

# COLLECTORS' AID.

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NO. 5.

## Philatelic Department.

CONDUCTED BY H. C. BEARDSLEY.

### The Moresnet Joke.

No doubt most of our readers would like to hear about this celebrated Philatelic joke, so we publish it below.

Mon. Moons had noticed that a certain Philatelic journal, published in Paris, habitually cribbed from the Timbre-Post without the slightest acknowledgment. He determined to set a trap. In the Timbre-Post published on the 1. of April 1867, appeared a letter signed by J. E. Neom (which is, of course, the name of M. Moens reversed) wherein the writer describes and illustrates a series of four postage stamps, supposed to be issued by the Commune of Moresnet. After dwelling in a serio-comic strain upon the history and resources of Moresnet he gives the names of the printers of the stamps as Messrs De Visch and Lirva. The unfortunate journalist for whom the trap was laid did not see that De Visch is the Flemish for Poisson, that Lirva is simply Avril spelled backwards, while Passon d, Avil is, as most people are aware, the French equivalent for April Fool! In the next num-

ber of his paper, he not only swallow the Moresnet stamps, but priced them for the benefit of his customers. In the Timbre Post for May, 1867, M. Moerns, after indulging in a hearty chuckle at the expense of his victim, explained the joke for the benefit of those whose dullness had prevented seeing it.—*E. S. Tero.*

*The Philatelic Fortnightly* is a new venture. It is to appear every two weeks.

Sterling's new U. S. catalogue is the best ever put before the Philatelic public.

Mr. C. B. Hill, lately in the stamp business in Guatemala, C. A. has removed to Chicago, Ill.

We have not seen the new U. S. Stamps announced the first of the year.

Mr. H. Coltz of New York, has been appointed Exchange Superintendent of the A. P. A. vice E. B. Hanes resigned.

New societies are springing up all over the country.

#### NEW ISSUES.

*Antigua*—The  $1\frac{1}{2}$  post card now bears a stamp with head in a circle.

*Barbados*—The double  $1\frac{1}{2}$  d card

has changed color to lilac to correspond with the single card.

*Bolivia*—Four values of the new series have come to hand, viz. 1c. lake; 2c. purple; 5c. blue; 10c. orange.

*Bulgaria*—The value of franc stamp has been changed to 1 leva.

*Dutch Indies*—The 5c. card is now green on white and the stamp is of the type with numeral in the centre.

*Faridkote*—India envelopes and post cards have been enlarged for the use in the Indian State.

*Gibraltar*—The following of the new issues are out: 1 shilling, adhesive brown;  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. wrapper, green, on brown; 2d. registered envelope, red on white.

*Hong Kong*—The 3 card is now printed in brown; on white.

*Labuan*—The color of the 10c. stamp has been changed to dark brown and the 16c. to gray.

*Wurtemberg*—The international cards are now inscribed *Deutschland, Allemauge, Wurtemberg*.

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Notice the exchange column in this paper, as all subscribers are entitled to an exchange notice free

The Secretary of the A. P. A. reports a gain of eighteen members during the month of April.

We acknowledge the receipt of the mammoth autograph catalogue of D. R. Alward, Auburn, N. Y. Every collector should get one price only 25c.

We will give a package of ink powder worth 25 cents to every 5th subscriber received.

Collectors should send 10 cents to F. C. T. Davis, Salem, Mass. for his Collectors Directory.

A farmer near Atlanta, Ga. recently plowed up \$1.990 in 5 dollar gold pieces. It is supposed to

have been buried during the war.

Send for one of my approval sheets of stamps at 33 1/2 per cent commission.

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For any of the above address this office.

The Witch City Collector has been received. It is a neat little paper, and should receive a large circulation.

The Southern Collector with its large amount of collectors news received, call often you will always be welcome.

The Philatelic Century, at hand it is a nice little stamp paper, but copies to much from other papers.

Common Sense has been recd. All wishing to be made happy, should send 25 cents for a years subscription with premium.

The Mohawk Standard for May at hand. C. D. Smith, has sold a one-half interest in the Standard to E. J. Klock, East Schuyler, N. Y. The June No. will appear just double its present size.

Other papers received are the Philatelic Gazette, The Stamp Amateur Index, Philatelic News, Philatelic World, and Philatelic Magazine.

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## Rebellion Tokens.

**N**O other class of tokens contain as many fine interesting specimens as this. They were issued at a time when coins were scarce. Most of them bear the date of 1863. The following is a list of the most important:

1—Obv (flag) "The flag of Our Union." 1863. Rev.—a saying of Gen. Dix, "If any one attempts to tear it down, shoot him on the spot," in a ring in the center. Dix, a variety of these which was caused by a mistake in the first die, has, "shoot him on the spot."

2—Obv, head over two bouquets of flowers. "Horrors of war, blessings of peace." 1863. Rev, liberty head. For public accomodation.

3—Obv, (Monitor.) "Our little Monitor." 1863. Rev, anchor.

4—Obv, Monitor. Rev. our navy.

5—Obv. Cannon. "Peace Maker." Rev. Flag. "Stand by the flag." 1863.

6—Obv, Sigel on horseback. "Hero of Pea Ridge, F. Sigel." Rev, "Penny saved is a penny earned."

7—Obv, Statute of Washington, "First in war, first in peace." 1863. Rev. "Union forever."

8—Obv, (Washington) 1863. Rev. "No compromise with traitors."

9—Obv, (Washington) 1863. Rev. "New York."

10—Obv, Profile Benjamin Frank-

lin. Rev. "A penny saved is a penny earned.",

11—Obv, Profile, Gen. J. B. McClellan. Rev. (Eagle) United States copper.

12—Obv. (Profile of Andrew Jackson) For our country a common cause. Rev. "Now and forever."

13—Obv. Liberty Head. 1863. Rev. "Millions for defence Not one cent for tribute."

14—Obv. Liberty Head, 1863 Rev. "Clasp hands, Peace forever."

15—Obv. Liberty Head, 1863. Rev. "Our Country."

16—Obv. Liberty Head, 1863, Rev, "Army and Navy."

17—Obv, Liberty Head 1863. Rev. "Union Forever."

The old style 1883 nickels were coined for about one month. Then the "V" nickel without cents (so much sought after by collectors) made its appearance, but was soon recalled and a "V" nickel with the word "cents" was coined for the rest of the year, and up to the present time. If anything the old style nickels of '83 are scarcer than the "V" nickels without "cents" but are not sought after so much.

At Cincinnati there are two Museums, one of which contains a great variety of western antiquities, many skulls of Indians, and more than a hundred remains of what

have been dug out of the aboriginal mounds. The most strange and curious of all, is a cup, made of clay, with three faces on the side of the cup, each presenting regular features of a man and beautifully delineated. A great deal has been said, and not a little written by antiquaries about the cup.

It was found in one of those mysterious mounds, and is known by the name of the triune cup; and there are those who think the makers of it had an illusion to the Trinity of the Godhead. Hence its name the "Triune cup."

### CHINESE COINAGE.

**New Machinery to Be Put in by the Government.**

CHINA will shortly be supplied with stamped coins of her own for the first time in her history. Messrs Heaton of Birmingham having concluded a contract, after protracted negotiations for furnishing coinage presses and all the apparatus of a mint, which will be set up in China within a year. Hitherto the coins mainly in circulation have been small brass tokens, roughly cast in sand about the size of a half penny, and perforated with a square hole, by which they are strung together. They are of infinitesimal value, being equal to the one-thousandth part of the dollar or five shillings. The currency of higher value is silver in the form of balls and bars the value of which is calculated by weight. There also is some paper currency and Mexican dollars have circulated freely. The

new machinery will turn out the Dollar, and three lesser coins in silver equal to one-half, one-fifth and one-tenth, and also the brass coins equal to the one-thousandth part of the dollar. The presses will turn out 2,700,000 coins per day of the value of £25 650. The brass coins will retain the square hole which has prevailed from time immemorial, this being a point which Chinese conservatism could not forego.

### Automatic Counting of Letters.

THE officials of the London Post Office have invented and patented a method of automatically registering the number of letters stamped. The counting may be done by mechanical or electrical means. In the first case a small counter, similar to an engine counter, is placed in the handle of the hand stamp, and each time the stamper presses it upon a letter it is registered on the counter. At the close of the day the stamp is opened, the number of letters that was stamped read off and registered, and the counter set ready for the next day's work. In the second case two methods have been devised for electrically effecting the object. In one the striking of the inking pad causes electrical contact to be made, which transmits a current to a counter similar to that of gas meter, and so registers every letter stamped. The other method is similar in principle, but a lever stamp is employed. —*Scientific American.*

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## EDITORIAL.

Exchanges please send two copies for same.

Read all the advertisements in this number.

Now that the ice is broken; by our enlarging to an 8 page, we will probably adopt a cover soon.

The *Western Philatelist* will get to sleep now, that the *Philatelic Journal of America* has succeeded in obtaining first choice as official organ of the A. P. A.

We have been favored with a copy of Reid & Stanhoj e's "Directory of Amateur & other Papers." All Editors should have one, as the price is only ten cents.

Notice the advertisement of Roy D. Hassler in another column, and give him a trial, as he is a reliable dealer, and gives satisfaction to all.

The *Witch City Philatelist* is a new arrival, from Salem Mass. Mr. F. C. T. Davis & P. S. Johnson, are at the rudder. It succeeds the "Witch City Collector."

The initial No. of *Young Canada*, rec'd. It is well edited, and should be patronized by all Collectors. It is an 8 page paper.

The *Philatelic Gazette*, comes regular and its Editors, Mann & Kending, are wideawake to the interests of its subscribers and patrons.

The *Agassiz Companion*, hailing from Wyndotte, Kan. is a nice paper of magazine form, and deserves a liberal share of patronage.

The only other Collectors' paper printed in Nebraska, besides the *Aid*, is the *Autograph*, by S. H. Calhoun Jr. Nebraska City, Neb. It is a large 4 page paper, well printed, and is devoted exclusively to autograph collecting.

The *Philatelist Journal of Ohio*, is announced to appear the latter part of August, with W. S. Kinzer as editor. See adv elsewhere.

Our subscribers will please excuse this double No. We assure it was against our will, but the paper being behind time when we purchased it, we thought better to catch up in this way, rather than be a month behind.

*Etchings*, is a bright little amateur paper, published at Alma, Nebr.

Other papers recieved are *The Gossip*, *The Stamp*, *The Pilot*. *The Eclipse*, *The Thunderbolt*, *The Hornet*, *Little Clipper*, *Mohawk Standard*, *Philatelic Fortnightly*, *Old Curiosity Shop*, *Philatelic Herald*, *Keystone State Philatelist*, *Young American*, *Golden Hours* and *Hawkeye Midget*.

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first the nightingale led off, until everything he sang was duplicated and improved upon by our national songster. Then the mocking-bird struck off into a new field of song. The nightingale listened, but did not repeat. He pined away and died within a week.


Mrs. J. B. Sherman, of Sandoval, Ills. has lately come into possession of a set of books, four in number, that are 125 years old, and were kept by her grandfather, May W. W. Smith, quarter master for the colonial army, during the French and Indian Wars. The pages are reasonably white, even at this age. Several pages contain personal accounts against Geo. Washington, who was Colonel at that time, and serving at Fort London. The items being for showing the Colonial horses, digging a well at his quarters, and various other items. Mrs. Sherman came in possession of them during a recent visit to her father's at Goodman, Miss.

The inhabitants of the Andaman Islands, are the smallest race of people in the world. Average height of a full-grown Andaman is four feet five inches, and very few weigh over seventy pounds. They are marvelously swift on foot, and, as they smear them selves over with a mixture of oil and red ochre present a very strange appearance. Few travelers care to encounter any of these bellicose little people, for their skill in throwing the spear and in using the bow is only equaled by their eagerness to attack strangers, that are traveling on their soil.

A FUNNY LAW—I' is a funny law that places a price on the heads of hawks and owls that distroys thousands of mice every day, while the sloughter of millions of our song birds is allowed to proceed to be used in decorating ladies hats.

### Exchange Column.

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PAWNEE CITY, NEB. SEPT, 1887.

NO. 7.

## Philatelic Department.

CONDUCTED BY  
H. C. BEARDSLEY

The Philatelic Gazette comes to hand this month with an engraved cover.

We are pleased to hear that the American Philatelist is to be published once more.

The Stamp Collectors Figaro was the first paper out with news of the convention.

Any person who counterfeits U.S. stamps or who sells or keeps for sale such counterfeits is guilty of forgery under the laws of New York, and may be sentenced to five years imprisonment. It cannot be punished by the U. S. as Congress has no power to punish the counterfeiting of anything except the current coins and securities of the U. S. - B. S. C.

## A. P. A. Notes,

The Second Annual Convention of A.P.A met at Chicago Aug. 8 1887

Members present in person; Messrs. Tiffany, Mekeel, Fuelscher, Dill, Bradt, Wolstieffer, Kurziveg, Mitchell, Gadsden, Voute, Sterling, Hutchinson, Calman, Perry, Stebbins, Woodbury, Seagrave, Pierce, Haskell, Tower, Mc Kiuney, Wilson, and 161 of the others members by proxy total 162.

Messrs. Dill, Nicholson, and Gadsden were appointed a committee on badges.

Next meeting will be at Boston, the voting having been 123 for Boston, 53 for St. Louis 10 for Philadelphia, 1 for New York, 187 votes in all.

The treasurers report shows a balance of \$88,06 in the treasury.

It is settled that the American Philatelist is to be republished. It is to be published by the Literary Board. Subscription price to non-members is 50c. per year.

## New Issues.

**BAVARIA** The 10x10 pf car has the figures "87" at the left.

**BOLIVIA** The 5c. blue and orange envelopes are on amber laid paper. They measure 150x80 mm.

**BRITISH GUIANA** The mention is omitted from the new cards.

**COLUMBIA** A new card has made its appearance, Value 2c. black on dark yellow.

**DOMINICA** The color of the 1d has been changed to carmine.

**DANISH WEST INDIES** The 7c. has been surcharged "1 cent," in black.

**LAGOS.** These stamps are now printed in two colors, The value is at the bottom of the stamp in differ

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ent color.

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The address of M. L. Osborne, Jr. adv. on back page should read 376 Housatonic Ave. Bridgeport. Conn. instead of the way it does.

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NO 8.

## Philatelic Department.

CONDUCTED BY  
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The Canadian Philatelic Association now has 44 members.

The American philatelist had a very interesting piece on forgeries of the stamp of the Sandwich Islands, by the Rev. R. B. Earee.

In the Frank Leslie's illustrated newspaper of Oct 8th, there is a very good portrait of Col. Thomas B. Rodgers, Ass't adj. general dept. of Missouri. Col Rodgers is treasurer of the St Louis Philatelic Society, and a very earnest collector.

## A. P. A. Notes.

There are now about 30 members. Vote for C. H. Mekeel for secretary, and G. B. Gaiman, for treasurer.

The American Philatelist came to hand with a cover numbered vol. 2. no. 1.

The literary board which consists of R C H Brock of Phila Va chair man, and C R Gadsden, Chicago, Ill and W A Mac Calla, edit it. They are required to select a subject each month of philatelic interest for discussion, and to publish the best essays received not exceeding six.

We advise all our readers to join the A P A.

## NOTES.

Herman Stricker of Reading, Pa. has the largest and most varied collection of butterflies in existence, which he has refused to sell for \$13,000

The smallest magazine published is the Musical Monthly of London. Its size is three and a quarter by two and a half inches. It has been reduced to these dimensions by photography, and the contents include several musical pages

When the great telescope of the Lick observatory is put in position it is expected that under favorable circumstances one can define an object in the moon, not larger than the capitol at Washington.

Now that revenue stamps are becoming so valuable it will be a good chance for druggists to work off their old stock; as many 25 cent bottles of patent medicine have a revenue stamp attached worth in many cases from 75 cts to \$1.

A problem for the naturalist is the case of animal phosphorescence. Though it has helped the traveler to tell the time of night by his watch, and even enable him to read, its light does not reveal its own cause. M. S.

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Tags and curiosities, to exchange for the same send for my price list of bargains. James C. McFride, Pawnee City, Nebr.

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## Editors Chat.

Our subscription list is on the increase.

Common Sense appears with eight pages and cover

The Autograph contains some interesting pieces this month see adv. elsewhere.

Will M. Cemens publisher of the Old Curiosity Shop will move to San Diego California, soon.

Mr H C Beardsley will issue a paper about Jan. 1st 88 called the Missouri Philatelist, we predict him success.

Our November number will be out in about two weeks and we hope to get the Jan. number out on time. Send on your subscriptions twelve numbers guaranteed for fifteen cents.

The papers all wonder about the Philatelic Herald being so far behind but a short time ago we received a letter from the editor of the Mocking Bird having a three cent stamp attached he not having got down to two cent postage yet.

Special attention is called to the Exchange list and Directory this month.

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We are under obligations to the publisher of The Monthly Owl for back No's of his paper.

A new postal law requires postmasters to return uncalled for postal cards to the writer. A so forbids the printing of advertisements on the address side of envelopes.

A few parties have been unfair in their dealings with us. If you receive a copy of this paper with this marked and dont settle up or explain matters to us before next No. is issued which will be in about two weeks we will give you a "free adv." in next No.

Papers received this month are the Stamp Collectors Figaro, Buckeye State Collector, The Stamp, Exchangers Monthly, Little Clipper, Wichita City Philatelist, Mohawk Standard, Common Sense, Keystone State Philatelist, International Collector Golden Hours, Curiosity World The Youth's Leisure Hour, Mocking Bird and Monthly Owl.

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