 pi *blue* and an error (?) of the 1 pa *blue* which was that piastres was used instead of piastre.

One year later 3 more stamps were painted but as they are common nothing need be said about them. All those issued in 1884 are also common.

However, in 1885 one stamp was issued which is considered quite valuable, and in 1886 only five new varieties which consist of two varieties of the 5 pa, one being of a *lilac* color and the other of a *black* color, the former being worth the more of the two, also the 2 pi *orange* and *blue*, 5 pi *green*, and 25 pi *brown*, the latter is catalogued at $2.00 unused.

As regards newspaper stamps I would state that there has been only two stamps, issued but of the unpaid letter stamps about 25 varieties in all have seen issued from 1863 to 1870 inclusive.

There were some stamps issued for local use in Constantinople and Mt. Athos. Some of the stamps issued in *c.* were issued by private parties, there being six varieties of these, half being unperforated and the other half perforated. The government also issued several varieties for the aforesaid city. These being some of the regular issue and some unpaid letter stamps of Turkey surcharged.

For use at Mt. Athos only 12 varieties were issued, these were surcharged with a small triangle, In my opinion the collecting of the stamps of this land of the Turks is in the first place very interesting and in the second place a collection of these stamps are valuable.

Exchanges.

Eastern Philatelist for January received. Please send us two copies next time.

The Park City Collector has a very interesting number this month. Success to you.

The National Philatelist's January number was very good. If they keep on at this rate of improvement they will soon have a model paper.

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Sarawak and His Postage Stamps.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, NEW YORK.

The Rajanate of Sarawak, an independent principality, is situated in Oceanica The small country consists of a strip of land on the northwestern coast of Borneo, (Dutch possession.) Stamp collectors very seldom hear, or read anything about this little country, and it is some thirteen years ago that the latest stamps were issued. But civilization is going ahead, and "Philatelia" has received in her large family, a new issued stamp of Sarawak.

I will enjoy the numerous readers of EASTERN PRESS in the United States, and in foreign countries, with the full facts about the history of Sarawak, and his postage stamps

In the year 1845 an Englishman, named James Brooke, landed in Sarawak, on the Chinese Sea. The natives received Brooke and his followers very friendly, and, in course of time, Brooke bought for a sum of money, and some goods, the whole strip of land from the native chieftains, who called the land "Sarawak."

James Brooke, a smart business man, was always on friendly terms with the natives, and succeeded, to form a native union, established an independent state, and made himself "Rajah of Sarawak," (Prince.) Many years of trouble had the new Rajah of Sarawak with his jealous powerful neighbor, "Borneo:" that is, the government of the Netherlands, but, as Brooke had bought in a rightful way the land, and had also the protection of Great Britain, so, Sarawak held her Independence

In the year 1869, the Rajah of Sarawak issued the first postage stamps. I will describe now the complete set of Sarawak stamps:

869, 3c brown on yellow.
1871, 3c brown on yellow.
1875, 2c mauve on lilac.
1873, 4c brown on yellow.
1875, 6c green on greenish.
1875, 8c blue on bluish.
1875, 12c rose on bluish.

All stamps are perforated, and on top is the inscription: "Sarawak." On the issue of 1869 the head of "Rajah James Brooke" is turned to right. On all of her issues the head of "Rajah Charles Brooke," his son and successor, is turned half to left. In the year 1888, a new stamp of Sarawak was issued, and following is a full description of this stamp: Amid of the stamp, in a horse-shoe form, is the portrait of "Rajah Charles Brooke," the head turned half to right, and surrounded by the inscription: "Postage Sarawak and Revenue." Below the head is the value, but in another color. The corners are filled out with arabesques (arabesques). The new 1888 issued stamp of Sarawak is the value of 8c, in carmine, and the other parts of the stamp is green, on white paper. Perforation 14.

In the year 1888 "Sarawak" issued a complete set of new stamps, as follows:

24 violet and carmine.
34 violet and brown.
124 green and blue.
44 violet and yellow.
64 violet and bronzed.
84 green and carmine.
254 (color is not yet known).

All stamps have the same design, but are in two colors. The value on each stamp has always another color. The full description is the same as the 84 value which I have described in my article.

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A Lucky Find.

BY C. T. EUSTIS.

Often do we see articles, perhaps under this heading, so exaggerated that no well-informed person will put one jot of his credulity in them. Such articles may be interested to "*pueri parvi*," but most of us take little or no stock in them. Though I never has such luck as these highly imaginative writers have every day, it has been my good fortune to stumble over some choice bits of paper, more often called "rare stamps."

Though the "find" herein described was not one to boast of, and though it happened many years ago when I "kept" my stamps in a little blank book about 5x6, and when stamp collecting was considered as lawfully classed with button, card, etc., collecting, yet it made such an impression on my mind, that it has never forgotten it.

The mother of a friend of mine had, in her younger days, gathered quite a collection (for those times) and in it was what I afterwards found to be a New Orleans Local 2c blue, priced $1.50. It had been given *her* by a lady friend who did not know what it was and, of course, *she* did not.

Well, this friend of mine got the stamp fever and so his mother kindly donated the collection to him, and in which there were some very valuable stamps He, of course, got the local with the rest and supposed as did I, that it was merely a postmark or something of the kind, what it really was we had not the slightest idea.

I had given him a large number of stamps and one might be wanted to exchange this bit of paper for a few of my common duplicates.

To help him along as I really meant to do, I complied with his request but, for some reason or other, I did not place it in my book, in fact, lost sight of it for years, until one day I chanced to open a little tin box that was kicking round the house, and there I beheld, somewhat dusty to be sure, my old friend the "Oleaner." I, knowing somewhat about stamps then, removed it from its hiding place and inserted it in my album, where it now occupies a prominent place, not on account of its rarity, for the stamp is not very scarce, but because of the little history connected with it.

Written for EASTERN PRESS.

Mineralogy—A Science

Mineralogy is that science which treats of minerals. But it does not embrace all that relates to the mineral kingdom. Simple minerals alone, are regarded as the subjects of mineralogy; rocks formed by the aggregation of simple minerals, and their relation to each other, are the subject of geology.

This limitation of the term mineralogy is comparatively recent. The study of mere external characters is not sufficient in mineralogy. The chemical composition of minerals equally demands attention. Some minerals being of great use, and others highly valued for their beauty have received much attention from the earliest ages. But the ancient naturalists describe few minerals. The first attempt at scientific mineralogy was by George Agricola in the 16th century. The system of the Swedes Wallerius and Cronstedt, in the latter half of the 18th century, were the first worthy of the name. That of Wernea followed, and was extensively adopted. The discoveries of Hauy in crystallography, the progress of chemistry, gave mineralogy a new character: and then sprung up two schools of mineralogists, one resting chiefly on external characters, and the other on chemical compositions. Mineralogy has very important relations with geology, which cannot be studied without regard to the mineral

constituents of rocks. The mineral composition of soils greatly effects vegetation and agrieulture. The economical uses of minerals are also very important and various. It is enough merely to allude to coal, lime, salt and the metallic ores. Naptha, petroleum, bitumen, asphalt, etc., are of well known utility: and a high value has been attached to gems and other ornamental stones. S. O.

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A Colleting Incident.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

During the spring and summer months of last season, it was my custom each Saturday, to take a stroll in the timber skirting the stream which flowed past the town in which I was attending school, and with my collecting box and note-book while away the time hanging heavy on my hands. I do not say "kill time," as I regarded myself amply repaid for my exertions by the knowledge acquired by the observation of objects about me.

I remember on one of these rambles of approaching a Mourning Dove's nest. The season was well advanced and I was somewhat surprised to find the mother bird still guarding her abode; I gradually drew nearer. Her Ladyship regarding me intently with her great round eyes, until just as my hand was decending, she evidently concluded that it was about time to "get up and dust," and took her flight to the other side of the river, leaving one bird, who apparently was somewhat unused to the principles of locomotion effected by the feathered tribe, at my mercy.

But the youngster had no intention of being left in this precarious condition and so started bravely out to join his parent on the other side. For a while he bore up bravely, but his wings were too weak to carry him entirely across, and when within about ten feet of the shore he dropped into the water. Nevertheless he had started to reach land, and now was going to accomplish his purpose or die in the attempt, and actually *swam* to the shore, there crawling up on the sand and waiting for his half-mature feathers to dry. I know this sounds like one of Munchausen's tales, but it is true.

"A Correction."

Publishers EASTERN PRESS:

GENTS: No. 3 "EASTERN PRESS" was duly received and found O. K. Allow me to call your attention to another matter. That gentleman who contributed the article "Some Facts About Turkish Stamps" evidently did not know that some of his "Facts" are false.

On page 5 in his article he writes: "For use at 'Mt. Athos' only, 12 varieties were issued," etc., and "a collection of these stamps are valuable." Of course "valuable" for the pockets of unscrupulous dealers, who sell these Bogus Stamps! to prove my statement, which is also proved by leading European stamp authorities, I give you the "facts" in a nutshell, and I anthorize you to publish my statement, if you will.

"Mount Athos" is a small settlement, and a Russian Monastery (in Turkey) and the Russian monks are drilled soldiers, they exercise religious service, and are politically belonging to Russia. The "handful" of people at Mt. Athos have no stamps, but use Turkish stamps, or stamps of the European Levante Post Office in Turkey. Those in *American Stamp Catalogues* published stamps of Mt. Atho are "Bogus Stamps" circulated by stamp dealers in Turkey.

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N. B.—I failed to mention that your compositor last month made a mistake in my article. It should have been "Liberia" instead of *Siberia*.

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Philatelic News.

"Little Rhodie" has sent out the first paper devoted entirely to Philately last month, to be more explicit, *The Rhode Island Philatelist*, from Newport, R I., appeared last month, Percival Parrish is "best man." It is finely printed on good paper and bids fair to become one of the leading Philatelic papers in New England. Here is our hand Brother Parrish, won't you shake with us?

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The Dominion Philatelist is a new one from Bellville, Ont, with H. F. Ketcheson at the helm. Good luck to you.

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Brother McSmith, of the *National Philatelist*, is correct when he says there is too much wrangling among the publishers of Philatelic papers. Let us be friendly to each other, and if you can't publish a paper without filling it up with abuse to other publishers they had better start a hospital for the cure of breaking out around the mouth. It is no wonder that young collectors that try to start a philatelic paper, get discourged and suspend. The mean slurs that are thrust at them are enough to make them discouraged. I think it would be better to give them an encouraging word, for we were all young once.

The *Collector's Common Sense and Exchanger's Friend*, from Mexico, N. Y., is to hand. Their last number was an improvement over their preceding issues. More original matter would be a still greater improvement, Mr. Thomas.

Next the Ohio philatelist has risen sceptre-like from the dead. It was not dead only sleeping. It has been on a vacation for three long months, and returns to our rank looking rather the worse for wear. It hails now from Lancaster, Ohio, contains four pages.

The Fitchburg Philatelist from Fitchburg, Mass., for January contained some interesting articles. Success to you, Brother Whitcomb.

The Tribune and Advertiser, of Smyrna, N Y., for February, is much improved over former issues, being in magazine form.

The *Old Reliable* for February is as bright as usual. Better add Philatelic Department Brother Chamberlain, and then you will be complete. I refer to the *Exchange Monthly*, of Jersey City, N. J.

The National Philatelist seems to be "dead" on increasing in size, it is now eight pages.

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The Coinage of the Ancient Nations Until 281, B. C.

BY S. OPPENHEIMER.

"PART I."

Numismatics is the science which treats of coins and medals. A coin is a piece of metal of a fixed weight stamped by authority of government, and employed as a circulating medium. A medal is a piece struck to commemorate an event. The study of numismatics has an important bearing on history. Coins have been the means of ascertaining the names of forgotten countries and cities, their position, their chronology, the succession of their kings, their usages, civil, military, and religious, and the style of their art. On their respective coins we can look on undoubted y accurate representations of Mithridates, Julius Cæsar, Augustus, Nero, Caracalla, and read their characters and features. The metals which have generally been used for coinage are gold, silver, and copper. In each class is comprised the alloy occasionally substituted for it, as electrum (an alloy of gold and silver) for gold, billon for silver, bronze for copper, and potin (an alloy softer than billon) for silver and copper. The side of a coin which bears the most important device or inscription is called the obverse, the other side the reverse. The words of letters on a coin are called its inscriptions; an inscription surrounding the border is called the legend. When the lower part of the reverse is distinctly separated from the main device, it is called the exergue, and often bears a secondary inscription, with the date or place of mintage. The field is the space on the surface of the coin unoccupied by the principal device or description. The use of coined money cannot be traced further back than the 9th century B. C. Money, however, as a medium of exchange, existed much earlier, and when of metal by weight, no piece being adjusted to any precise weight, and all money being weighed when exchanged. Early metallic money was in the form of bars, spikes, and rings; the ring money could be opened, closed, and linked in a chain for convenience of carriage. The Lydians were supposed to have been the first people who used coined money, about 700 or 800 years before the Christian era; and their example was soon after followed by the different states of Greece, the earliest Greek coins being those of Aegina. In its earliest stages the process of coining consisted in placing a lump of metal of a fixed weight, and approaching to a globular form, over a die, on which was engraved the religious or national symbol to be impressed. The impression was a guarantee of the weight of the piece. From the nature of the process, the earliest coins had a lumpish appearance, and on their reverse was a rough, irregular, hollow square, corresponding to a similar square on the punch, devised for the purpose of keeping the coin steady when struck by the coining hammer. The original coins of Asia Minor were of gold, those of Greece, of silver. The earliest coins bear emblems of a sacred character,

often embodying some legend regarding the foundation of the state, as the phoca or seal on the coins of the Phocians, which alludes to the shoal of seals said to have followed the fleet during the emigration of the people.

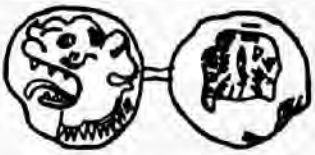

FIG 1.

Fig. 1 represents a very early double stater of Miletus, in Ionia, of which the type is the lion's head, derived from Persia and Assyria, and associated with the worship of Cybele, a symbol which is continued in the later coinage of Miletus. Types of this kind were succeeded by the portraits of protecting deities.

(*To be continued.*)

Philatelic Corner.

BY GREEN MT. PHILATELIST.

The *American Philalelist* for February is very interesting. It is the finest number the Literary Board of the A. P. A. have as yet produced. The A. P. A. is increasing very fast. Up to Fel,ruary 11th, 1889, thirty-nine members have been admitted, with twenty-two applications for membership. Success.

The Charlestown *Philatelist* is now issued monthly. A move in the right direction, Bro. Luhn.

The Rhode Island *Philatelist*, from Newport, R. I., is unexcelled in typographical neatness. Messrs. Parrish & Jacobs are the enterprising publishers. Mr. Jacobs was formerly publisher of *The World of Nature.*

A new Philatelic Society was formed last month at Pottsville, Pa., and the following officers were elected: J. E. Harpel, No. 22 South Centre St., President; Carl Wagner, No. 318 Market St., Vice President and Superintendent Exchange, and Jacob Fox, No. 407 West Market St., Secretary. Its name is the Golden Hours Philatelic Association. Persons desiring any information should address the Secretary.

The *Collectors' Ledger* for February was simply immense. It contained a portrait of Mr. F. C. Sawyer, the enterprising young stamp dealer of Beauclers, Fla. Bro. Ame is fast gaining the diamond pinnacle of the mountain of his ambition, so to speak. It is a "boss" paper and don't you forget it.

Some of the enterprising philatelists of Lawrence, Mass., are trying to organize a branch of the A. P. A. A good idea. Do it, by all means.

The *Eastern Philatelist*, of Fitchburg, Mass., is a rustler from Rustlerville. It contains some very interesting articles. W. H. Goodrich is editor and proprietor. It is now published monthly. A good change.

The *Tribune and Advertiser* now appears in a comic songster style. However, it is much improved from the sprawling newspaper style and patent inside form of old. Its contents are fresh and very invigorating to both body and mind. Here is our hand pard, shake.

We understand that D. J. Hickey of New York City, formerly publisher of *The Mystic World*, has succumbed to that inevitable foe, Death.

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Mr. Will M. Clemens, formerly pub-

lisher of the *Old Curiosity Shop*, and a native of Jamestown, N. Y., has removed from San Deigo to Garvanza, Cal.

Plain Talk has boomed since Geo. H. Richmond has taken charge of the Philatelic Department. What else could be expected, for Mr. Richmond was a Green Mountain Boy, doncher know.

The *Buffalo Philatelist* is a very good paper hailing from Buffalo, N. Y. Clarence J. Manning is the editor and publisher.

Written for EASTERN PRESS.

Post and Telegraph Offices on Mountains.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, NEW YORK.

Germany, the leader in postal matters, has among other postal improvements established post and telegraph offices at different points on German mountains. (Post and Telegraph in Germany belong to the government.) I intend to give to the numerous readers of the EASTERN PRESS in the U. S. and in foreign countries, a small statistics about the german mountainous postal service. In Germany are many high mountains, having beautiful natural attractions. During the winter months very few persons are living there, but, in summer time, many thousand visitors (among them many good American citizens), come up to the mountains, to enjoy "mother nature," and to make excursions in the forests. On top of the mountains are established boarding houses, saloons, milk depots, and all other things necessary for the amusement of young and old people. For the convenience of the "summer birds," the German government some ten years ago began to open post and telegraph offices on mountains. These offices are largely patronized by travelers, specially those, who stay there some weeks. These post offices are open only during the summer months. For the information of the readers of EASTERN PRESS I will detail the working of these post offices and telegraph offices. During the summer months of 1888 were forwarded as follows:

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3. Mountain "Brocken." This office forwarded 47,862 pieces of all kinds of mail matter, and 2,339 telegrams.

4. Mountain "Niederwald." This office forwarded 12,520 pieces of all kinds of mail matter and 548 telegrams.

5. Mountain "Inselberg." This office forwarded 19,462 pieces of all kinds of mail matter, and 560 telegrams.

6. Mountain "Wartburg." This office forwarded 42,350 pieces of all kinds of mail matter, and 990 telegrams.

I mention here, especially for the readers of "Lutheran Confession," that at the "Wartburg," the German reformer, "Martin Luther," (German people say), was visited by the devil in person, and, the devil began with Martin Luther a discussion about religious matters. During the religious debate, the reformer, "Martin Luther," got mad and took an inkstand from the table, throwing it at the devil. But, his "Satanic Majesty," quickly turned his head —and,— the inkstand went to the wall! The "spots," made by the ink, are shown at the "Wartburg" to the visitors, and, it is declared to them, that these ink spots are the "original spots." I did see the ink spots at the "Wartburg," but, I do not guarantee, that it is the "only one original spot!"

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Respectfully,

The Publisher.

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J. R. CRAIGUE, of Jackson, Minn., kindly sent us some Penalty envelopes, which were very fine; accept our thanks.

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WE would like to receive each month the price-lists, catalogues, etc., from dealers of stamps, coins, minerals, etc., which we will make note of.

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NEXT month we will give an account of an Indian graveyard recently discevered near Randolph, Texas. It will be interesting to Indian relic hunters, we think.

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FRAUDS!!! lookout for us next month.

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NOTICE! We have changed our address.

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OWING to serious indisposition of the Editor, this issue of EASTERN PRESS is three weeks late. We hope our readers and advertising patrons will overlook this unavoidable delay, and we will endeavor to be prompt with our next issue.

G. H. Philatelic Association.

A convention was held at the residence of Jesse F. Harpel, of Pottsville, Pa., for the purpose of forming a society for the mutual benefit of stamp collectors in this city, with J. E. Harpel chairman. The following officers were elected:

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Meetings every Wednesday evening at 7.30 p. m.

March 6, 1889.

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m.; seven members present; minutes of previous meeting read and approved; committee on by-laws submitted a copy which was unanimously adopted; regular meeting was adjourned and first Auction Sale was held.

JAC W. FOX, Sec'y.

March 13, 1889.

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m; four members present, minutes of previous meeting read and approved; Superintendent of Exchange notified members that books to be used in his department would be ready at next meeting; after some further unimportant business meeting adjourned.

JAC W. FOX, Sec'y.

March 20, 1889.

Meeting was called to order at 7.30 p. m. by the President; four members present; minutes of previous meeting read and approved; Exchange Superintendent reported that contrary to expectation the books had not arrived; an article on "Sarawak and his Postage Stamps" from the EASTERN PRESS was read by the President; a vote of thanks was given him for his trouble; there being no further business of importance meeting adjourned.

March 27.

Meeting called to order at 7.35 p. m.; five members present; a communication from C. H. Thayer, publisher of the *Golden Arrow*, was read by Exchange Superintendent, it was turned over to Superintendent with power to act; an article on Internal Navigation by Max Adeler was read by the President and thanked for his trouble; there being no further business of importance meeting adjourned.

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Custom Postal Service at Shanghai.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, NEW YORK.

The Acting Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai (China) recently had issued the following custom postal proclamation:

"Chinese Courier Service" winter 1888-89.

(1) During the winter months 1888 to 89 the Shanghai Customs will maintain regular mail communication "via" Chinkang, overland, between Pekin, Newchwang, Tientsin, and Chefoo.

(2) The first ordinary mail will be made up, and despatched from this office "via" Chingkiang on or about December 6th at eight o'clock in the evening. Until further notice similar mails will be made up, and despatched, every Monday, Thursday, and Saturdap.

(3) Particulars, as to the rates of Postage are given in detail in the Custom Courier Service, notification N 11, and will be made known, by applying to the Custom Postal Department.

SHANGHAI CUSTOM HOUSE,
November 30th, 1888.

The acting Commissioner of Customs. For the information of the numerous subscribers of the "EASTERN PRESS in the U. S. and in foreign countries, I will enlighten you about the origin of this "custom" post office at Shanghai, as such a "custom" post office is an unknown thing for Americans. In the year 1838, as large quantities of "Opium" were imported into China, by English traders, from India, the government of China did prohibit all Chinamen, to buy or sell opium, or to use it, and native trespassers were sentenced to death. But as the English traders continued to bring into China, opium, the evil could not be rooted out. Now, China asked the English merchants, to give up all the opium, they had in China, to destroy it. Those English opium traders gave up opium valued at $20,000, but the government of China refused to pay. "John Bull" to whom the sale of opium was a money source, at once went to war with China, the English army invaded a.l Chinese provinces, and Great Britain remained victorious. China was forced to pay the full amount of the destroyed opium $20,000. But "John Bull" seeing his good luck, asked some more of China. The English demand was: Hong-Kong must be ceded to Great Britain (1841,) and China must open 22 ports for the trade and settlements of Foreigners. Among the opened Chinese ports was Shanghai. Our glorious country the United States, was the first to make a treaty of friendship and commerce with China. The representative of the American government "Caleb Cushing," made this treaty with China in the year 1844, and by law it is prohibited to an American citizen, to sell opium to the Chinese people. (Great Britain brought to China and still continues to sell it, and as the Chinese government could not root out the evil they raise now themselves opium in China.) As I mentioned above, Shanghai was opended for foreign trade and foreign settlement, but Shanghai belongs politically to China. As the

port of Shanghai is the leading port (after H ng Kong) in Asia, the chinese government established a custom house, and at the same time a custom post office at Shangnai. (China has not regular post offices. as in our country.) The chinese "custom" post office forwards mail matter only to the interior parts of China, and, the Local Stamps of China are also issued by the Chinese custom houses, which are superintended by American, and by European officials. As I have narrated the so called "Opium War" has opened to foreign trade many Chinese ports, and, among them Shanghai the main Chinese custom house. At the beginning of winter the custom post office issues regularly a custom postal proclamation in regard to the forwarding of mail matter to the interior parts of China. The present Acting Commissioner at the Shanghai Custom House is an "American Boy."

Double Perforated Stamps.

I worked in a Post Office nine months, and as I was interested in stamps, I had a good opportunity to procure specimens of double perforated stamps of the current issues

In the first lot of stamps, which I examined I noticed there would be specimens on about one sheet out of every three or four

About two months later, when the Post Office received a new supply of stamps, I did not see scarcely any. Indeed, I doubt if I noticed five stamps with extra perforation, out of several hundred dollars worth of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 cent stamps

Some lots of stamps when received would have double perforated specimens, while other lots would have none at all

This evidently accounts for some philatelists stating that they would find double perforated stamps on nearly every sheet they would examine, while other philatelists say they have examined dozens of sheets without finding a single specimen

The extra perforation is always at the top or bottom of stamps (I never yet saw it at the side,) and always outside of the regular line of perforation,

I have seen the extra perforations consist of from 1 to 11 perforations, but never MORE than 11, while the regular perforations consist of about 13

I have specimens of the 4ct. green 10 ct chocolate, and the 1, 2 and 5 cent 1887 issue

I have also seen extra perforations on the lower values of newspaper. and postage due stamps

Whether the extra perforation is the result of accident, caprice or is used as some kind of a check mark, is hard to say I hope other writers will give their views on this subject

Philatelic Corner.

BY GREEN MT. PHILATELIST.

The *Stamp Collector* Figaro 1 are for February, althouh a little late was one of the best numbers of Philatelic papers received. Voute is a hale fellow, and reprint frauds fare hard when he gets on to their racket. Mr. W. F Jillson associate on the Figaro staff is a very able writer and one of Philatelia shining lights.

Mr. G. M. Bastaole seems to be a "moving planet." A short time since his address was Catlett, Va., latter Owl Run, Va., and now it is Calverton, Va., but he "gets there just the same" in regard to fine stamp as he has a fine collection.

Mr. E. W. Voute has sold his entire stock of Stamps to that well-known stamp dealer, Mr. F. N. Massoth, Jr. of Hanover Centre, Md., which combined with the stock of stamps Mr. Massoth had before, increased his stock to mammoth proprotions.

Will the editor of the *National Philatelist* kindly inform us where he spent the afternoon of March 5th? A friend of ours called on him at No. 373 C. St., N W. when in Washington during the Inauguration, but could not find him in &c.

The "adv" of the notorious "Ontario Corresponding Club," No. 11 Walker St., Toronto, Ont., J. H. Hick, Sec'y. are still going the rounds of the Philatelic press. We were duped by the above fraud out of an "adv" bill, and we warn everyone not to insert the "adv" for they will get their labor for their pains.

Was the March number of the *Collectors Ledger* a good one? Well! I should stutter to giggle if it was'nt, it was a Dandy from Dandyville. It contained an excellent portrait of Mr. N. E. Carter, of Delevan, Wis. Also an illustrated article on the Great stamp exhibit which is by for the best that has as yet appeared in the Philatelic papers. Success to you Bro. Aue.

The *Stamp* for March although a little late was a very fine number. In the future "prominent philatelists" will adorn their page only once in three month, but will be sufficiently improved to make up the defeciency.

The *Curiosity Collector* improves with each issue, Bro. Bartlett is an enterprising young man, and deserves success.

The *Philatelic Messenger*, a paper hailing from Oak Hill, Ohio, a "middling" good paper, but it could be improved in many respects.

Messrs. Gustav Aue & Co., have collections of Philatelic Literature, among them were Geo. H. Richmond's complete library, consisting of over 1,500 pieces, &c. &c., Messrs. Aue & Co., now have one of the largest stock of Philatelic papers in the world.

The *New York Philatelist* is announced to appear this month from 325 E. 21st St. New York City, Otto Kiessling, G. G. Kiessling & Henry Sabel, Jr., are the enterprising publishers. Give us a call.

Mr. John S. Bixby, the popular stamp dealer of Decatur, Ill., has a unique "adv" in the principal Philatelic papers, John knows how to draw a crowd, and best of all is reliable in every sense of the word.

Bro. Parrish have your paper devoted entirely to Philately and then your paper will correspond with the name. Try it, you won't be sorry.

The first number of the second volume of the *National Philatelist* will appear the latter part of this week.

An Ancient Indian Graveyard and Things Found Therein.

BY PROF. JNO. R. THATCHER

On the banks of Bois D' Ark Creek about one mile from Randolph, Texas, a thriving little village on the St. Loius, Ark. and Tex. Railway stands a peculiar mound, which recent investigations has proved to be a wonder, of the "Lone Star." For many years this mound has stood, unmolested by the residents since, for forty years Indians have not enjoyed the feast of hunting grounds, afforded by this Bois D' Ark, bottoms which is heavily timbered by stately oak and everlasting Bois D' Arc timber historic for its lasting qualities. This mound is circular, about twenty yards at the top, and about seventy five or perhaps one hundred yards at the bottom, the elevation is about six or eight feet above the level of surrounding lands and to prove that it has long been there, large trees grow upon the top. Many years ago, traveling traders, supposed to be Spaniards, made their trail by this

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Owing to not receiving an electrotype on time we had to leave out this month the continuation of "Coins of the Ancient Nations Until 281 B. C."

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The National Mailing Association of Florence, Arizona, kindly sent us a bundle of old amateur and philatelic papers, for which accept our sincere thanks.

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With next issue we commence a very interesting subject entitled "Curiosities." It will interest you.

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We are sorry to inform the philatelic public that the "G. H. Philatelic Association, of Pottsville, Pa., is no more. Cause, non-attendance and support of its members.

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The well-known stamp dealer Mr. E. S. Engel, of Denver, Col., is going to quit the business.

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We are going to try and resurrect our "Exchange Column," as all of our subscribers are clamoring for it. So look out for next issue and send us your exchange with your subscription.

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The *Post Card*, of Roselle, N. J., is a very interesting sheet of four pages devoted entirely to post cards, and should be in the hands of every collector, even if he is not a collector of *Post Cards*.

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place, and because of its peculiarities, made this their stopping place and upon one very important expedition was attacted by the Indians and in order to save their gold, they buried, so it was supposed on this mound. With these facts before us, a number visited this mound, in order to find the supposed hidden treasure. But, instead of finding finding gold and silver and coins of ancient date there was found that which attracted more attention, brought more investigators, brought more notoriety than gold or silver. This was *bones, flint spikes, arrow points, pieces of red earthen-ware*, I supposed to be pieces of bowls, burried with Indians. After digging some feet under the ground four or five feet were found, also charcoal, which proves that the graveyard bore specimens of peculiarities among the "ancients."

At the foot of a huge tree there was dug under a large root a deep cave, some four or five feet deep, and there were taken out bones, red, which shows age in the color, as well as being decayed. This writer observing the bones, being of a redish color examined them and found them to easily crumble showing that they have long lain there. Flints, bright in shape were found with these bones, and pieces of crockery, which when left in water for a few moments dissolved as would a bit of dry dirt.

Many have visited this mound and taken from it the peculiar and oddly shaped stones, flints, crockery (which is mostly oroken in small pieces in digging), and wonders of the poor and heathen people.

They are interesting because they not only bring to our mind and eye, the workmanship of Indian genius, but they affirm what is taught us by the early history of our country.

The *Dallas Morning News*, the largest daily paper in Texas contained the following about the "Peculiar Mound"

RANDOLPH TEXAS, Dec. 14, 1888.—There stands near this town a hill which is one of natures wonders. It is a circular mound, about 30 yards at the top and about 100 yards at the bottom It is thought to be an Indian graveyard, by the many things found there. The points of Indian arrows, the flint and many of the peculiarities of the Indian are found here. A few years ago some thought that Indians or Spaniards had buried money there and began digging, which revealed startling facts concerning it. Many are the stories told about this mound, and many are the remarks, theories and ideas advanced. Among the many things found was a spear of flint shaped as a knife with a point equal to the point of a common knife. This was found by L. K. Patton, of this place. Many shells, stones of peculiar shapes and colors are found and treasured as relics of Indians of Texas."

This writer spoke to Mr. Patton about the article found and requested the pleasure of examining the spear, but he says that without his knowledge it has disappeared and he has searched for it in vain.

The *Dallas News* correspondent was also interviewed and he furnished the above clipping, but did not know very much about it since "his line of business runs in another chanel."

We have specimens of the articles found by us and so has many others, and any person around here will vouch for the truth of these statements.

Frauds!

There is a class of people who take advantage of dealers in stamps, that call themselves collectors and of whom we gave notice in our last issue that that we would publish their names and residence with amount of stamps obtained from the dealer opposite their names in this and all subsequent issues until they adjust the claims by settling the same, this they can do by remitting to us in cash the amount, less the commissions allowed, on receipt of which we will send them immediately a receipt in full and drop the name from the list. All persons whose names appear under this head must remit to us and not to the dealer, as the fact of their names appearing in the list, show that the dealer has placed the matter in our hands for adjustment. The list will be published in each issue, thus making all readers familiar with the delinquents. We would call the dealers attention particularly to the fact that when a person whose name has appeared in the list through them, and they (the delinquent) has made their claim good with them, they (the dealer) must remit us at once our commissions. to insure the removal of the name from the list. We request ALL DEALERS to send us their list. Our charge is 15 per cent., our motto is "No Collections No Pay." So send in your list.

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