

# The Collector's Exchange

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## "SPECIAL STAMP COLLECTORS."

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

Several articles have appeared at different times concerning the above subject. Nearly, if not all of these articles favored the collecting of the stamps of simply one country until you obtain a good collection of that country, and then strike off on some other country and so on.

"Variety" has been said to be "the spice of life," and it ought to be in stamp collecting as well as anything else. I do not favor the collecting of the stamps of all countries, unless the collector has an unlimited amount of money and time to spend. Neither do I favor the collecting of the stamps of just one country.

I think every collector should collect the stamps of five countries, viz: China, Japan, Egypt, Turkey and India, whether they collect of any other country or not. These countries occupy prominent places in history, and the people and occupations of these countries are curious and odd. A non-philatelist looking at a collection is most sure of inquiring where the stamps of these five named countries are.

Philatelists are beginning to see that a good collection of the stamps

of all countries is nearly impossible to obtain, and this is one reason why I think we should select some of the most prominent countries from the world and collect of them. The stamps of North, South, or Central America make very good countries for Specialty collectors and I would advise those that desire to become Specialists to collect of the five named countries above and select either North, South, or Central America as a general country.

It is utterly impossible for the majority of collectors—collectors that collect everything in the stamp collecting line—to keep adding new issues to all countries. This objection is not noticed when you do not collect of all countries.

If you collect simply of one country you will soon get tired of it and perhaps you may give up collecting entirely, but if you follow the course described all the days of your collecting life will be pleasant and enjoyable.

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We would solicit each and every philatelist, stamp collector or dealer to send his subscription. The price is very small compared with the ample and large returns. A summary of stamp news, bits of information, such as: how to tell a rare perforation, to detect counterfeits, to make good trades and save and make money in stamps, on little points you had not thought of, and especially to detect a rare variety from a common one, which may mean "a dollar in your pocket."

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**AMERICAN NOTES.**

Attend the H. P. H. convention in Boston. You'll not be sorry.

*The Eastern Philatelist* has come out in a new suit or dress (which is it?) and it is quite improved. We, however, like the idea of keeping one form throughout.

The frauds are being looked after pretty well in the States. A crash will come pretty soon and when the noise is over a goodly lot of persons will be very much surprised (and a good many other conflicting emotions too, I presume), and the world will be the better.

Next time we will have full particulars of the A. P. A. convention

--officers elected, business done and the prospects of the future year. Subscribe and get the next number sure.

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**OUR CORRESPONDENTS  
ABROAD.**

When and where will the next C. P. A. convention take place?

M. Bernhard Blauhuth, of Leipzig, is the European representative for the *American Philatelist*'s. His efforts will be well appreciated and not without result.

Venezuela has entered into a contract with the American Bank Note Co., of New York for the printing of over nine million of stamps, value of from 5 cents to 20 bolivais of 13 varieties. Cochin China has surcharged the Colonies stamps <sup>15</sup>/<sub>12</sub> of the 30c. denomination. This makes a nice novelty but rather scarce; I have been able to secure but a very few.

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Do the dealers remember the "Stamp Dealers' Light House" that Plain Talk used to conduct? Well, we shall continue one in this paper. So give us your help, dealers.

Philatelic papers, please send us your copies of exchange, and please send one to the Philatelic manager, W. Hale, at Williamsville, Mass.

Next issue we will commence a series of articles of Philatelic Interest, embracing only original matter.

## A FIELD FOR COLLECTORS.

BY EUGENE ARTHUR BROWNE.

Your correspondent has often wished that some of our ardent collectors of curiosities might have an opportunity to visit this section, and in imagination has watched their eyes open in astonishment as they beheld the wonderful array of curiosities which they had previously bargained for, bought at great cost, begged, received imperfect specimens of, or often sought for in vain, now offered to them free in greater quantities than they could carry away. And yet not a hundredth part of Arizona has been explored by those who have an interest in such things.

Here we find immense forests of the finest quality petrified wood known, and in beautiful bright colors. Fossils exist in large quantity and only await a few enterprising geologists to develop great results. Chalcedony park, with its gems and precious stones, is too well known to need comment.

Vast ruins of prehistoric races are found from one end of the Territory to the other, and old implements and pottery of great value are often met with. The rarest minerals are very abundant here, and precious stones are often brought to light.

Its animals and reptiles are very curious indeed—the tiny squirrel no larger than a rat, the beautiful and active kangaroo rat, and others. The dreaded Gila Monster, great scaly lizard, venomous tiger lizard, horned-toad, trap door tarantula, scorpion, centipede, and a vast array of curious reptiles and

insects. We have some reptiles whose breath will kill a man in a few hours and which no physician has been able to find either an antidote, or relief whatever for.

In the vegetable kingdom, the hundreds of inquiries the writer has received by letter fully prove the great interest that is felt in that line: The grotesque and venomous cactus, the beautiful mountain mahogany, wonderful lattice-wood (almost a work of art,) the catclaw with its barbs directed inward catching the unwary traveler in a venomous trap, the Giant Sanhuara, and others.

## LATTICEWOOD.

There is a curious wood existing in Arizona which has attracted considerable attention, both as a cabinet curiosity and as an ornament for the parlor. This is termed, very appropriately, Lattice-wood. It consists of a cylindrical trunk and stems having a hollow core, although it is totally unlike a reed, its wood being thicker and harder. But the great point of attraction consists in a symmetrical series of oval holes or interstices formed by a remarkable crossing of the grain, forming a latticed cylinder. The diameter ranges from one inch to a foot or so through, and some times reach a height of twenty feet. A thin bark resembling paper envelopes and protects the tree, but separates and drops off when dry. When polished and oiled this wood makes a beautiful ornament, and even in its natural state is attractive.

Picture frames, match boxes, and ornaments, made of the Lattice-wood are the most tasty objects imaginable and command high prices. Recently several such articles were shipped from Arizona to Paris, France. Many of those who examined them there would not believe that the wood was a natural product.

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 dollar bill will do? if you do, see  
 W. B. Hale's advertisement.

Don't be afraid, but send in your  
 advertisements and subscriptions  
 for number 2.

**OLD COINS.**

Mr. Louis Sicotte, a rich farmer  
 of Montreal Que., while passing  
 near his outbuildings saw some  
 shining pieces of metal on a spot  
 where hens had scratched. Upon  
 approaching he perceived that they  
 were coins, and removing the dirt  
 a little he found himself in posses-  
 sion of a treasure consisting of old  
 French, Mexican, and American  
 coins. They were for the most  
 part gold pieces, some of them  
 dated as far back as 1726, and the  
 most modern being of the issue of  
 1837. When placed on a scale the  
 treasure was found to be 25 lbs.  
 in weight, and valued at about \$4000.

**THE KINGFISHERS.**

The Kingfishers form a well-  
 marked group of birds, all remark-  
 able for the length of their bills  
 and comparative shortness of their  
 bodies. The common kingfisher  
 is a most gorgeously decorated  
 bird, and can bear comparison with  
 many of the gaily decorated inhab-  
 itants of the tropical climates. Its

flight is so swift, and with such wonderful rapidity does it move its short wings that its shape is hardly perceptible as it passes through the air, and it leaves upon the eye of the observer the impression of a blue streak of light. It is a most patient fisherman. Seated on a convenient bough motionless, it watches until the unsuspecting minnow passes beneath its perch, and then with a rapid movement, drops into the water like a stone and secures the prey.

### "PHILATELIC WAFERS."

GOOD, BAD AND OTHERWISE.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

The philatelic papers are not giving so much attention to the "Speculative Envelope Scheme" as heretofore. This is as it should be.

The first question that is asked a philatelist upon meeting another is, "Why in the name of common sense the *Halifax Phil.* was not chosen the official organ of the C. P. A.?"

Stamp dealers are now advertising great bargains in stamps during the summer months; some of them offering *all* their stamps at 50 per cent. below catalogue rates. Verily, verily, what is coming next!

The *U. S. Philatelist* is now to be published three times per month regularly.

We understand the *Collectors' Weekly* is intending to suspend. It is too bad the collecting public can not take hold of a good thing when they see it.

The time for the Boston convention is drawing near and we hope the restriction placed on the voting in regard to age will be repealed.

Every philatelist whether a member or not should try and attend if possible and get a glance at the "big bugs" and their collections.

E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J., we believe, receives more press notices than all the other philatelists put together. He has issued a book of "Testimonials" from leading philatelists in regard to his Catalogues, his whole business, and in fact about the man.

### NOTES.

Sir Isaac Newton's autograph in the shape of a letter brought \$315 at a recent sale in England. It was bought for Trinity College, Cambridge.

An immense pipe of baked clay, that probably belonged to some distinguished mound-builder of prehistoric days, was recently dug up near Purdy, Tenn. It weighed four and one-half pounds, and is in the shape of an eagle, the bowl resting on the eagle's back, and measures nine inches in length.

Pennies are now eagerly demanded by the South and West, where they were once despised, and the 3,000,000 of pennies made at the Philadelphia mint last month were not equal to the want.

At Aix-la-Chapelle there is a newspaper museum, founded by Von Forckenbeck, which contains files of specimens of more than 17,000 different newspapers in the world, and it is daily receiving copies of the remainder from all parts of the globe. The great curiosity of the collection is No. 46, of the *Texas Democrat*, published on March 11, 1864, when the exigencies of war-time made it necessary to print it on wall paper.

## PHILATELIC PAGE.

Conducted by W. H. VERITY, Lather, Mich.

### POSTAL HISTORY.

The word "Post Office" was derived from the latin word "positum" which means placed or fixed, this word originated in the post placed at intervals along the roads of the Roman Empire, where couriers were kept in readiness for the conveyance of dispatches. This was first established by Cyrus 599 B. C.

The first letter post was established in Hanse towns in 1169.

A line of posts were next established connecting Austria with Lombardy and also a line of posts from Vienna to Brussels by the princes of Thurn and Taxes in 1450.

Posts were established in England in 1483, but before this both public and private letters were sent by messengers who wore the royal livery.

Camden mentions the office of "Master of posts" as existing in 1587, but the duties of that officer was probably to furnish the needed supply of post horses.

A post for the conveyance of letters between London and the continent was established by continental merchants in the 15th century.

Disputes between the Flemings and Italians led to the formation of the office of "Chief-postmaster" who should have charge of both the English post.

Thomas Randolph was the first "Chief-postmaster." In 1865 Robert Murray established a penny post for the conveyance of letters between different parts of London which was assigned by him to Mr. Wm. Docwray.

When this penny post system became a success it was complained of by the Duke of York on whom the postal revenues had been settled. On a decision of the court of the kings bench it was declared to be a part of the royal post and was annexed to the crown and in 1801 it having been improved it became a two penny post.

In 1783 the Edinburgh penny post was established by Peter Williamson, a native of Aberdeen.

Posts were established in France in 1464.

A post was established in Paris by M. Develayer in 1653-4.

The post-office was one of the early American institutions, and was provided for by legislation in Massachusetts in 1639.

Benjamin Franklin was the first Postmaster General of the U. S.

The United States uses the most postage stamps and stamped envelopes of any country on the globe.

In 1792 a money order office was established in England.

In October 1874 a conference was held at Berne which resulted in the formation of the "General Postal Union" including all the countries of Europe, the United States and Egypt.

In 1878 a treaty of Paris was signed by all the parties of the former treaty and in addition to those, British India, the colonies of France, Portugal, Holland and Spain, various British colonies, Persia, Japan, Siberia, Mexico, Brazil and Peru. The new treaty having the title of the "Universal Postal Union."

## EXCHANGE COLUMN.

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One large philatelic paper for every U. S. stamp sent me catalogued at 5 cents or over. Not less than two accepted.

E. P. NEWCOMER,

Ida Grove, Iowa.

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VAN L. SMITH,

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W. H. VERITY,

Luther, Mich.

## NOTES.

We desire to exchange with all Philatelic papers. Please send one copy to W. H. Verity, Luther, Mich.

There are about 457 varieties of match, medicine, and playing card stamps. A new fraud is upon the market in the shape of surcharged Sweedish stamps. We would advise collectors to leave them alone until they have been proved genuine.

We learn in the Philatelic Record that the Barbadoes stamp surcharged "Revenue" is a humbug invented by some dealer about a year ago. The fact that there are no Revenues used in Barbadoes would be sufficient to condemn it.

## A ONE-DOLLAR BILL.

WHAT a one-dollar bill will do in this case is simply wonderful. It will purchase 20 rarities of genuine, unused postage stamps, of which 8 alone represent over the value of \$3.50 and none are common. This is an extraordinary offer, and if you desire to secure an assortment of RARE STAMPS, at the very lowest wholesale rates, this is your only opportunity. Beside this magnificent chance I shall put in every 10th packet a stamp worth \$2.50 by Scott's Standard Catalogue. Sure satisfaction. Money accepted in bill, money order, currency or stamps. Dealers, this is an opportunity of a life-time; every packet is different, and the collector or dealer ordering two or more at a time will get a different assortment, beside a PRESENT FREE! This packet is having an immense sale, but will only be advertised here once. Send now. I have also another packet I call my "Best" Packet, because it is the best packet of GENERAL STAMPS, as the one before mentioned is of unused stamps. This does not contain unused stamps only, it contains used and unused, and consists of 125 rarities, with no common ones whatever, and each packet will contain an unused Mexico Port de Mar, 5 cents unused (very rare), used and unused specimens from the South Sea Islands, Australia, Africa, South America, and most all countries of the civilized world. Like the other packet, no two packets are alike, and purchasers of two or more at a time will receive a valuable stamp free. The first one sending for this gets a 30-cent yellow stamp of 1861, United States, worth \$1. Price of this packet is only 50 cents. I also furnish gummed hinges at 10 sheets for 12 cents. Albums, from 25 cents to 50 dollars each (more than 25 kinds). Stamp papers, directors and all supplies at reasonable rates. Confederate currency in large variety. Minerals cheap. Stamps singly for collectors. Lots for dealers. Own correspondents abroad.

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## FINDS OF THE IRON EPOCH.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

The finds assigned to this epoch consist of instruments of iron combined with bronze, instead of stone, articles of lead and silver, coins and specimens of improved pottery. In the vast burial grounds recently discovered at Hallstadt, near Salzburg in Austria, the most important finds have been made. The swords found there have iron blades and bronze hilts. Several necklaces with pendants and hundreds of hairpins and bracelets all wrought with taste, have been found in the same place. Nearly 200 bronze vessels have been discovered, some of which are three feet high. Glass vessels have been found in the same place and remains of pottery are abundant.

In the tombs on the plateau of La Sourena, in Lombardy, Italy, were found vases of fine clay evidently wrought on the potters wheel, ornamented with various designs and containing ashes. Near Berne, Switzerland, at a spot called "the battle-field of Tiefenan" because it appears to have been the theatre of a great conflict be-

tween the Helvetians and the Gauls, a find was made of 100 swords and spear heads, tires of chariot wheels, horses' bits, rings, fragments of coats of mail and coins in bronze, silver and gold.

The only agricultural implements found in places of deposit of an undoubted prehistoric date, are sickles and scythes and a mill composed of two stories, resembling somewhat the "pistrinum" of the Romans. No implement of iron has been found in connection with the ancient civilizations of America. The mound builders appear to have wrought the rich specular ores of Missouri in the same manner as stone.

We have received a number of philatelic papers for which the publishers receive our sincerest thanks.

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### THE A. P. A. CONVENTION.

The A. P. A. Convention at Boston was a grand success. On the first day, the 13th of August, the meeting was called to order, president Tiffany, of St. Louis, in the chair. It was found by roll call that over 300 members were represented by person or proxy (over 50 in person) and a committee on credentials was elected and reported. Business was not concluded Monday so it was adjourned to Tuesday. Monday evening a large delegation of the Philatelists attended the Boston Museum seeing the drama "The Woman-hater." Tuesday the officers were duly elected for the term of two years as follows: President, John K. Tiffany, of St. Louis; Vice President, W. C. Van Derlip, Boston, Mass.; Secretary, S. B. Bradford, Ottawa, Ill.; Treasurer, H. B. Leagrave, Ionia, Mich., International Sec'y, J. Rechert, Hoboken, N. J. Next convention will be held at St. Louis, Mo., the second week in August, 1889. A new Literary committee was elected on which Mr. MacCalla was retained. Changes respecting the advertising allowed in the official journal, the "American Philatelist," were made, allowing 1 page

limit instead of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  column limit of last year. A member was expelled for non-payment of dues. Reports of the various officers were very satisfactorily received. Connection being made with the "Internationaler Philatelisten Verein," of Dresden, connects us with 16 of the most prominent societies in the world. President Tiffany gave an address to the association which was very able, interesting and profitable. The exhibition of Wednesday was very fine, over \$70,000 worth of stamps were displayed. Entirely the best ever in America. On Wednesday the association was adjourned to the next meeting (1889), and to say it was not a success would not be in verification of the general opinion.

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### STAMP DEALERS LIGHTHOUSE.

All dealers should be careful about trusting any of these persons; reasons why will be furnished if stamp is sent. Persons finding their names here can find out how they can be removed by addressing the manager, W. B. Hale, Williamsville, Mass., with stamp.

Chas. E. Stewart, Barrie, Ont.  
Don McLennox, Duluth, Minn.

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We ask every one to help us; send your subscription or advertising. We will help you in return.

## PHILATELIC DOINGS IN CANADA.

BY A CANUCK.

The first Philatelic paper ever published in Canada was published by George Stewart, St. Johns, N. B., in June, 1865. It was called the Stamp Collectors Gazette.

There has been about forty stamp papers published in Canada, and out of that lot there are about which have stuck to it forty long enough to complete a volume of twelve numbers.

The *Halifax Philatelist* is by far the best Journal for stamp collectors. It will in all probability be elected the official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Association. It certainly deserves it.

The Canadian Philatelist has been sold to Mr. H. E. French, of Niagara Falls, Ont. He intends to continue its publication, with many improvements; among the principal features of this Journal under new management, is, a *bona fide* and gartis circulation and 4,000 copies issued monthly. We are glad that there is one collector in Canada who is bound to make a good Philatelic paper. We wish him success.

The C. P. A., will hold their first annual convention at Toronto, Sep. 19 and 20. The election of officers will take place then. There has been very few nominations for officers, on account of the official organ holding back the July and

Aug. numbers which was to appear about 75 days before the election, but not appear until the very last day of Aug. Down with tuckie games.

Mr. Henry Hechler, of Halifax, will be one of the candidates for Pres. and H. E. French, of Niagara Falls, is the candidate for Secretary. The latter will likely be the only nominee for Secretary.

There will be six Journals chewing the rag this year for official organs.

It has been announced that a Journal will soon appear from Niagara Falls, and to be called the *Ontario Stamp Journal*. That's right—the more, the merrier.

Every member of the C. P. A. should not fail to vote for H. E. French, for Secretary, and Henry Hechler, for President.

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## EDITORIAL.

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The Sept. Collectors' Ledger  
 contains the portrait of William  
 H. Ninesteat, a prominent philatelist  
 of St. Louis, Mo.

Where is the *Common Sense*?  
 has it also given up the race?

H. W. Keller issued a double

number of the Ohio Philatelist for  
 July and August.

The Spindle City Youth will  
 soon be on its second volume.

In order to increase our sub-  
 scription list at once we will ac-  
 cept 12 cents for one year's sub-  
 scription from any collector living  
 in Wisconsin. This is without  
 premium.

Dealers should not fail to adver-  
 tise in the October number of this  
 paper, as our advertising rates are  
 very low and we shall circulate  
 double the number of copies we  
 are now issuing. Send in early  
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## THE SPOONBILL.

The Spoonbill will be recogniz-  
 ed by the shape of its beak, which  
 sometimes resembles a spoon.  
 This bird has a wide range of  
 country, being spread over the  
 greater part of Europe, Asia and  
 portions of Africa. It is a wader,  
 frequenting the waters, and ob-  
 taining a subsistence from the  
 fish, reptiles and smaller aquatic  
 inhabitants. Its breeding places  
 are usually open trees, the banks  
 of rivers, or little islands and  
 tufts of aquatic herbage. The  
 eggs are generally four in num-  
 ber and are of a grayish white  
 color.

## BOULDERS.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

Boulders are very common the world over and some of them have been found very near to the equator. "In the northern hemisphere they are always of the variety found in solid ledges in a northerly direction; and in the southern hemisphere the ledges are again met with toward the pole.

The loose rocks seem to have been moved toward the equator either by icebergs or glaciers and to have been subjected to a rolling action which has ground their surfaces and rounded off their corners.

Some of these blocks are of enormous size. A boulder conglomerate rock was found in Fall River, Massachusetts, south side of the bay near the mouth of the Taunton river; its estimated weight being 5,400 tons.

Many large boulders can be seen along the coast of New England. "Plymouth Rock" is a large boulder of granite. The highest mountains are many times found covered with boulders. Upon the summit of the highest mountains in Maine, (Mt. Katahdin) at a height of three thousand feet above the surrounding country pieces of limestone have been found containing fossil shells.

The pedestal of the statue of Peter the Great at Petersburg, Russia, was cut out of a granite boulder weighing about 15,000 tons.

Upon the Jura Mountains a large boulder called "*Pierre a Martin*," has been found and according to Mr. Greenough, weighs 820 tons.

When answering advertisements always mention this paper.

There is one thing in some philatelic papers which wearies us to see, and that is the printing of patent medicine and other advertisements in with stamp advertisements. We say let there be a reformation.

A battle ax of great size that was once the property of some prehistoric chieftain was recently dug up near Bradford, Ohio, in a neighborhood that is rich in Indian relics. The ax is made of a gigantic elk's horn, and, singularly enough, there is engraved upon it the date 1402, ninety years before the discovery of America by Columbus. The ax is beautifully and elaborately carved, and furnishes an interesting puzzle to the local antiquaries.

A young man while at lake Minnetonka looking for frogs for bait caught one which a scientist, who happened to see it, paid him a dollar for. The peculiarity of the frog was that it had no left eye nor a place for one, and the man bought it will have it stuffed and exhibit it as a curiosity.

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## PHILATELIC PAGE.

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Conducted by W. H. VERITY, Luther, Mich.

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We desire to exchange with all philatelic papers, please send one copy to the above address.

The postage stamp album owes its existence to Monsieur J. Lallier, of Paris, France, who published the first album in 1862.

The Stamp Collectors Review, which was published at Liverpool in 1862 is said to be the first philatelic journal published.

The first stamp paper published in U. S. was the "Stamp Collectors Record" issued at Albany, N. Y. in 1865.

The bill providing for cheaper postage on fourth class matter has been favorably reported.

Postmaster-General Dickinson has issued a circular letter instructing postmasters that, under the provisions of the post-office bill recently passed by congress, the postage on seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants will be charged at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof. The former rate was one cent per ounce.

In Baltimore it is proposed to put letter boxes on the street cars. This will bring a letter from any part of the city to the post-office in half an hour.

One object of the post-office ap-

propriation bill was to secure more efficient mail service between the United States and South and Central America and the West Indies.

Query—Can you inform me as to the genuineness of an Ecuador surcharged "official" in black? I can not find it catalogued. J. P.

We think the stamp is a humbug. Can any of our readers give us any information.

More attention should be given to the collecting of revenues, match and medicine stamps. It would be wise for collectors to complete collections of revenues as soon as possible, because of the increasing value.

The rural letter carriers in Germany are all an industrious class of servants. According to the statistical account of the postal department the aggregate number of pieces of postal matter distributed in the rural districts in 1886 was, in round figures, 323 million, of these about 34 million pieces were called for at the respective post-offices and the remaining 289 million delivered by 23,500 carriers who, to accomplish this work had to travel an aggregate distance of 176,394,624 kilometers. This is a daily travel of 483,000 kilometers, equal to 55,094 geographical miles in other words more than twelve times daily, and annually 4,400 times the circumference of the earth.—*Voice*.

**EXCHANGE COLUMN.**

Free to subscribers. Limit, 30 words.

One large philatelic paper for every U. S. stamp sent me catalogued at 5 cents or over. Not less than two accepted.

E. P. NEWCOMER,  
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I will give an unused 1 cent, Wells Fargo & Co., newspaper stamp for every five match, medicine, and playing card stamps, 24 revenue or philatelic paper with cover, not in my collection.

W. H. VERITY,  
Luther, Mich.

First-class birds eggs to exchange for stamps.

FRANK EAMES,  
Springfield, Wis.

Wanted:—Match, medicine and playing card stamps, will give good exchange from my sheets. Send sheet and I will do the same.

W. H. Verity,  
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One year's subscription to this paper and 100 foreign stamps for only 25 cents.

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# X The Collector's Exchange

VOL. I.

ELKHORN, WIS., OCTOBER, 1888.

No. 3.

## *Wonderful Reptiles.*

By Eugene A. Browne.

Letter No. 1 — Gila Monster.

Your correspondent can well remember his first introduction to an Arizona reptile. It was in 187—, a few days after arriving at a mere southern town. In passing a rubbish heap a dead animal, small but very ugly, was noticed. Carefully turning it over with a long stick the writer exclaimed to a companion, (or rather gasped) "It must have been a brave man who killed that!")

The Animal in question was nothing more than a certain kind of lizard, which the writer has since learned to take up in the bare hand while alive and squirming. So familiar do the residents become with the curious, and perhaps deadly, reptiles that they do not imagine they can be a source of interest to anybody, and the world is left in ignorance of them.

Lizards abound in every conceivable color, size and shape. They are very little understood and have been much less studied and experimented with than their place in science merits, and should demand.

Chief among lizards, or in fact any reptile of the Southwest, is the dreaded Gila Monster. A strange-

er recently was visiting the writer, when his attention was attracted to a crowd of natives following at a respectful distance a man who carried what resembled a fish pole and line with a large fish suspended from it. The staff was long and the cord short, however, thus keeping the suspended object out of reach. A closer examination displayed to our guest's startled gaze a live Gila Monster. The Mexican had seen it near the Gila River, and making a noose in the cord had captured it. Then the ugly looking object was lowered to the ground to afford our guest a good look.

It was a small one, not over two feet in length. It resembled a large lizard, although much uglier. Its head was that of a large Rattlesnake's, and the body of similar correspondence in color, namely, yellow and black figuring. Its mouth was about two inches wide and it constantly blew and bit savagely at everything within reach. The breath seems to be very poisonous, and persons have been killed through its effects within the writer's knowledge. Of course the bite is fatal, resembling the Cobra, the victim gradually shrinking up or waisting away, the effect being on the nerves

There does not appear to have ever been any recoveries from the bite. It is the generally conceded theory that the fearful reptile is half lizard and half rattlesnake. Luckily it is very fat unyieldy in its movements its movements. A broom held toward it was grabbed in its fangs, and the animal lifted bodily by the broom, holding on like a bulldog; this was curious considering its heavy weight. A photo was with difficulty obtained, and at some future time an engraving will be made from it for the benefit of the reader.

A great many conflicting statements have been published about the Gila Monster by parties who would write anything to fill up an article, and sacrifice truth for a small recompense. In 1837 a man was bitten by the reptile and tried all the medicines in vain. He struggled on for several weeks, until he was a living skeleton and finally died in great agony.

For the purpose of settling disputes as to the fatality of its bite an eminent physician and scientist performed several experiments on rabbits. Although its poison is slow yet the rabbits invariably died within two or three hours from effects of its venom. Some of the Mexicans are so afraid of the Monster that they have been seen by your correspondent to run in terror on beholding a captured one, alive and hissing.

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[FLORENCE, ARIZONA. SEPT. 7. 1888]

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I will give a good philatelic paper for every five Match, Medicine or playing cards stamps sent me.

H. E. French, Niagara Falls South Ont.

Stamps to exchange for philatelic papers not in my library. Send list. Correspondence desired for the exchange of papers. I have many duplicates. E. R. Marshall.

Wyoming, Iowa,

Philatelic paper to exchange for advertising space in good papers or for Match and Medicine stamps.

Send wants and enclose stamp for reply. W. H. Verity,  
Luther, Mich.

20 Bill stamps for the same number of Match and Medicine stamps.

W. H. Verity,  
Luther, Mich.

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Managed by WM. B. HALE, Williamsville, Mass.

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### OUR WEST.

By Rudolphus.

Our west is a very big place, did you ever really sit down to think of how big. You may study the map it is but an inch or so there from one great city to another. Yet days and days are consumed in travel there (and no slow coaches either.)

Now in Philately, what has the west done? A great deal, yessir. it has, stamp collectors and dealers papers and writers, all among the first. Our president of the American Philatelic Association is a western man. Secretary Bradt another, these men are surely no humbugs Lets take the Philatelic Lituautre of 200 philatelic papers suspended 68 were of the west, showing well the west is a good place for papers; that its efforts have well maintained. And furthermore that it was deserving, else it would not be so supported. Look at the West's old stand by's. The "Stamp" and the "P. J. of A." who have had so long an honorable record. Another thing I would say the west is well represented in Local stamps, some are very "Local" go from the Printing Press to the Collector's Album and that's about all. Yet why kick about that. Our zealous friends will sttend to it. No danger. I now quote

the 1888 Philatelic Association election in Boston, the President, Secretary and Treasure were western men. The Vice President and International Secretary alone from the East. Oh yes the West "Our West" is able to look out for itself.

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**EDITORIAL.**

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paper at Elkhorn, Wis.

With the Sept. number the *Spin-  
dle City Youth* completes Vol. I.

A few exchanges had to be left  
out this number, but they will all  
go in the next issue.

For want of space we had to o-  
mit our Business Directory this  
month.

Next issue will contain a review  
of all catalogues, price lists receiv-  
ed up to date.

We will send you the *Badger  
State Philatelist* and this paper  
one year for only 25 cts.

We would ask as a special favor  
that all communications be address-  
ed to Elk Horn, as we shall here-  
after publish our paper there.

We hear that the *Philatelic Mid-  
g* has realy suspended publication  
This leaves the *U. S. Philatelist*  
the only stamp paper in Iowa.

We have received quite a num-  
ber of new exchanges this month.  
Among them we may mention the  
*Philatelic Press* from West Win-  
sted, Conn.

We would like to call your atten-  
tion to E. R. Marshall's advertise-  
ment in this number. He is perfect-  
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## PHILATELIC DOINGS IN CANADA.

BY A. CANUCK.

The first annual convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association was held at Richmond Hall Toronto, Ont. on September 19th and 20th 1888. Meeting called to by President Ketcheson at 11 A.M. Sept. 19th. and the following members were present:- A. J. Craig, F. E. Brook, W. L. Emory, F. J. Granny, J. Inerson, H. F. Ketcheson, Geo. A. Lowe, T. J. McMinn, H. Morell, J. C. Wesser, E. Y. Parker, W. D. B. Spry, J. E. Schultz, Geo. Walker, J. A. Leighton, W. Wilbs, Mrs. Mason, Mr. A. J. Craig the V. P. for Nova Scotia hold 41 proxies. W. L. Emory 23. F. J. Granny 8. E. Y. Parker 13, President Ketcheson 4 W. Wilby 6. Geo. Walker 6 J. C. Wiesser 4. and several others one or more. The election of officers was held at 7:30 P. M. third session which resulted follows:- Henry Hechler of Halifax, was elected president with 5 majority. Mr. Hechler receiving 56 votes, Mr. Parker 51. Ketcheson resigned. For Vice President Ontario. Geo. Walker 95. Parker 13 Lowe 2: V. P. Quebec, Hart 74 Wurtele 35, Warren 1. For V. P. Now Brunswick H. S. Harte. V. P. for British Columbia J. H. Todd. V. P. for Prince Edward's Island. W. Browne. V. P. for Manitoba, J. R. Davidson. For Secretary T.

J. McMinn 81. Geo. A. Lowe 22 J. A. Leighton 5. H. E. French resigned. Treasurer. H. S. Harte of Halifax. For Exchange Supt. F. J. Granny. with almost 200 majority. For Librarian, J. A. Leighton. For Official Organ. *Halifax Philatelist*, 77. *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, 33. *Ontario Stamp Journal*, 10

For Official Editor, Tho. Larsen For Counterefeit Detector, Morell 106. A. B. S. DeWolf, 4. Purchasing agent, Ketcheson, 97. Kaye, 6. Parker, 3. Blank, 1. For Executive committee, Hooper, Morency and Kaye. For next place for holiday convention Halifax. If the A. P. A. had chosen Niagara Falls, the C. P. A. would have followed suit, but as the A. P. A. went away down in the hot regions, the C. P. A. struck for the east, with the intention of meeting the A. P. A. at Niagara Falls in 1890. Hurrah for an International Convention in 1890. The official organ gets \$50 per year, and the Sec. receives a salary of \$25.

When the meeting went into secret session, the report of the Executive committee was read by J. C. Wiesser; the result of the session was that No. F. E. Brook, of Niagara Fall, was expelled for counterfeiting some of those everlasting Prussian surcharged stamps.

A Motion to support Chalmers was brought up, but it was of no use as the mover and seconder were the only supporters. The constitution and by-laws were revised and is to

be printed for distribution to the members.

The dues of the C. P. A. is now \$2.00 per annum, the 25 cent admission fee has been done away with.

The *Ontario Stamp Journal* went for Lowe and the *Tronto Philatelic Journal* with a two edged sword.

Most of the boys thought that it struck Lowe just in the right place and consequently threw his paper some distance behind. The O. S. J. will get over it as it gets older.

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## PHILATELIC PAGE.

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Conducted by W. H. VERITY, Luther, Mich.

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A collection should not be estimated by the quantity but by the quality of the stamps.

The reprints of the 1857 issue of the United States stamps have no embossing on the back.

Collectors should look out for counterfeits in the 1870 issue of the United States of Columbia stamps. The counterfeits are mostly Lithographed black on rose colored paper.

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Bosnia issued a set of stamps in 1879 consisting of 8 varieties the complete set can be bought for about 40 cents.

Despite this being the campaign year collecting is opening up early.

### *Echoes from Foreign Lands.*

Japan has issued a new set of 9 varieties of adhesive stamps.

The color of the current 25 cent stamp of Ceylon has been changed from bistre to yellow-green.

New South Wales and Norway have issued new postal cards.

The Philatelic Gazette states that stamps have been issued for Tunis of an attractive design. This is a new stamp issuing country and has issued complete sets of adhesive envelopes, postal cards, and letter cards.

A new envelope is said to have been issued from Argentine Republic bearing the portrait of Gen. Paz.

Antioquia is again to the front with a set of stamps of changed color.

A very great number of stamp issuing countries have been reported within the last few months of issuing surcharges. We say to collectors when you buy those stamps, Beware!

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# The Collector's Exchange

VOL. I.

ELKHORN, WIS., NOVEMBER, 1888.

No. 4

## ARIZONA REPTILES.

BY EUGENE A. BROWNE.

### *Letter No. 2 Horned Lizards and Lizards*

A little animal which astonishes strangers very much is the Tiger Lizard. Very fascinating is this little curiosity. It seems almost transparent, in fact, is semi-transparent. Its tail is quite long, and unlike any other lizard known is curled about like that of a cat.

Being banded in black and white, it calls to mind a tiger at once, and has been appropriately named.

They are very swift of movement and the writer has never been able to catch one alive yet. The Mexicans fear this rapid little creature, and say it is "*Muy Mals*," very bad. It lives on all sorts of insects which are so plentiful in a tropical climate.

Lizards are very playful when secluded from observation. They will run and tumble over each other like kittens, especially the younger lizards. Indeed, when thus occupied they resemble in every particular diminutive apes. Their hands, I might say, are used exactly like those of a monkey. It is amusing to watch one preparing to spring at an insect. It will crouch down,

then stand on its "tip-toes," make two or three springy up and down motions and finally spring. And it never misses either! A great many Chameleon lizards of different species are met with here.

The horned toad, (at least one variety) has this remarkable power of changing color to correspond with its surroundings. A lizard which certainly lacks that power is the great Scaly Lizard. This is an ugly black variety and bristles all over like a porcupine.

The horned-toad has attracted considerable attention, although very common here. A person out on a walk will see from two to ten an hour, if watching. It is a device to capture a few and let them loose in the room. They will clear the room of flies in a very short time and are perfectly harmless.

Before the writer fully understood their ways the reptile was very much pitied for its inability to catch anything to eat. It would snap its jaws and a fly an inch or two from its mouth would disappear, seemingly flying away. Thus the poor thing snap around here and there until all the flies in the vicinity had cleared out. Finally after close watching it became evident that the

flies had gone down Mister H. T.'s throat. Their tongue is very long and ummy, and their short solid looking neck capable of being extended considerably. The "toad" can stretch its neck, open its mouth stick out its tongue and catch a fly, swallow it, and close its mouth quicker than you can wink your eye; anyhow, quicker than your sight is capable of receiving any cognizance of. For this reason it is a great many times erroneously stated that the horned-toad will not eat while in captivity. This curious creature becomes quite docile on a few minutes acquaintance.

On taking one up in the hand and smooching down its back, like you would a cat, it will close its eyes and drop asleep. Then is a good opportunity to observe its form. Horns from the tip of nose to the tip of its tail, but so symmetrically arranged that they rather add to its appearance than otherwise.

On being irritated they will puff themselves up and hiss. The writer has enraged them so that they would rush at small animals in the same cage, apparently with intention of biting, although the object was never carried out. Some species emit blood from a concealed aperture near the eyes, when teased.

What the effect of this fluid is, your correspondent cannot positively state, although many doubtful statements have come to hand.

Falling on the writers hands the blood had no effect whatever, although it has been credited with causing warts, and ever severe sore or ulcers.

Florence, Arizona, Sept. 7, 1888.

## CLIPPINGS.

### AN ACROSTIC.

Perhaps it may interest you,  
 Having an old story made new  
 If it is neatly placed in rhyme?  
 Lets begin! Once upon a time,  
 A dimpled, smiling babe was born.  
 This, on a pleasant sunny morn.  
 Everybody with joy was wild,  
 Loving, looking upon the child.  
 In her name is han led down  
 A record: Science and Renown.  
 —*U. S. Philatelist.*

In 1861, among the notes made by the government for the Second National Bank, Springfield, Mass., were three, that by an error in printing were 10-dollar bills on one side and 20-dollar on the other. They were signed and paid out before the error was discovered. Then the bills were called in. Two were found and destroyed; the third is in possession of A. M. Craig, who has refused \$200 for it.  
 —*Cleveland (O.) Ledger.*

While digging a trench in a cellar under a house south of St. Mary's a grave opened in which there were a number of human bones and a small iron box containing Spanish coins and a half dollar in U. S. money of the issue of 1795. A gold finger ring and a brass nose ring were also picked up. There are known to be other graves near by and all will be investigated.  
 —*Etc.*

**PHILATELIC PAGE.**

Managed by W. Hale, Williamsville, Mass.

**COUNTERFEITS.****HOW TO DETECT THEM.**

BY WILLIAM B. HALE.

The collector hears a good deal about counterfeits, yet he thinks, how can I always tell them? Well you can't always. But I will give you a few points, which will be very apt to come handy.

First the stamps of white paper, the paper will usually be found quite thick. More so than the usual 2 cent stamp used here. Well this is one point, and usually a correct one, secondly they are all perforated alike about 12 x 15 and holes are all of a size. Also a poor execution generally, especially a lack of sinuosity especially of the letters, if small one with another. Also the shading will be found scratchy, and not all gradual, it is customary in genuine specimens. All again by a careful comparison with the illustrations of Scott's catalogue, you do not find the stamps any better than the wood-cut illustration, it is about true a counterfeit.

Try this, it will be a very cheap guide and about as accurate as any.

This will not necessarily be confined to Scott's catalogue; any standard catalogue of over 2000 illustrations is complete enough.

Counterfeit stamps of any kind have no water marks and as nearly all the British colonies do, this

will also be found valuable. Iceland, Spain and other countries have, also, water-marked stamps.

A combined use of the above will settle in your mind about every time, whether a stamp is, or is not a counterfeit.

**NOTES.**

Among the other good things, may be noted the arrest of J. T. Mc. Farland of Boston, who has used the names also of Andrews and Troeder, in the early part of October who has unfortunately acquired the habit of sending for sheets of stamps and making no returns. We believe he was released upon making restitutions.

Also we can announce the removal of the firm of Ph. Fontele & Cie. Paris, to 46 Kapler Road, Old Kent Road, London E. C., England.

They are large wholesalers, and also known for their connection with the odious "Samoa" stamps.

A deal is said now a days about the value of Philately. It don't take a very old collector to remember when a good deal more was said about the nonsense of it.

**STAMP DEALERS LIGHTHOUSE.**

The dealers all know what a Lighthouse is, and this is a lighthouse.

Persons finding their names here will possibly recall that they have unsettled accounts. Their names can be withdrawn.

Send a 2c stamp to William B. Hale, Williamsville, Mass., and he will tell you.

N. A. Soloms, Rue Poteras Bucharest, Ro.  
E. Zenkewitsch, Via Larga 19 Milano, It.  
D. W. Olney, 168 Shonnard St. Syracuse.  
Chas. E. Stewart, box 227, Barrie, Ont.  
Don McLennox, 608 West 2nd St. Duluth Minn.

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well to try our Business Directory.

"History of the dollar" in the  
*Canada Stamp and Coin Journal*  
is very interesting.

Subscribe for that humorous  
paper "*Fact & Fancy*" now soon to  
appear from Florence, A. T. We  
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Curiosity department, besides its  
usual amount of good reading mat-  
ter.

The *American Collector* is a nice  
little paper from Oak Hill, Ohio.  
Its first number presents a very  
neat appearance. We hope you  
will succeed Bro. Miller, ———?

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"THE CONDOR."

(SARCORAMPHUS GRYPHUS.)

There are two species of Condors both peculiar to the American continent.

The bill is of moderate size, covered with a soft cere for about one third of its length; the nostrils are large and exposed in the middle of the cere and is furnished with a caruncle in the male; the wings are pointed and long; the tail is even at the end and moderate size the tarsi are plumed below the knee; the toes are medium size and united by a slight membrane; the hind toe is the weakest and very short; the claws are slightly curved and strong; the head, neck and front of the breast are bare of feathers and covered with a hard, dry and wrinkled skin with a few stiff, short and dark colored hairs.

In the male only on the top of the head is a fleshy crest. The head is flat; the beak whitish at the tip and of a brown color at the base. The skin of the head and neck is formed into folds, somewhat like the turkey. Brownish black is the general color of the plumage. The feathers are not thick on the under surface of the body. The Condor makes a noise like the hiss of a goose.

Previous to the visit of Humboldt to South America very exaggerate ideas prevailed concerning the age of the Condor. The average length of this bird from the point of the beak to the end of the tail is three and a half feet and the spread of the wings from nine to ten feet.

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## PHILATELIC DOINGS IN CANADA.

BY A CANUCK.

The Canadian Philatelic Association election of officers has caused no great excitement among the Canadian boys.

We are all certainly ashamed to confess that there was one rascal in Canada who attempted to deceive the public by counterfeiting stamps however he is paying for it now.

Where is French's new philatelic paper, which was to appear some time ago? Where is Hartes History of Canadian Postage and Revenue stamps which by the way was to be out about last July.

I have not seen a copy of the Toronto Philatelic Journal for some time. Is it possible that this Journal not got over the defeat it had in running for official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Association.

Halifax and Niagara Falls seem to be the only places in Canada where philatelic papers can be published. Halifax has two at present, and Niagara Falls the same.

Mr. Geo. P. Coffin has got justly paid for the fun he had, by the

way he owes the writer about 50cts.

More confusion about those Camell stamps. It seems, now although the truth and nothing but the truth is being published in several Journals.

We are expecting to see a copy of Ketcheson's second edition to his catalogue soon.

The C. P. A. secretary is now residing in Toronto, at 69 Denison Avenue.

Exchanges please send two copies, as we do the same.

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### REPRINTS.

The Philatelic Public is now a talking about reprints. Therefore it is quite just that a little should be said here. A postage stamp is according to the dictionary, "a printed label affixed to a letter to prepay it on sending to the mail," and postage is, "price paid for a letter, newspaper or parcel for mail carriage." Thus we see what a stamp ought to be, one that was intended or did go for postage in the case of an obsolete specimen or one which is now receivable for the postage. I call the Government remainders which are sold perfectly admissible to any collection, although they are not now receivable for postage, they were once. But a reprint never was and will not be receivable for postage payment except in one or two lone cases. A reprint is an impression struck from the original type in the original color and is a counter part of an original. The perforation is not always the same however and the same may be said of the paper. A reprint usually looks new, the adhesive gum looks new, and is often of a light color. Old gum is yellowish and suggests "oldness" in its very presence.

A reprint is good to fill up with, is excellent for the detection of

counterfeits; is good to show what the original was, but is dangerous if the collector only wants original.

Reprint will ever work in as an original, and can not always be detected by experts; readily.

Reprints may be classed into three subdivisions.

First:- Where a dealer in stamps buys a government plate and makes impressions from it. Where a dealer rents it for a short time for same purpose. Where employees make reprints "on the sly" and sell to dealers.

Secondly:- Where a government reprints stamps, selling them to dealers for the sole purpose of getting a few dollars that way and sell for less than face, and will not receive them in payment for postage.

Third:- Where a government reprints some extremely scarce specimens for the benefit of Philately, selling at face and offering to receive in full payment for postage if tendered as such. This is permissible and praiseworthy in the eyes of the most unsatisfied.

Being for the purpose of allowing collectors to possess those specimens, otherwise allowable only to the more money collectors.

Giving chance for protection against counterfeits not otherwise so generally open. The collector can decide for himself whether he prefers reprints or not. In a large number of cases he may distinguish them, but he will very clever if he none among his stamps.

We are glad to see the action now taken in the "American Philatelist."

**PHILATELIC PAGE.**

Conducted by W. H. VERITY, Luther, Mich.

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Postal cards were issued in the United States in 1878.

John Wanamaker is being strongly talked of for next Post Master General.

There are 54800 persons employed by the postal service in Great Britain.

A regular post route was established between New York and Philadelphia in 1693.

The Native Indian states have issued only about 407 varieties of stamps.

The Executive Department stamps were issued for the private as well as the official correspondence of the president, and are the only Department stamps that could be used on other than official correspondence.

Alvah Davidson now conducts a philatelic department in "Plain Talk."

We have received the second edition of "the stamp dealers of the United States," published by H. A. Babb, Denver, Colo. It is very neatly gotten up, and reflects credit on its publisher.

Paris has the largest stamp trade of any city in the world.

The Superintendent of the dead letter office in his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1888, says that there were received at his office during the year 6217876 pieces of original dead mail matter. An increase of 882513 pieces over last year.

The annual report of the third assistant Post Master General show that more than three and a half Billion pieces were mailed during the year. Of these 1769800000 were letters, 372200000 postal cards 106310000 newspapers and periodicals, 372900000 pieces of third and fourth class matter.

The total cost for postal service for the last fiscal year was 58126 004 dollars, and the postal and money order receipts were 52695 176 dollars.

W. H. Goodrich has sold out his paper the Eastern Philatelist to the Philatelist Pub. Co. This Journal will be issued monthly in the future with W. H. Goodrich as editor and we hope up to the standard.

The smallest stamps which have been issued are the unpaid letter stamps of Guadeloupe issued from 1877 to 1879.

The first stage carrying the U. S. mail westward passed over the Alleghany mountains, from Cumberland, Md., to Wheeling, West Virginia, sixty years ago.

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We have made arrangements  
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N. Y. to offer his fine rubber stamps  
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The *Old Curiosity Shop* is a first  
class paper from Riverside, Cal.,  
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lector.

We have received the initial  
number of the *Alabama Philate-  
list*. It contains sixteen pages of  
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The January number of this  
paper will contain an interesting  
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## "THE CONDOR."

(SARCORAMPHUS GRYPHUS.)

[CONTINUED.]

Humbolt never found one to measure over nine feet from tip to tip. He believed that the reports of their killing small children fictitious. There is no doubt, though that the Condor might destroy children since they have been seen to attack young bulls and tear out their tongue and eyes.

The majority of Condors are to be found on the chain of Andes. Condors usually live in pairs in the most high and lonely localities.

They are most commonly seen around vertical cliffs where they have their nests. When glutted with food they retire to their ledges to digest it.

They seek the most inaccessible crags in summer to rear their young; the female makes no nest, but deposits two white eggs about four inches long upon the bare rocks, simply placing several sticks around them. Incubation lasts several weeks, ending in April or May. The young ones are not able to fly for about two years.

They usually hunt in pairs to attack the largest animals, chasing them and tearing them until they would die. Humbolt says he saw one fly over Chimboraço and Orton saw them sailing 1000 feet above the crater of Pichincha.

In confinement the bird will eat

almost anything but pork and cooked meat. The Condor is very hard to kill, from the difficulty of penetrating their thick plumage.

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"Jen's shoes never saw the day they'd look like mine; nor Jen's feet, neither."

"Just see how my hands are tanned.

The sun was blazing on the water."

"You had gloves on."

"I hadn't.

"You had, too. I saw them."

"What! yesterday?"

"Yes--yesterday."

"No such thing—not yesterday."

"Well, I've got eyes, I hope. When we stood on the pier there, before you got into the boat, you had those long brown chamois."

"That was Thursday."

"It was yesterday! Maud, didn't Lil have gloves on yesterday?"

"I guess you are thinking of me. I wore old dark ones."

"I'm positive Lil had gloves on when we stood on the pier any way."

"No, that's a mistake. I didn't really. My brown gloves were in my gray coat pocket. Honor bright!"

"O, I suppose I've got to believe you. I must have been hallucinated then, for I certainly saw those gloves."

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"He'd be a mighty clever seaman if he could, Miss Lil."

"I know I'd be awfully scared to go out with him."

"So would I."

"I, too."

"I wouldn't dare go out with Will Manning. Would you, Laura?"

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"O my! he didn't. Did he, really?"

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"Who's afraid?"

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"I'll go."

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The branches of the trees in the garden were outlined with little lamps, and a large pond in front of the house was hung round very high up with flags between which the lamps were suspended. From the balcony of the house I saw the bridegroom arrive on a led horse, accompanied by many friends. He was dressed in cloth of gold, and wore a splendid hat, and his richly caparisoned horse had wreaths of yellow flowers placed at equal short distances across its back and hanging down to the ground. He dismounted at the entrance, where his little bride met him and threw rice over her own and his head as a symbol that she would care for the wants of the household. They went together into the house, where the wedding guests were assembled, and sat down on two red cushions facing each other. A white cloth was held up in front of his face, and she covered her face with her sari, whilst a cord of yellow and white worsted was then put up round their necks, joining them together. A large piece of muslin was then put round his neck and held up close to her, and under this they joined hands. On leaving the house, a bouquet on which attar of roses had been poured was presented to every guest, and wreaths of flowers were hung round our necks by our hosts. A pot of red paint seems to have been one of the "properties" necessary at the wedding, and the veneration in which the red paint was held was exemplified by a fact narrated by the correspondent. When telegraph posts were first set up in some remote parts of India, the gentle Hindu was wont to cut the same down for fire-wood. A young engineer, who had studied the aboriginal character, painted the posts red, whereupon the natives worshiped the posts, and ceased to carry them away as burnt-offerings. *St. James' Gazette.*

### The Result of a Bad Habit.

A novel accident, resulting from a habit of very common prevalence among nervous people, was brought to my notice recently. A young lady presented herself at my office complaining of a constant irritation in her throat. Two weeks previously she had been taken with a severe "sore throat," which was treated by a neighboring physician. Under his care, she says, the inflammation quickly subsided, but there still remained a sensation of irritation. Examination revealed a small, fleshy-looking object, about the size of a kernel of wheat, adherent to the tissues posterior to the left tonsil, by one end. The other parts of the throat were normal. The little mass could not be detached by a cotton-covered probe, but by the use of forceps it was easily removed, and on examination proved to be a piece of finger nail, which had become covered by a cheesy deposit. A broken piece of the nail was also removed from under the mucous membrane at the same spot by a sharp-pointed probe. The patient then confessed to the habit of biting her finger nails, and, moreover, could remember that a day or two previous to the onset of her throat trouble a piece of nail which she had bitten off had become lost in her mouth, but after it had caused a fit of coughing she had forgotten about it until reminded by my discovery. — *Dr. J. Tutill, in Medical Record.*

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## BUENOS AYRES

BY JUSTUS.

The South American state of Buenos Ayres (or good air, as the name implies) was separated from Argentine Republic in 1858 when it was again remitted to the state composing the Argentine confederation.

Postage stamps were introduced into Buenos Ayres by virtue of a decree dated the 10th. of April 1858. Prepayment was made obligatory. In 1859 the number of letters circulating in the state was 199,554; and in 1864 it had risen to 940,714.

The first issue of stamps took place a few days after the publication of the decree in 1858. The stamps were rectangular, engraved and printed in color upon brown paper. The design consisted of a steam-vessel in full sail. The color of the stamp of five pesos was yellow. In the year 1858 several changes were made in the postal regulations; the rates generally were lowered and the stamp of 5 pesos was afterwards printed in brown of various shades.

In 1859 a new issue of stamps took place. The design was changed, the central portion is

composed of the head of Liberty within a medallion and bearing the Parygion cap. There were several colors in these stamps, according to the different values, the stamp of 2 pesos being printed in vermillon on tinted paper. Later on it was changed to blue upon white paper. A stamp submitted to the Government by an Italian engraver, and printed in various shades but it has never yet been issued. The design is intended to represent a phantom on horseback and following the direction of the setting sun. The color of the different values are as follows 2 reales yellow; 6 reales green; 8 reales lilac; and 10 reales, deep blue.

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Rev. Henry Harte's History of Canadian stamps is announced to be ready soon. We are all waiting with our mouths wide open for this great work. Mr. Harte seems to be looked upon as the standard authority on Canadian stamps.

H. F. Ketcherson second edition of his catalogue of Canadian stamps has appeared. It contains the prices of every used and unused Canadian stamp.

FOR COLLECTORS' EXCHANGE.

### WOOD-BREEDING BIRDS.

We mean by this, not birds breeding in the woods, but those which have their nests in the wood of trees. There are many of these. The Woodpeckers, Chickadees, Nuthatches, the Bluebird, etc. They are divided into two classes; those that excavate cavities with the bill, and those that select natural cavities or those made by other birds. To the first belong the Picidæ and the Sittidæ; the Chickadees often do so in soft wood, also. The Black capped Chickadee is a resident here and cheers us by his presence in the depths of winter. I well remember the first Chickadee's nest I ever found. It was while I was residing in Illinois. In a much frequented street, hardly two blocks from the square, or business portion of the town, was a picket fence inclosing a yard, at each corner of which was a square post made of four boards nailed around a post in the centre. It was in this post that the Chickadee had made her home. The inner post did not reach up to the top by nine inches and the top, a square piece of board, had been pushed back, forming an opening large enough for a bird to enter. I saw the female leave the nest, and on an investigation it was found to contain nine

eggs. Here, within touch of the continual passers-by, the bird had constructed and filled her nest. She had filled up the greater part of the cavity, principally with feathers and grass, making the bulkiest nest of the species I ever saw. The Woodpeckers or Picidæ form one of the most interesting groups in our avifauna. The most common in most localities is the Flicker, which is a very prolific layer. I once found a nest containing thirteen eggs?

The White-billed Nuthatch is the principal representative of his family, the Sittidæ, here, and the only one that breeds. I have found fewer nests, here, than in the more northern portion of the state. The eggs are commonly eight or nine and personally, have never been found to exceed the latter. Seven is the smallest incubated set found. They closely resemble those of the Chickadee and are among the smallest we have. They are exceedingly fragile, as any collector who has spent an hour or so, digging out a nest, only to find that a large chip has fallen on the eggs, can fully realize.

WILL N. COLTON.

Biddeford, Me.,

N. B. Nine sets of the latter show an average measurement of .76 x .56. C.

## TYPE-SETTING MACHINE.

### The Ingenious Invention of a Well-Known American Stenographer.

James E. Munson, a stenographer, gave an exhibition not long ago of an automatic type-setting machine. Mr. Munson's apparatus is a complete novelty, inasmuch as it runs the type into the galleys fully justified and corrected, some thing never before accomplished by a type-setting machine. The primary principles of Mr. Munson's invention are speed and the possibility of justifying and correcting the type before it goes into the galleys. In order to accomplish the justifying and correcting Mr. Munson has perfected a key-board, which, made like that of an ordinary type-writer, perforates a strip of paper of about the width used in the Wheatstone telegraph system. The perforations consists of various combinations of letters based upon an alphabetical principle invented by Mr. Munson. Although only 175 combinations are needed, 1,013 can be made upon the key-board if necessary. When the paper leaves the perforating machine the letters are so far apart that a strip 13½ inches long represents one line in a column of printed matter. The operator of the machine goes over this strip with a fine rule and sees that the divisions of words and spaces come to the end of the line correctly. If they do not he has a perforating hand tool with which he "spaces out" the characters so that they justify on the paper strip.

When he has finished justifying the strip it is run through another machine at a high rate of speed and the perforated characters are brought so close together that four inches of paper represent one line in a printed column. This strip is then put into the type-setting machine proper. This is an electric motor, with a sharp-pointed armature connected with magnets representing the characters on the paper. As the armature passes through the perforations in the paper connection is made with rods over the magnets, which in their consequent action drop

a type into a groove upon a rapidly revolving platform, by which it is carried instantly to pick-ups, which in turn put it upon a supporting rail. It is then carried automatically to the galley and dumped fully justified and corrected. In the exhibition Mr. Munson used the Thorne type-setter and distributor in connection with his automatic apparatus, which can be applied, he says, to any type-setting machine now in use. It is capable of setting from 8,000 to 13,000 ems per hour. The machine is not yet perfect, but Mr. Munson believes it soon will be in practical operation.

An important feature in connection with the invention is that verbatim reports can be made upon any number of perforated slips at a time, and a slip supplied to each newspaper having one of the machines. Furthermore, the slips can be run through an automatic telegraph machine in Washington and fac-similes forwarded to any point in the country directly to the newspapers, thus saving delay in handling matter by the ordinary Morse telegraph and in composition. Mr. Munson hopes to be able to use compressed air as a motive power and to have the machine on the market within a short time. — *N. Y. Times*.

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McLean's Stamp Collectors' Guide has been received. Although, appearing rather late, but nevertheless it does Mr. McLean great credit, and it is well worthy of success. It contains 33 pages of very interesting articles by well known writers, 30 pages to Collectors directory, 31 pages to advertisements, 2 pages to frauds, 2½ pages to Philatelic periodicals, and 1½ pages to Philatelic societies, making in all 100 pages. No stamp collector should be without this book, and it is worth the price asked for it.



FOR COLLECTORS' EXCHANGE.

## NOTES.

BY A CANUCK.

The Halifax boys seem to run the C. P. A. entirely. The Pres. and Vice. Pres. for Nova Scotia, Sec. Treas. official Ed. member of executive comm. all reside in Halifax, with one exception, and then probably more in the city than out a few miles at his residence. It is now time to draw the line.

Economy is no name for it. When some antiquarian of the future reports that a citizen of Belfast wrote on a postal card the whole of one of the annual messages of President Cleaveland, the inference will be that Pres. Cleave- was a man of few words, but the inference will be wrong. The message contained 15000 words, yet Mr. Rila Kittredge got it all on the card with a steel pen and ink, each letter as seen through a microscope, being well formed. Moreover, a border three-eighths of an inch wide is placed around the card, represeting a string of beads, 52 in number, and most of them containing the Lord's prayer, 4000 words are put into this border.

Mr. Kittredge is 77 years old, and says he could get 18000 words on a post card. It took him 45 days to write this one.

The intelligence of birds are marvellous. A couple of orioles have built a nest in a tree and in order that no animal able to climb a tree might reach their nest, they built their habitation at the extreme end of a light branch, and when the work was half done they saw that the little house was bending the branch so far towards the earth that when the house was full of young ones it would be so near the ground that dogs and cats might reach it.

Here is where the reasoning power shows itself. The birds sat on the branch studying their house for a time. And then off in seach of a string. They found some twine near by and with it they united the two boughs to a sturdy branch overhead, resuming their nest-building after the string had been firmly woven. The branch can sag only to the limits of this cleverly contrived stay, and will not bend far enough towards the earth to expose their young to danger from cats or other predatory animals. There are brains in that engineering operation.

—One of the queerest hauls was made by a Cincinnati thief, and comprised a canalboat with its contents, mules, harness, towline, etc. Finding the ownership of his property slightly troublesome, however, the thief sold the boat for \$65, traded the mules for a horse and \$20 "boot" and then skipped out.

## SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

—A new utilization of a waste product is the manufacture of paper from the cedar chips of pencil-makers. The paper is said to keep moths from carpets, wool, furs, etc.

—The range of 20,000 yards attained by elevating one of the newest breech-loaders to forty-five degrees, has led to the calculation that the 111-ton gun fired at that elevation would carry twenty miles.

—The discovery of a new gas has been reported by two English chemists. It is a sulphofluoride of phosphorus, best prepared by heating pentasulphide of phosphorus with lead fluoride in a leaden tube, and has been named thiophosphoryl fluoride. It inflames spontaneously on contact with air.

—In some recent experiments a red-hot wire was made to serve as a telephone transmitter. A fine platinum wire several inches long was placed in a circuit with a charged accumulator and induction coil and a receiving telephone, and, when the current had heated the wire, words spoken to the latter were audible in the telephone.

—"The idea that all microbes are injurious to health," says the *Sanitary News*, "is a very common one, even among those who pose for well-informed persons. The fact is that they are now believed to play a not unimportant part in the process of digestion and the transformation of food into assimilable form."

—"No, madam," he said, "I am not an ordinary peddler. You have only to hear the name of the article I am introducing to feel that you have lived too long without knowing me. You have, I observe, five children, and you do not wear tailor-made gowns. Your next door neighbor is the pastor of the parish. The article I refer to may be applied to any sewing machine and it is called the 'Sunday Muffler.' My rates—" "Come in!" said the lady, cordially. —*Puck*.

—Happiness is a roadside flower growing on the highway of usefulness and prosperity.



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—A writer in the *Popular Science Monthly*, who has been investigating the causes of the rapid growth of the opium habit in the United States, says that physicians are chiefly responsible for it. He states that he has examined thousands upon thousands of prescriptions on file at apothecaries' stores, and has found that opium in some form is prescribed for nearly every ill that flesh is heir to. He says that for all nervous diseases opium effects immediate relief, "and the doctors, knowing this, and wishing to stand well with their patients, prescribe it more and more. The result is to convert their patients into opium slaves. The doctors are to blame for so large a consumption of opium, and they are the men who need reforming."

—Swedish turnips, parsnips and carrots are all excellent for fattening hogs. They will be relished better cooked than raw.

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