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Number 1.

To Collectors and Dealers.

With the first copy of this paper we solicit a share of your patronage, and although it is only a four page, we intend in time to place it among the leading Philatelists in the country. Hoping you will be interested in its contents, we remain

Yours Respectfully,

STAMP ADVERTISER CO.

ORIGIN OF CHEAP POSTAGE.

The story of how cheap postage originated has often been told. Fifty one years ago, shortly before Queen Victoria came to the English throne, a traveller in the north of England stopped to rest at a country tavern. While sitting on the bench before the door the village letter carrier came up with a letter for the landlady.

She took it, looked at it attentively a few moments, asked the postage, which was two shillings, and then handed it back to the carrier remarking that she could not afford to pay all that postage. The gentleman, on hearing her say this, insisted on paying for the letter, which she was very unwilling he should do, and when the letter carrier had departed she owned to him that there was nothing inside the letter. She and her brother lived far apart; both were too poor to pay heavy postage, and they had arranged a plan by which, by certain marks on the addresses of their letters, each could in six months, ascertain that the other was in good health and doing well.

The traveller was a member of Parliament, Mr. Roland Hill, who a few weeks later introduced his plan for cheap postage into the House of Commons.

When the measure was adopted the English government offered a prize for the best design for an envelope to carry it into effect. The prize was won by Mr. Mulready, a leading artist. This prize composition, though artistic, proved so unsuited to its purpose that the English Post-office was glad quietly to drop it, and to substitute an invention of one of their Post-office clerks—the present postage stamp, which has since been adapted by all nations.

The first postage stamps in England were generally called Queen's Heads. The likeness of the young queen was excellent, and that likeness has been retained in Queen Victoria's coins and stamps in England, though some postage stamps in the colonies represent her as a widow and middle-aged.

The French postage stamps were issued in 1849, during the brief days of the Republic which preceded the second Empire. Turkey was the last nation to adapt postage stamps and cheap postage. She did so in 1863.

The Two Largest Collections in the World.

The finest in the world belongs to a Spanish nobleman, son of the Duchess de Galliera. He began by buying out collections of two large collectors, and engaging them in his service as purchasing agents and custodians of his treasures. M. de Galliera is said to have spent more than \$300,000 in postage stamps.

His collection has a library to itself in his Parisian residence in the Rue de Varennes. The stamps are contained in from two or three hundred volumes, but no stranger is permitted to see them as M. de Galliera having announced that he will not open his collection to the public until he considers it complete, which he hopes it will be in 1891.

The next largest collection belongs to Mr. Arthur Rothschild, which is valued at nearly \$300,000. It is contained in about one hundred beautifully bound volumes in his library, and is at all times open to the inspection of his friends. He has paid great attention to minute variations in postage, and has in some cases a dozen specimens of the same stamp.

ATTENTION! DEALERS!

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Philately! What is it?

Many years ago, beyond the longest recollection of the oldest of the young people, a school-teacher in Paris (so one story goes,) advised her pupils to get different specimens of postage stamps, in order the better to study their geography. There was a general searching among old letters to secure these little bits of bright-colored papers.

Parents and friends were asked to save the stamps from their letters; strangers at the Post-office were pounced upon the moment they received their letters, for the stamps; and from this little beginning, sprang stamp collecting, or Philately.

At first it was limited to boys and girls; but the older people, seeing this interest excited over these little pictures, and led on by their endeavors to please their young acquaintances, began themselves taking an interest in the things.

From a pleasure it gradually became a study, and a most fascinating one; and soon there were no more enthusiastic collectors than the people advanced in years wealth, position, social, literary and scientific attainments. And to-day, many great people turn with pleasure from the cares of their life to the pages of their stamp albums, to look over the numerous evidences of the growth of the postal system, or to help some young friend in the filling up of a modest little blank-book.

In spite of the ridicule which has been heaped upon the collector of stamps, the interest in stamp collecting is as great to-day as it was a dozen years ago, and from Prince Edward Island to Australia, will be found stamp merchants, stamp papers and stamp agencies, to supply the continually increasing demands of young and old collectors.

→ STAMP NOTES. ←

Wm. P. Brown says he is called a dealer in counterfeit stamps because he sells reprints. What is the difference?

We should not think it would take more than twice to make a collector in Lisbon Falls, Me.,

understand that approval sheets were due the time stated.

Young collectors should not think that because stamps are cancelled, and have paper on the backs, that they are genuine. That young western collector must not think so again.

The monks of the Chartreuse at Ghent, have a room prepared beautifully with postage stamps. There are Chinese landscapes, Spanish chateaux, Swiss chalets, dogs, flowers, arabesques and inscriptions.

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When Don Carlos II. was ravaging the northern provinces of Spain, he used postage stamps for Biscay, Navarre and Catalonia, and forbade any inhabitants of those provinces, under pain of death, to put any other stamps on a letter. As Alphonso XII. at once issued a counter-order making it death to use the stamps Don Carlos issued, the inhabitants had no resource but to give up writing letters.

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NO. 2.

Hints to Young Collectors.

THE first thing a stamp collector should provide himself with is a stamp catalogue. This is as necessary to a collector as a foundation is to a house. There are four catalogues published, any one of which will give the information necessary to intelligently start a collection.

If a boy's means are limited, and he cannot afford an album, a serviceable one can be made by taking two stiff covers of an old book and inserting blank sheets, putting guards between the leaves, as in a scrap book, to prevent the pages from "bulging" when filled. At the head of the page put the name of the country; and then the dates of the different issues, with the values, should follow in lines under, leaving space enough to insert the stamps, which when obtained, should be placed over the value, the issues to which the stamps belong being readily ascertained by reference to the catalogue. If an album can be purchased, by all means get one, as stamps will show to better advantage when mounted in the spaces prepared for them than on blank pages. The International Album is considered the best, and is used by the majority, although there are many others on slightly different plans.

Owing to the large number of stamps that have been issued, there now being about nine thousand distinct varieties, many collectors prefer a special collection. Instead of trying to obtain a specimen

of every stamp issued, they take a certain part of the globe, such as Europe, Asia, or America, or a single country, such as Turkey, India, or the United States, and confine themselves to it. This is probably the better way, since to obtain a specimen of every stamp requires much time and a large amount of money; and even then few collectors ever obtain their desire, as of some stamps but a few are in existence, and to obtain them the collector must wait until a large collection is sold, and then pay high prices. In the special collections you have all the pleasure of the pursuit, with more chances of completing your collection.

An excellent way of buying single stamps is from approval sheets, which are sent out by nearly all dealers. These give the buyer an opportunity to see the stamps and judge if they are good specimens before buying. Some collectors, through the medium of exchange columns, find correspondents in foreign countries for the exchange of stamps, and in this way obtain many specimens which are difficult to get here.

One of the greatest evils in stamp collecting is the large number of counterfeit stamps manufactured and sold. How to keep their albums clear of these worthless imitations is a question that has troubled all collectors. There is no rule that can be given by which to tell a bogus stamp. It is only those who have handled hundreds of the genuine article that can detect the spurious, and even the most expert will at times spend hours in looking up authorities and comparing specimens before they can pass an opinion upon a stamp. Stamps, like any other commodity, have a commercial value, and while competition may induce one dealer to undersell another, he cannot sell a stamp catalogued at one dollar for five or ten cents.

Postage Stamps as a Pastime.

The practice of collecting postage-stamps is now everywhere acknowledged to be one of the most useful and interesting of all pastimes. True, many raise the objection that it is too expensive. But what pastime is there that is not attended with some outlay, and judging by the comparison, stamp collecting ranks with the cheapest. Many a successful business man of to-day dates his first business venture back to the time when he bought thirty stamps for a nickel and sold them for a cent apiece, realizing a small fortune of profit in the transaction. A man living in Denmark, acquired a love of Philately when a small boy, saving every cent to add to his collection. Born of lowly parents and having to work very hard, his education was limited, but by his constant devotion to his favorite amusement he became familiar with various countries and their rulers, and having naturally an investigating turn of mind he became interested in reading about those countries represented on his stamps. On arriving at maturity he had acquired a good general knowledge of history as well as geography. With this knowledge also came the desire to travel and perhaps gratify the craving to become a wealthy man.

But how to attain this object with his small income was a question. Finally he decided to visit Copenhagen and arrange for the sale of his collection which numbered between five and six thousand. He was so successful that he realized a sufficient sum to enable him to visit the United States and Canada. Now he is a prosperous tradesman on the fair way to a fortune, happily realizing all his boyish dreams of success.

Another case came under my observation: a young man came from England to reside in Canada, bringing with him a very fine collection of stamps. He secured work in one of our large cities and for a time all went well, but depression in trade, followed by the failing of his employers threw him out of a situation at the beginning of a dull season. Having no friends and little money with no way of replenishing it, till he bethought himself of his collection, which to his satisfaction he sold for a sufficient sum to tide him over his difficulties. Such are some of the advantages from money being safely invested.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Dealer to Young Collector— "Did you say Hanburg Locals? O, Chestnuts!"

We do not like to make use of the old maxim, "Better late than never," but will have to this time because of several unavoidable draw-backs.

In the next copy of the PHILATELIC BEACON we hope to see the contribution list increased. It is a good work and all should take hold to help it along. You will find us there every time.

We take special interest in exchanges and will willingly exchange two or more copies if others will do the same. We have received a few papers this month and hope for more in the future.

A great many of our subscribers want to know the reason why we don't catch the latest "eraze" and take a page and a half for issuing copies of letters—Hill's backers vs Chalmers. By looking at our last number anyone can readily see where we stand.

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COUNTERFEITS.

Now this is not an imaginary case. There are thousands of collectors, each one of whom has been swindled more or less by this vile trade in counterfeit stamps. It is impossible to estimate the injury resulting to Philately. If it were the dimes and quarters thrown away which alone were to be considered, the loss might be repaid. But it is the disgust, the doubt, following the disclosure, that cause thousands of young collectors, who were enthusiastic in their new hobby, to throw away their collections, and betake themselves to other pastimes.

But it is not always upon the beginner that the counterfeiter or the dealer in fraudulent stamps tries his hand. The trash that he sold to the beginner was in truth trash, and trash of the worst sort. When he could not succeed in getting copies of the wood-cuts that

adorned the pages of many of the stamp journals, he had wood-cuts made, most miserable in execution, which could never have deceived the collector who at any time had caught sight of the genuine stamp. The counterfeiter often tried his hand at imitating the rare stamps, and in this, even among collectors who claimed to a certain knowledge of what is good and what is bad in stamps, he met with some success. In these cases, to give plausibility to his specimens, he charged a very high price for them. These counterfeits are of the finest execution.

In many countries, when the supply of low values runs out, the higher values are utilized by printing on the face of the stamps the expression of the value needed. And in other countries, notably many of the Portuguese colonies, the stamps of the home country are made to do service by having printed on them the name of the colony in which those stamps are to be used. The counterfeiter has stepped in here, obtained the genuine stamps before alteration, and then printed upon them a forged inscription either of place or value. They are very dangerous, of course, but not half so dangerous as a late trick which has been exposed. Many stamps are printed on water-marked paper. Water-marked paper has, so far, escaped the counterfeiter's arts. But it seems that some sheets of the water-marked paper on which were printed the stamps of Tuscany were obtained in some way or other from the post-office, and on these the counterfeiter printed forgeries of the rare Tuscan stamps. However suspicious the stamp itself seemed, it was printed on water-marked paper, and as this had not yet been proved to be counterfeited, the stamps would readily pass. Exposure came, but not until the forger had made many dupes, and had pocketed his ill-gotten gain.

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Eleventh regular meeting held March 6, at W. M. Stuart's residence. Meeting called to order at 8.10 by Pres. Murphy. The roll was called and the following members responded. Messrs. Murphy, Carpenter, W. M. Stuart, Ketchum, Higgins, Swan, Hardy, G. C. Stuart, Seddon, and Wade. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. The number of members was limited to thirty for the present. O. A. Carpenter was elected on the Executive Committee. A board of reference will soon be established. Adjourned at 8.45. The Auction sale took place after the meeting, O. A. Carpenter acting as Auctioneer. Many fine U. S. stamps went at very low prices. M. W. Swan was very active in this sale, purchasing some very fine stamps.

☞ C. W. Pearl, who was of late President of the Lawrence Philatelic Society, tendered his resignation in February. He was forced to do so on account of his conduct towards certain members and well known men. He is a person to be avoided in all respects and is now shaking with fear in his boots.

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Number 3.

STAMP COLLECTING.

Many people think that stamp collecting is simply a pastime and is confined only to boys in schools and colleges, but it is not so. In all large cities, there is one or more Philatelic Societies and it is composed not only of boys but men, who spend a part of their time with their collections.

Quite often we hear of collections being sold for \$25,000 or even \$50,000, but these collections are not composed of dirty, torn and old post marked stamps, but stamps which are unused or very little cancelled.

When the young collector begins collecting stamps very likely he will buy packets and in this way he will soon get many duplicates, but in nearly every Philatelic paper there is an exchange department and the collector can by corresponding with other collectors, exchange a part of his stock.

The collector should be careful how ever to whom he sends his stamps and not send all his best ones the first time, but wait until he finds out what sort of a person he is corresponding with for there are always some frauds in every business.

The best way to prepare stamps for exchange is to mount them on approval sheets the same as those sent out by dealers and have them priced by some standard catalogue. It is a good idea for the collector with whom you exchange to use the same catalogue as yourself, for then a stamp on your sheet marked at three cents will be the same as one on his sheet at the same price.

It is very important how stamps are put into an album. Many fine collections are spoiled because the stamps were glued on to the pages. The best way I think for putting stamps into an album is by using the adhesive paper which can be purchased of any dealer. The paper should be cut up in pieces about three-fourths of an inch

wide, one end is fastened to the album, while the other one is fastened to the stamp and folded in the centre so that the stamp will lay flat upon the pages of the album. This way it leaves the stamp so that it may be examined or removed from the book.

Foreign Revenue Stamps.

BY FIG.

Collectors are beginning to take hold of the collecting of foreign revenue more of late than has ever been noticed here to-fore. Thus a wide field and a collector must take every thing into consideration before venturing out in such a list of varieties as come under this head. If a collector decides to make a collection of foreign revenue, it is always prudent to think well which would be the better way to divide them up or as to make the most complete collection for it would be folly to think of collecting every thing counted under this head of foreign revenues. It is almost unnecessary to state that there are more varieties than one could enumerate in a year and they are coming in fast all the time besides.

The best and perhaps the only way is to take a special line of these stamps as a subject and discard all other species, as for instance, collecting only the government issue of bill stamps, as this is the most popular method, though a collector of duty stamps issued by companies is an interesting lot. Some foreign countries issue an unnecessary amount of revenue as for instance, Mexico, which has several hundred, issuing a new set every six months or at least a year, and they keep the advanced collector busy arranging and classifying them. I trust my efforts will enable a collector of foreign revenues to get the necessary material which will have saved him some expenses to obtain.

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177 Jackson St., Lawrence, Mass.

The meeting that was held Wednesday March 20, 1889, was so poorly attended, that no business was done. Those that were there may thank Vice President Higgins for the refreshments he served to them. A very pleasant evening was spent and fine stamps were bought, sold and exchanged. The next meeting will be held in the hall occupied by the "Red Men," where refreshments will be served after the business meeting. Messrs. Ketchum, Higgins and Nade, were appointed a committee on refreshments.

W. M. Stuart,
Sec'y.

The thirteenth regular meeting was held Saturday evening, March 30th. 1889, at Red Men's Hall. The meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. F. E. Higgins, in absence of Pres. Murphy. The roll was called at which the following members responded: Messrs. W. M. Stuart, F. E. Higgins, E. S. Ketchum, G. B. King, J. E. White, E. J. Wade, E. W. Sanborn, C. B. Higgins, D. S. Hardy and M. W. Swan. Geo. L. Bosworth of Malden, Mass. as visitor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. F. W. Sanborn, T. L. Sullivan, and G. K. Milton were elected members on payment of dues. The Quorum was changed from 10 to 5. Messrs. W. M. Stuart, E. S. Ketchum, and G. C. Stuart, were appointed a committee to collect M. V. Sullivan's dues. Mr Geo. B. King was elected Librarian. The resignation of THE EASTERN PHILATELIST as

Official Organ, was read and accepted; THE STAMP ADVERTISER, was elected in its place. Messrs. F. E. Higgins, and W. M. Stuart, were appointed a committee on applications. The meeting adjourned at 8.15, after which a supper was served. For two hours the members enjoyed themselves in eating and joking. The evening will long be remembered by many instances where the members played the child's game on the Secretary with salt.

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The readers of this paper need not be afraid of answering advertisements found in another column, as they are all reliable firms.

With this number this paper changes hands, and we hope in the near future to place it to the head of the four page philatelists.

We think some one ought to follow the example of Gen. Boulanger of France, in this country. He is in favor of a law to suppress dealers in counterfeits in France.

The Philatelic Gazette for March, is at hand. In spite of all that is said of it, it seems to live and prosper. We hope it good success in the future, and trust it will live to a good old age.

The Philatelle Beacon for March contains a very interesting article called, "In behalf of Hill." Any who are not settled as to

who first invented the postage stamp, had better read it carefully.

In the last number of this paper, we understood that there was a misunderstanding regarding Mr. W. M. Stuart, ex-president of the Lawrence Philatelic Society. He is innocent of any great charge, and we wish here to inform the philatelic world of the same.

A few years ago, a counterfeit set of triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps, eight varieties, was offered for sale to collectors at ten cents per set. It would be very difficult to get the genuine set complete for \$200. The genuine stamps are printed on rather thin grayish paper and watermarked with an anchor; but the counterfeits are on thick white paper unwatermarked.

Varieties of Paper in Revenue Stamps.

Collectors of late are turning their attention to the revenues more then ever before. We know of no reason why they should not as there is a great variety and the collector has a large field and can in a very short time have a credible collection. Of the United States issues there are four varieties of paper which should always be taken into consideration or a collection is not complete.

The varieties are water marked, old silk and pink. The pink is the common kind and is very easy to find. The other three are sometimes classed as one, as a great many collectors cannot tell the difference. The silk is easily perceived, as it has silk threads running all through it, but the water marked and old, are very much alike. Many of the stamps are so small that the water mark cannot be seen, but in a long stamp it can readily be detected. The old paper is always darker and rougher, and has no water marks whatever. With this small enlightenment, the collector ought to classify the varieties properly.

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The Stamps of San Marino.

SAN Marino is a small republic of only 33 square miles, situated on the east side of the peninsula of Italy, and bordering the Adriatic Sea about 100 miles from the city of Florence. It has a population of about 8,000.

The first stamps were issued in 1877. The 2 cent is of a dark green color, the word 'centesimi', which is partly covered by the numeral, being enclosed in an oblong oval and surrounded by a ribbon, on which is inscribed the words, 'Repub. di S. Marino, Bello Postale,' and underneath, on a narrow label is the word 'Libertas', with the value in words at the sides. The other values are the 10 ct., ultramarine, 20 ct., vermilion, 30 ct., brown, and the 40 ct., bright violet. They differ from the 2ct., for instead of the word 'centesimi' in the oval there are the arms in a shield, and they have 'Rep. di S. Marino' instead of 'Repub. di S. Marino', with a crown above the shield in the label.

A Few Philatelic Observations.

By GUY W. GREEN.

A design in scrap pictures for "hidden name" cards consists of a hand holding a miniature letter, bearing a stamp of corresponding size, some appropriate message being printed on the envelope.

It is somewhat amusing to read the congratulatory remarks and encouraging words of our philatelic papers on 'The Charleston Philatelist' when Mr. Luhn wrote me some time ago that his publication had suspended, and consequently our well-meaning brethren of the press have been wasting their words "on the desert air."

"Rilla Kittredge of Belfast, Me., has written one of ex-president Cleveland's messages, containing 15,000 words, on a postal card." So says a recent newspaper. It will be seen from the above that the newspaper liar still retains his exaggerative faculties unimpaired. We should advise the author of this bit of news to desist from his labors for a short time, and rest on the laurels which are doubtless his at present.

Oregon has a woman mail carrier, a little brunette 20 years of age. She carries the mail both night and day a distance of 20 miles, from the head of navigation on Ludlow river, over the adjacent mountains. Although she has never met with any serious mishap, yet she once encountered three good sized bears, which frightened her horse so that he threw her and started for home. The horse was however recaptured and persuaded to pass the bears which were afterward killed. So far this year she has met two, but she rides armed and has admirable courage. The mail from Atwood to Selden, Kansas, a distance of 40 miles is also carried by a lady, Miss Kate Riemer.

Granite State Philatelic Society Of PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

Second meeting, May 21, 1889.

Meeting called to order at 8.30 P. M. with President Gray in the chair.

Roll Call.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

New business was transacted as follows:—Wm. Tarleton's name brought forward for active membership by Mr. Pender: seconded and carried. Moved that two essays be prepared for reading at next meeting on June 4: seconded and carried. Moved by Mr. Green that Mr. Pender write one of these essays, and that Mr. Anthony write the other: seconded and carried. Moved that hereafter the auction sale of philatelic papers be a feature of each meeting: seconded and carried. Moved that all affairs of minor importance be vested in the Secretary: seconded and carried. Moved, seconded, and carried that this meeting be adjourned. Rest of evening auction sale.

C. W. GREEN, Sec'y.

Lawrence Philatelic Society

President, WILLIAM C. MURPHY; Vice President, FRANCIS E. HIGGINS; Treasurer, E. S. KETCHUM; Secretary, WILLIAM M. STUART, 177 Jackson St., Lawrence, Mass.

Fourteenth regular meeting held April 17, 1889, at F. E. Higgins' residence. The meeting was called to order at 7.55 by Vice Pres. F. E. Higgins. The roll was called and the following members responded. F. E. Higgins, W. M. Stuart, G. C. Stuart, C. B. Higgins, and C. W. Sanborn.

The small attendance can be accounted for, as the night was very stormy.

E. W. Sanborn and T. L. Sullivan were elected members, having paid their dues. The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. No further business was done, and the meeting adjourned at 8.10.

The Fifteenth regular meeting held Wednesday evening, April 24, 1889, at E. W. Sanborn's residence.

The meeting was called to order at 8.15 by Vice Pres. F. E. Higgins.

The following members were present. F. E. Higgins, E. S. Ketchum, W. M. Stuart, G. C. Stuart, C. B. Higgins, E. J. Wade, E. W. Sanborn, and G. K. Wilton.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. G. K. Wilton was elected, having paid his dues.

The business regarding application was held till next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8.25, till May 1.

W. M. STUART, Sec'y.

List of Members.

(All these members are reliable.)

Number.

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Who kills all the dead letters? Miss Direction.

Where is the Figaro? We think we can hear some small boy saying, "It's in the soup."

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Please notice our change of address. There was considerable trouble last month on account of the mail being addressed to Box 247 instead of 102.

The Eastern Press is one of our best exchanges. It has eight pages of good reading, mostly stamp matter. Why not have it wholly devoted to philately Bro. Speck? It hails from Wilmington Del.

Miseries of the trade.—Druggist. (awakened at 2 A. M.) "What do you want?" Voice. (at the door) "If you will let me look in your directory to see how to address this letter, I'll buy a postage stamp of you." [Golden Days.

Among the many bargains offered in our advertising columns the advertisement of the Squantum Stamp Co. stands prominent. Don't fail to give them a trial, as you are sure to get your money's worth.

The Lawrence Stamp Co. reports Chas. D. McGill of Yarmouth, N. S., as dishonest. On Jan. 29, 1889, stamps to the amount of \$1.11 were sent to him and he has made no return. His reference was bogus. W. H. Bruce of Hartford, Conn., reports the same person.

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They appealed to their wooden gods "Budha, Confucius, and Company," but these saints would not listen to their prayer. The native Chinese private office had been only a dream, and John Chinaman, Sam Lee, Sing-Sang, O Hi, Thing-Po, O Moo, Na-guan, Yian-Kea, Ma-Saa, and other celestial formerly private post officials, went back to their trade as tailor, fisherman, butcher, and perhaps robber. I have to mention that all the postal labels formerly used in China were only known in inland Chinese territory. Only one Chinese local post office survived, and this is, the present Chinese custom house who, "backed by foreign money" is now issuing the private postage stamps, of China. The Chinese custom house authorities have issued the following stamps of China:

1878	Value 1	Candareen,	green
	" 3	"	red
	" 5	"	yellow
1885	Value 1	Candareen,	green
	" 3	"	violet
	" 5	"	yellow

All the stamps are lithographed, and perforated. On top "China," on the bottom is the value, and, on both sides of the stamp is a Chinese inscription.

In the center of each stamp is a dragon which is the arms of China.

✻ EDITORIAL ✻

We wish to call the attention of our Exchangers and Correspondents to the fact that we have changed our address and hereafter all communications should be sent to **ROCK BOTTOM, MASS.**

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The **Lawrence Philatelic Society** will not hold another meeting until Sept.

The **NEBR. PHIL. PUB. Co.**, will publish **THE PHILATELIC GEM** a hand book for collectors. [see adv.]

The **Philatelic Beacon** for July has shed its covers while we have to put some on.

In our short existence of five papers, the proprietorship has been changed four times, but with this change we hope we can continue.

Mr. Ph. Heinsberger will contribute regularly to this paper. Read the bargains in his advertisement.

Picked up Philatelic Pointers.

By **GUY W. GREEN.**

It is generally supposed that Postmaster General **Wanamaker** is an assiduous reader. We know not if this is true, but we can safely affirm that he is a man of letters.

All young men should write their love letters on a type writer, in order that they may ascertain beforehand how they will appear in print during a suit for breach of promise.

Puck submits a new design for the U. S. 2c. postage stamp. It resembles the old one in every respect except that the portrait of **Washington** is replaced by the inscription "Why not go to **Wanamaker's** trade emporium?"

Post master— (to author at window) You will have to pay letter postage on this manuscript; it is first class matter. Author— (sadly) Couldn't you get a position some where as editor-in-chief of a magazine? [Harper's Weekly.]

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Black List.

Approval sheets were sent to the following parties at their own request, but were never returned.

March 2, Stamps to the value of \$1.05

H. J. Collard,

Care Sunday Call, Newark, N. J.

March 7, Stamps to the value of \$1.14

G. W. Kisfer,

704 Edwin st. Williamsport, PA.

March 25, Stamps valued at \$1.42

Harry Holtin,

Burlington College, Burlington, N. J.

If settlement is made the above parties names will be removed from this list.

H. G. PARKS, Rock Bottom, Mass.

NOTES.

By F. S. GOLDSBURY.

A new recruit is announced to appear shortly from Lawrence Mass. with Geo. & Wm. Stuart as managers "The Essex County Philatelist," is to be its name.

The Golden Hours Philatelic Association of Pottsville, Pa. has crossed to the other side to join its brethren that have crossed before, "The boys" have formed a Literary Society in its place, Mr. J. E. Harpel is Pres. and W. Robinson Sec'y.

Mr. Thos. A. Leavitt, of Boston, Mass., has gone in as equal partner with The Squantum Stamp Co., of East Boston. They deal exclusively in Mexico, South and Central American stamps only. It is a reliable firm.

The Portsmouth Philatelic Society was organized May 7th 1889. The following officers were elected: President, F. H. Grey; Vice Pres. G. D. Anthony Sec'y. & Librarian, C. W. Green; Treas. G. H. Young; Auctioneer, J. L. Pender Success to you brother Philatelist.

Mr. J. D. Bartlett of South Amboy N. J. is a go ahead young man as you will see by this; One year ago he commenced collecting stamps and now he has 1,600 varieties, some very valuable one including a 1 cent red horse-man carrier of 1851 issue, it is catalogued by Scott at \$10.00. He also has complete files of nearly every Philatelic papers published during 1888, & 9.

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Granite State Philatelic Society. PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

Third Regular Meeting, June 4

Meeting called to order at the rooms of the society at 8.30 P. M. June 4 by the President. Roll call by the Sec'y resulting in answers from ten members.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Reports of Sec'y, Treasurer, and Librarian submitted and approved. Unfinished business of last meeting brought up and disposed of.

New business as follows was transacted:—FRED BUFFORD's name presented for active membership by G. D. Anthony. Voted that Mr. Bufford become an active member upon payment of dues.

CALVIN BUTLER's name presented for active membership by J. L. Pender. Voted that Mr. Butler also become an active member upon payment of dues.

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Moved that Messrs. Young and Gray prepare articles for next meeting: carried.

Moved that Mr. Pender's essay be published: carried.

Moved, seconded and carried this meeting adjourn.

C. W. GREEN, Sec'y.

Fourth Regular Meeting, June 20

Meeting promptly called to order at 8 P. M. by the President.

Roll call:— eleven members present.

Minutes of last meeting read by the Sec'y and approved.

Reports of different officers were read. New business as follows was transacted:

Moved that the regular bi-weekly meetings be omitted during the months of July and August on account of the absence of many members: carried.

Moved that a banquet be held on the tenth day of Sept., 1889, by the members of the Association at some suitable place: carried.

Mr. Grey's essay was then read subject: "Postal issues of the Confederate States of America."

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Moved that Messrs. Green and Pender write essays for next meeting: carried.

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Meeting called to order at the rooms of the society at 8.30 P. M. June 4 by the President. Roll call by the Sec'y resulting in answers from ten members.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Reports of Sec'y, Treasurer and Librarian submitted and approved. Unfinished business of last meeting brought up and disposed of.

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E. Y. Parker,	- . . .	<i>Vice President,</i>
D. A. King,	- . . .	<i>Secretary,</i>
C. E. Cameron,	- . . .	<i>Treasurer.</i>

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Philatelic Corner.

By F. S. Goldsbury.

Where is the philatelic paper announced to appear July 1st, from Prairie Depot, Ohio?

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The *Collector's Ledger* is no more. Its subscription list will be filled by the *N. Y. Philatelist*. The cause of its death was the severe illness of its editor Mr. Gustav Aue.

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The *Farrago*, of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., "doubled" up its March, April, May and June numbers and issued quite a good paper. Freeman lays it on thick and heavy to the P. S. of A. "Let her go (Beardsley) Gallagher. Don't be a clam."

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Mr. J. D. Bartlett, of *Curiosity Collector* fame, was in N. Y. City a few days ago and called on Mr. J. W. Scott. He reports that the stamp "biz" is booming in the Great Empire City.

The *Fitchburg Philatelist* for July is a "Jim Dandy." Bro. Whitcomb has changed printers, much to the satisfaction of his readers. Mr. W. W. Jewett, Room 10, 502 Congress Street, Portland, Me., is now the printer.

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The *Eastern Philatelist* for July was as usual full of instructive reading. Bro. Goodrich is among the "Canucks" ere this, as he was going to attend the Canadian Philatelic Association convention at Halifax, N. S., July 31st.

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Single dies were prepared and proofs in black taken on India paper and submitted for approval. The designs being accepted Mr. Stanford prepared plates. The 1 and 2d. plates contained 120 stamps, 3 and 4d. 80 each, 5 and 6d. each 40, while other three values only 20. The first shipment consisting of 171,000 stamps. reached the colony in time to be issued to the public January 1st, 1857. This lot being exhausted another consignment of 222,380 stamps were shipped September 22nd, 1862, and offered to the public for the first time January 1st, 1863.

Early Postal Times.

In an old number of the *National Philatelist*, it is stated that the first mention of a post office in Boston was under date of 1677, and put under the charge of John Haywood. This statement is correct as to the postmaster at that time, but it seems from the General Court Records of September 5th, 1639, that Richard Fairbanks has the honor of being the first postmaster of that place.

If any letters or packages remained uncalled for forty-eight hours after receipt, the postmaster was allowed to carry them to their respective destinations and charge one penny each extra for delivery. The Governor and Assembly of New York settled £50 per annum upon Thomas Neale as pay for his services as postmaster at that place under Postmaster General, Col. Andrew Hamilton.

Reviews.

The *National Philatelist* has fell through and its subscription list has been handed over to the *Philatelic Beacon*.

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We received a copy of Mekeel's Catalogue of American Stamps. It is a fine work and should be in the hands of every collector who makes a specialty of American stamps.

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C. W. Stutesman, of Bunker Hill, Ind., favored us with a copy of his Hand Book of Coins, Stamps, Relics and Coins.

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The *Curiosity Collector* is a lively paper and is always out on time.

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The July *Eastern Philatelist* contains a good account of the great Amsterdam Stamp Exhibition and a very amusing piece on "The Rise and Fall of the Stamp Crank."

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The *Philatelic Beacon* has retained the former price of 25 cents per year. The August number was out way ahead of time. This is a good fault.

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A Catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps, compiled by F. J. Stanton and J. R. Hooper, is now in press.

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The August number of the *N. Y. Philatelist* received. It is an eight-pager and is full of interesting matter.

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Owing to the ill health of Major E. B. Evans, the *Philatelic Catalogue* did not appear in July number of the *Philatelic Journal of America*.

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The July number of the *Badger State Philatelist* contains more reading matter than usual which makes it much more interesting to its readers.

The *Curio* for July received. It contains a complete list of the philatelic papers published in the U. S.

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A complete list of U. S. envelopes by Major E. B. Evans, appears in the August number of the *Philatelic Journal of America*.

Revenue Chips.

The Theever and Towle locals were issued in 1850 and were in use but a few months.

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There were but sixteen varieties of United States private playing card stamps.

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Allen's Despatch was established by Edward Allen, of Chicago, on August 1st, 1882, and was suppressed by the Government in December of the same year.

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Rock Bottom, Mass.

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An Incident.

By GUY W. GREEN.

In a recent number of the *Curiosity Collector* I noticed an article by Mr. Thos. A. Leavitt, of the Squantum Stamp Co. In relating his experience as a stamp collector, he speaks in no very complimentary terms of one Ben L. Darrow, of Indianapolis, Ind. The perusal of the article brings to mind a little piece of business which I once had with the gentleman, and as the incident may prove of interest to the readers of the *STAMP ADVERTISER*, I will relate it.

During the early part of my stamp collecting career I was a subscriber to a paper called the *American Exchange and Mart*. Through it I had obtained many good bargains, and so when I noticed an advertisement offering 60 varieties of U. S. stamps of obsolete issues for 10 cents, I at once embraced what appeared to me to be a golden opportunity and sent a silver dime to Ben L. Darrow, Esq., Indianapolis, Ind. In a few days I received a postal from Mr. Darrow, on which he stated that he was *out of the U. S. stamps* but sent me a dimes worth of foreign instead. By the same mail I received an envelope containing about a dozen of the commonest continentals. The amount lost by me was too small to quarrel about, but I was greatly impressed by the ingenuity of the scheme by which this rogue had no doubt defrauded scores of collectors, and I would have never recalled the incident had I not read Mr. Leavitt's article.

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The Revenue Stamps of Alsace Lorraine.

By PH HEINSBERGER New York.

Alsace and Lorraine are two adjoining countries, and are situated on the frontier between Germany and France.

Both countries have an area of 5,580 square miles, and a population of 1,600,000 inhabitants. The name Alsace is derived from "Sassen" a german tribe, who settled here. Another version is, that the name comes from the old german word "Gliassen", which means "Land of the Strangers". Lorraine has her name in honor of an Austrian prince Francis of Lorraine, who in early times was a duke of Lorraine, (independent duchy.) Both Alsace as well as Lorraine have been from their existence, of german nationality and the people only the german language. But in the 15th century as Louis XIV, King of France without any warning and amid of peace invaded Baden, Rhenish-Prussia, the Palatinate and Alsac Lorraine, he Louis XIV of France "stole" Alsace Lorraine from Germany. That now united Germany at that time was separated and weak. The frenchmen would make the left side of the german Rhine river, the frontier of France, and for a short while they succeeded.

During two centuries Alsace Lorraine remained under french rule, and on account of this, the present generation

speak german and french, but the german states meantime had united and were powerful. As in the year 1870 France again without any warning and amid of peace invaded german territory, in these memorable days of war, the battle of Sedan decided the franco-german war, September 1870.

Napoleon III Emperor of France, 5 french marshals and 300,000 french soldiers were made "Prisoners of War" by the united german troops. France begged for peace, and victorious Germany dictated: "Alsace Lorraine" must be given back to Germany, their Fatherland!

In our present days Alsace Lorraine is an imperial german province (semi-independent) and has a governor, who is appointed by the german emperor.

Revenue stamps for Alsac Lorraine were issued by Germany in the year 1871, first issue. The values are as follows and the color of all these revenue stamps is lilac.

5c. 10c. 15c. 20c. 25c. 50 centimes
1 franc, 1fr.50c., 2fr., 2fr. 50c., 3fr.,
3fr. 50c., 4fr., 4fr. 50c., 5fr., 5fr. 50.,
6fr., 6fr. 50c., 7fr., 7fr. 50., 8fr.,
8fr. 50c., 9fr., 9fr. 50c. and 10 francs.

The description of these stamps is as follows:— Amid of an oblong square, is, inside a circle, the imperial german eagle (arms) with a crown. On top of the revenue stamp is an empty space (the people write the date of cancellation.) On the bottom is the value.

Around the eagle is the german inscription: "Handels Effecten vom Ausland" and the french word "Warrants". All these revenue stamps are unperforated. The second issue of Alsace Lorraine Revenue stamps appeared in the year 1871, but these were internal revenues. The values are: 20 c. lilac, 50 centimes brown, 1 franc green, 1fr, 50c. red, 2fr. blue, 3fr. carmine.

Amid of these revenue stamps, in a ribbed square, is the german eagle with a crown. On top is the german inscription "Reichs Stempelmarke". Below the revenue stamps is the french inscription "Dimension," and on both sides of this word is the value in numbers.

All these revenue stamps are perforated, and the perforation is 14.

Another issue of Alsace Lorraine revenue stamps appeared in the year 1897, and the values are: 16 Pfennig, lilac, 40pf., brown, 80pf., green, 1 Mark 20pf., brown, 1 Mark 60pf., 2 Mark, rose. Amid of the revenue stamps, inside a ribbed square, is the imperial german eagle with a crown. On top is the german inscription "Elsass Lothringen," in a scroll. In both corners of the bottom is the value in numbers, and between this, is the german word "Pfennig." All these revenue stamps are perforated, and the perforation is 14.

Philatelic Pick-ups.

By GUY W. GREEN.

The stamp is always licked unfairly. The assault is made by some one in the rear.

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Geo. H. Richmond, 5 Beckman St. N. Y. City.

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With the next number THE FITCHBURG PHILATLIST completes its first volume in the field. The November no. will contain an index of the whole volume. Mr. C. H. Whitcomb its editor says, that he is bound to continue his paper and at present it looks in a very prosperous condition.

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The Pony Express.

BY JERRY.

In less than three years after the beginning of the grand rush to California, in 1848 there was one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants in San Francisco alone. This immense population represented nearly the whole world, and of course there was a large amount of mail. This was conveyed by water from New York to San Francisco.

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This fact together with the telegraph line in 1862 caused the discontinuance of the Pony Express one of the most novel and exciting method of carrying the mail the world ever knew.

"In Memoriam" Samuel Sullivan Cox, Congressman for the ninth New York district died on the 10th of Sept. at 8 o'clock P. M. He was 65 years old.

Cox received the name "Sunset Cox" on account of a book he published as congressman about the eclipse of the sun. Cox brought through a bill in congress by which the New York city letter carriers gained the privilege, eight hours one day's work and a yearly short vacation. On July 1, 1888 as this postal law went into effect "Sunset Cox" took off the review of the parade of the New York postmen and presented them a U. S. flag. The memory of Samuel Sullivan Cox will remain in the hearts of the New York postmen into eternity!

Rest in Peace! Ph. Heinsberger.

A Stamp Exhibit.

At the Mechanics Fair held in San Francisco, Mr. E. F. Gambs, the well known stamp and coin dealer of 39 Sutter street exhibited a really meritorious display of foreign postage stamps, stamp albums and postal cards. There was over half a million stamps in three cases, which Mr. Gambs imported expressly for the Mechanics Fair. The most interesting was the largest case of the three, in which rare stamps and postal cards were admirably arranged upon bristol card boards, each stamp being attached on a ruled mount, setting them off in an artistic manner.

Among the sets of stamps that were on exhibition were rare Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Persia, Liberia, Buenos Ayres, etc. Mr. Gambs was awarded a special diploma for his fine exhibit, he is the foremost dealer of stamps in San Francisco and always keeps a large and fine assortment in stock. His private collection contains over 7000 varieties representing nearly every stamp issuing country.

Editorial & Review.

THE STAMP NEWS is to reappear from London, England. It will contain from 16 to 24 pages, size of page 10 by 5 1-2.

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The DOMINION PHILATELIST for Oct. is a dandy it comes out with 12 pages and covers. It is now the official organ of the C. P. A. on account of the failure of The Halifax Philatelist.

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The two popular Editors & Publishers Mr. F. N. Massoth Jr. of the Hoosier Philatelist and Mr. E. W. Voute of the Stamp Collectors Figaro have united their papers as one and in the future we can expect some thing fine.

We here that the Nebraska Philatelist is in new hands, but have not seen a copy.

Number 1 of The American Stamp Journal comes from Portsmouth N. H. and contains 8 pages of very interesting matter.

The Philatelic Era, Philatelic News & The Southern Philatelist are said to be in the field, but we have never received a copy.

Another one The New England Philatelist has appeared from Brookline Mass. We hope it will live as long and flourish as did its predecessor.

We have the Eastern, Western and Southern Philatelist now we want the Northern.

The Philatelic Star came and went. It will not appear as was expected.

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Turkish-Bulgarian Postal Trouble.

By Ph. Heinsberger New York.

Bulgaria, formerly was an imperial Turkish province, but in consequence of the Russian-Turkish war in the year 1878, was declared independent by Russia. Nominally the "Padisha" (Emperor of Turkey) claims the right of sovereignty over Bulgaria, and to keep good friend with the old man on the tottering throne of Mohamet, (Ottoman Empire) the sovereign-prince of Bulgaria pays an annual tribute to Turkey.

It is a well known fact, that Turkey always was preventing the establishment of railroads from foreign countries to Turkish territory. Many of the readers of THE STAMP ADVERTISER have read perhaps often about railroad trouble in Turkey, and so my article relates to "Mail trains and mail transportation" I think it of interest to publish a new fact. In the year 1888 the International Railroad, running from Vienna, Austria through Bosnia, Bulgaria, to Constantinople, Turkey, was completed in spite of the Kicking of the Turkish Emperor.

This International Railroad, while running through Bulgaria, has to cross Eastern Roumelia which since 1886 was conquered by Bulgaria (formally it was an independent Turkish Province.)

Now the question arises, what kind of postage stamps shall be used on mail matter posted in Eastern Roumelia, and

forwarded by the above mentioned International Railroad to Turkey! Of course, Bulgaria as sovereign over Eastern Roumelia, claimed the use of Bulgarian postage stamps, but Turks, who never did recognize this Bulgarian sovereignty over Eastern Roumelia, claimed that the postage stamps of Turkey or Eastern Roumelia should be used.

At the same time Turkey made the offer to Bulgaria, to sell them a large quantity of unused postage stamps of Eastern Roumelia. This kind offer was refused by Bulgaria, who answered, that Eastern Roumelia was united with their own province. The smart, but feeble Turks now boldly announced, that they would stick to their claim, as sovereign of Eastern Roumelia and treated, that all such mail matter, bearing a Bulgarian stamp and coming from Eastern Roumelia would not be forwarded in Turkey, unless the address paid to the Turkish Post Office the full postage.

At this point the ruler of Bulgaria, in whose veins "german blood" is running, lost his patience. He sent at once an official note to the Turkish Emperor informing him in plain words, that unless Turkey recognized the Bulgarian postage stamps on mail matter coming from Eastern Roumelia to Turkey, in such case the government of Bulgaria would collect all European mail matter arriving with "above mentioned" International Railroad, in Eastern Roumelia. And that all such mail, and also the Bulgarian mail, would be sent to

the "Post office of Austria," situated in the city of Salonichi, Turkey, to forward to Constantinople. This means that Turkey would loose the money of forwarding the European mail through Turkish territory. I mention yet that the International mail train from Vienna to Constantinople is controled by Austrian capitalists, and that all Austrian post offices situated in Turkey are independent, and do as they please. (The Turks are controled in postal matters by foreigners.) The International rail road was opened at the end of the year 1888 and apparently Turkey still is kicking, but a movement is on foot for a postal convention to arrange matters with Bulgaria. Probably the Bulgarian tribute to Turkey must be increased, any how money will settle matters, as Turkey is always in need of money.

It is a hard nut for the once powerful Turkish Emperor to submit to the dictate of his former servant Bulgaria.

Commerce and traffic is claiming progress and this International mail train from Vienna to Constantinople is an important thing for mail matters, and postal progress.

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Something to Read.

By GUY W. GREEN.

It is sometimes amusing to note the way in which an item goes from one paper to another. In my notes contributed to the June number of the **STAMP ADVERTISER**, the following appeared, which was original with me:—

"Puck submits a new design for the U. S. 2c. stamp. It resembles the old in every respect except that the portrait of Washington is replaced by the inscription 'Why not go to Wanamaker's trade emporum?'"

The New York Philatelist copied the above in its September number, but credited it to the "World"; and the Stamp World now produces the item in its October issue, haven taken it from the N. Y. P., and of course giving the "World" credit for it again.

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A humorous paper in one of its recent numbers says that it has but one objection to make to postage stamps, and that is that they are liable to get "stuck" on themselves.

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The Midland Philatelist will be issued from Geneva, Nebraska in a short time. Anton Dworak will be business manager of the paper, while E. A. Coombs will act as editor. The publication will consist of sixteen pages and cover.

A law was passed June 18, 1888 that duns could not be sent on a postal card. Up to Dec. 1st but one case has been brought before the United States Courts.

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Canadian Revenues.

— S T A R —

The collection of the revenue stamps of Canada has become quite general in the past few months. A little over a year ago there was probably not over two or three collectors in the U. S. who placed anything in the revenue line (unless it was the last issue of Bill stamps) among their stamps of our "brothers across the line."

When Ketchison published his first Canadian catalogue, a collector said to me "Why has Canada got revenue stamps?" This person was a member of the A. P. A., and had a collection of about 2500 varieties.

The demand for these interesting relics has, however, increased four fold since an enterprising New York firm produced Mr. Hooper's list; and every dealer is now assailed with the inquiry, "Have you Canada revenue stamps?"

In the same period prices have advanced considerably. The writer two years ago obtained a fine set of "Assurance" stamps, the \$4. alone being lacking for \$7.00. A similar set could not be bought now for less than \$25.00. All these stamps have advanced, although perhaps in not as marked rates.

The prices realized for many of the the stamps show the respect which they command, as for example the \$5. Supreme court is cheap at \$8.; the Nova Scotia \$2. at \$5.

Unperforated bill stamps which priced by several dealers cannot be supplied, and are even worth much more than they are quoted.

A few facts about U. S. Revenue Stamps.

The rarest Match stamp issue in the U. S. is the Jock & Wildner 1ct. red, unperforated.

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Very few match stamps were cancelled, as they were destroyed upon opening the box, but a few of the earliest ones, such as Akron Match Co., Barber & Peckham, Thos. Gorman & Lacour's, were run through printing presses and obliterated in sheets, with various dates.

The first postage stamps were issued by England in 1840.

Among fashions follies the stamp collecting craze will be found with all classes of people. It is very familiar to hear on the streets the strife of the bargaining errand boys:—

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Late again! This is not a very good thing to say about a paper, but it seems to be our lot, for we have always appeared very irregular and are once more obliged to double up. This time we could not get out any sooner on account of an extra amount of job printing.

The next number will wind up Volume I and although we have not had a very brilliant career, yet we hope that our subscribers have been well repaid.

We have received a very good support from our brother philatelists and shall continue to publish The Stamp Advertiser during the coming year.

If we find that we cannot get out on time with eight pages we shall issue six or four, in any way we shall do our best

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REVIEWS.

In the Jan. No. of the American Stamp Journal, Bro. Pender must have made a mistake when he said that No. 1 of The Stamp Advertiser was received in December, but dated November for number one was issued and mailed last February.

The Essex County Philatelist is doing well and gets out on time.

One might think that Bro. Whitcomb of the Fitchburg Philatelist has not got a very good opinion of its editor by the article which appeared in the Dec. number of his paper.

Vol. 2 No. 1 of The Alabama Philatelist dated October was received in January. It contains eight pages and cover. Robt. A. Sheldon, Mobile, Ala. is editor and T. J. Mitchell of Chicago Ill. associate editor.

No. 1 of the New Jersey Collector successor to The Plainfield Collector has appeared. It contains four pages and cover, 4 1-2 by 6.

Messers Alfred L. Holman and P. M. Wolsieffer of the Chicago Philatelic Gazette have severed all connection with that paper which will still be published by the Western Philatelic Publishing Company.

The Nebraska Philatelist is prospering unded its new management. In the Dec. number Guy W. Green gives it to Mr. McBride hot and heavy.

Bro. Bartlett adds a cover to his Dec.-Nov. number of The Curiosity Collector which winds up volume one.

The Stamp News has reappeared from London E. C. published by Theodor Buhl & Co. It contains 28 pages and is one of the best philatelic papers published.

The Christmas number of the Fitchburg Philatelist came out with some neat covers. It forms the initial number of Vol. II.

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Foreign Postal Notes.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, NEW YORK.

Spain has recently issued postage stamps bearing the portrait of "the Baby King," the three year old Alphonso XIII. What fools the Spanish are! The new issue (1889) postage stamps are printed by a "Napier" an English printing machine, purchased by the Spanish government for £500 in London.

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The German postal authorities have issued the postal statistics for the fiscal year 1889. The number of post and telegraph offices combined in Germany is 28,548 with 92,283 imperial officials

Germany has "in other people's" land, post offices as follows:

Constantinople, Turkey, Europe;

Shanghai, China, Asia;

Apia, Samoa, Oceanica.

The following in Africa:

Kamerun, Klein, Little Popo, Otimbingue, Victoria, Samu, Kerawara.

In Australia, the following:

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The total number of mail pieces forwarded by the German Post-Office in the fiscal year 1888 is:—

Letters, 2,123,457,345. Papers, parcels, money orders, 103,359,605.

Total, 2,226,816,950.

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On November first Germany adopted a new postal improvement. In the city of Berlin in Prussia, the mail is delivered by new "street-mail post-offices." They are large mail wagons drawn by horses and having outside letter boxes (to drop in mail.) Inside are post officials with complete outfit for cancelling, and assorting the mail during the trip. Every hour some dozens of these "Street Post-offices on wheels" leave the Berlin Post-Office General, driving in all directions.

On their trip each one collects the mail found deposited in the letter boxes on the streets which they pass, and they also collect the mail, which people may drop during the trip, in the letter boxes outside the street post-office (mail car.)

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The Long Pine (Nebr.) Journal says that its enemy and contemporary, the editor of the Ainscon Star, would sell his mother's reputation for a soiled postage stamp. This is indeed getting things down pretty fine.

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NO. I.

LIFE OF SIR ROWLAND HILL,

Inventor of the Uniform Penny Postage.

ROWLAND HILL, the third son of Thomas Wright Hill and Sarah, his wife, was born at Kidderminster, on the 3rd of December, 1795. In early years he was employed as a teacher in his father's school, at an age when boys are usually only learners. In the year 1833, Rowland Hill withdrew from the school; he had suffered from hard work and needed rest; moreover the profession of a teacher, notwithstanding the success he had achieved, was not one towards which he had any special leaning. He had married six years previously Caroline, the eldest daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Pearson, of Craisley, near Wolverhampton. In the year 1835 there was a large surplus in the revenue, and various suggestions for reducing taxation were publicly discussed. The circumstances revived in Rowland Hill's mind the idea as to postal improvement with which he had frequently occupied himself in leisure hours, and he was possessed with the conviction that the burden on the people in the shape of high postage rates might be eased without any material sacrifice of revenue.

The new postal law for which England has to thank Sir Rowland Hill, by which the uniform rate of fourpence per

letter was tried as an experiment, came into operation on the 5th December, 1839, and on the 10th January, 1840, the reduced uniform rate of one penny per letter of half ounce weight was commenced. Under the new system, the privilege of franking letters enjoyed by Members of Parliament was abolished, the penny uniform rate was adopted, facilities of prepayment were afforded by the introduction of postage stamps, double postage was levied on letters not prepaid, and arrangements were made for the registration of letters.

In 1846 Mr. Hill was invited to accept the secretaryship to the Postmaster General, an invitation which he accepted; and in the following year carried out the task of reorganizing the Money Order Office with such success that instead of being a charge of £10,000 a year, it rapidly yielded a considerable revenue, while a reduction of the commission on orders made it available to an extent never previously contemplated. In June, 1846, Mr. Hill was appointed secretary to the Post Office, an appointment which he continued to hold till March, 1864, when failing health, resulting from the strain of his arduous labor in the past, compelled him to resign. The Treasury issued a highly

complimentary minute, in which the entire success of his plans was fully recognized, and awarded him for life his full salary of £2,000 per annum.

In the same year he received a parliamentary grant of £20,000. He was made a K. C. B. in 1860, and D. C. L. (Oxon) in 1864; and in the latter year was also awarded the first Albert gold medal of the Society of Arts.

Sir Rowland Hill died at his residence at Hampstead, near London, where he lived many years, at half-past four in the morning, August 27, 1879.

Philatelic Notes.

— NORRAINE. —

During the year 1885, there were a total of 44 philatelic papers in publication, which issued altogether 232 numbers.

The portrait of Hamilton on some of the United States stamps, was copied from a bust by the famous sculptor Cerroche.

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No. 2.

Mail Service Subsidies from Brazil.

By PH. HEINSBERGER, New York

Here it is important to observe that the only real aid secured by the steamship line which carried the American flag along the Brazilian coast, has come from that quarter, and not from home. The line has been receiving \$100,000 a year from the Brazilian Government for carrying the mails from Santos, Rio, Pernambuco, Maranhao and Para to New York.

In addition to this subsidy it secures a large share of the way freights and passenger fares between the Brazilian ports named, so that its most profitable trade lies along the coast. The Government at Rio, in its anxiety to promote commercial intercourse with the United States, has subsidized the line and dealt with it on the most favorable terms, in facilitating the development of its business along the coast. On the other hand, the United States Government has persevered in discouraging and crippling the line. I have been unable to obtain from the agents of the company the latest figures relating to the mail service with Brazil, but a recent report of the House Committee on Post-offices and Post-roads illustrates the begrudging compensation offered for carrying the mails. During the fiscal year ending July 1, 1885, \$4,210.24 was paid to the company for taking the American mails to Brazil. For this petty sum 1,046,606 grams of letters and 11,516,258 grams of papers were carried over an aggregate of 134,004 nautical miles. The sea and inland postage on these mails is estimated at \$7,536.19, thus showing an actual profit for the Government of \$3,325.95 on

the year's transactions. While the United States was paying \$4,210.24 for the transportation of the foreign mails a distance of 5,500 miles to Brazil, it was contracting for a mail service at home between Lake Charles and Cameron—a distance of fifty-five miles—for \$4,090; from Tampa to Key West—246 miles—for \$23,600; from Tacoma to Port Townsend—ninety-eight miles—for \$29,700; and from New York to Baltimore—200 miles—for \$18,000. Any reasonable rates of compensation could be secured by inland steamers or railways, but an American company struggling to compete with European lines in the foreign service and to open markets abroad for our exports and manufactures could only obtain \$4,210.24 for carrying the mails to Para, Pernambuco and Rio. No clearer demonstration of the intolerable meanness and amazing folly of our Government policy toward the struggling commercial marine could be given. There has been no material increase in the rates of compensation since 1885, and the line continues to conduct at a loss the business of carrying American mails, while receiving from Brazil substantial remuneration for taking return mails.

The European subsidized mail steamer's people laugh in their fists that Uncle Sam is left in the cold by his own fault.

U. S. Postal Savings Banks.

By PH. HEINSBERGER, New York.

The Postmaster General, in his annual report, says there is a growing sentiment in favor of the Government offering through the post-offices a depository for

savings. In this he is right. There is no reason why postal savings banks should not be established in this country as well as in Great Britain and elsewhere. They have been a great success abroad, and there is no reason to believe that they would be otherwise here.

There are 4,220,000 persons in Great Britain who take advantage of this means of security and saving. It promotes self-reliance, thrift and good citizenship. By this means a vast number of persons would be interested directly in the stability and success of the Government who now feel little or no interest. It would tend to weaken disturbances and would aid in breaking down sectional feeling. In some parts of the country there are now no savings banks.

The great question is what to do with the money deposited, how to put it into circulation and make it earn an interest. There ought to be some method of solving this problem, and we think if Congress addresses itself to the question it will not find it difficult to reach a satisfactory conclusion. Various propositions have been made, some of which are worthy of consideration. It is not necessary to discuss them here, but we believe the subject is one that should receive favorable action by the law-making power.

Sir Rowland Hill, the author of the postage stamp, had, at the time of his death, in 1879, the most complete collection of postage stamps in existence. It was valued at \$5,000, but Sir Rowland estimated it beyond price. Among his curiosities was the original die, value 3 shillings, 6 pence, with which it was intended to stamp colonial legal paper, according to the provisions of the famous Stamp Act of 1776, which met with such determined resistance from the Americans.

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2. 1 " " " "
3. 2 " " " "
4. 6 " " " "

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Perforate 14.

5. $\frac{1}{2}$ shil. green and rose.
6. $\frac{1}{2}$ " dark green and rose.
7. 1 " green and rose.

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8. $\frac{1}{4}$ shil. green and red.
9. $\frac{1}{4}$ " green and rose.
10. $\frac{1}{2}$ " red and green.
11. $\frac{1}{2}$ " rose and green.
12. $\frac{1}{4}$ " red and green.

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Perforate 14.

13. $\frac{3}{4}$ shil. green and rose.
14. $\frac{3}{4}$ " green and dark rose.

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15. 1 far. or 1 pf. rose and green.
16. 2 " " 2 " " " "
17. 3 " " 5 " " " "
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19. 3 " " 25 " " " "
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25. ½ shil., green and red.
 26. 1 " " " "
 27. 2 " " " "
 28. 6 " " " "
 29. ¼ " " " "
 30. ¼ " red and green.
 31. ¾ " " " "
 32. 1½ " " " "

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 34. 1 " " " "

Perforate 14.

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 37. 6 " " " "

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No. 3.

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I have in my collection an oddity in the way of an entire envelope with misplaced stamp. As I have never heard of anything similar, I will describe it for the numerous readers of this paper. It is a 2-cent green on white, present issue. In size it is a number 5, being $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$ inches. It is a used specimen, having done postal duty, as shown by the postmarks of both the sending and receiving offices.

On the reverse side, or the side on which it is sealed, is the stamp, on opposite side of where it should be. It is placed obliquely in the upper right corner, the top of the impression reaching to the upper edge of the flap. It is nearly three quarters of an inch from the extreme right hand side of the envelope.

The envelope was one of a lot printed by the Government with a firm's return card, which is also misplaced. The notice is on the correct side of the envelope, on the address side, but is placed in a slanting position, extending from the upper left hand corner to the lower right hand corner, the upper end of it being about three-quarters of an inch from the top and one inch from the left hand side of the envelope.

The reader can see that this is quite a curiosity as nearly everything is misplaced.

I happened to be working in the post-office to which this oddity came when it passed through the mails, and thus saw it and procured it of the gentleman to whom it was addressed. As he was not a collector he would have thrown it into the waste basket without giving it a

second look, probably, while to me it is a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

NORRAINE.

My Philatelic Experience.

WILL R. WINCH.

I was a somewhat new convert to stamp dealing and was (and am perhaps still) rather green. On July 23 I received an answer to one of my advertisements.

The person writing desired a sheet and signed himself "Bert Parker." Being green as I have said, I sent two sheets, value \$2.38, although no reference, box or street number was enclosed.

I waited 15 days and then wrote after the sheets. As I received no answer, I wrote the postmaster, asking if there was any such a person as Bert Parker. In due time I received answer, stating that the aforesaid person was probably a myth as there was no one of that name there.

I at last hit upon a plan which I thought would work successfully (You see I wanted those stamps.)

I wrote to the publisher of the paper where he had seen my advertisement, and for their subscribers in—we will call it Westport. I received the names of two Westport subscribers. I then wrote to each under an assumed name and address, stating that I expected to issue a directory and desired the names and addresses of Westport collectors. They both bit and sent me a list. I compared the writing and found the guilty one. I then wrote to him, the game was up and I desired those stamps or cash. I got cash, also

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To the Collectors of Massachusetts.

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It will bring us all nearer together into a closer tie of friendship and brotherhood, and thus advancing our cause of Philately. Let us make our society one of the foremost in the country and if we do not it is certainly not because we have no good Philatelists for Massachusetts has as many good ardent collectors as any other state in the union.

Then let us join in one strong band and push forward our cause until the "Old Bay State" has a Philatelic Society which will make our sister states envious.

Fraternally Yours, H. G. PARKS.

We received a package of Mr. R. P. Angier's "Perfect Stamp Hinges" and they are just fine. They are of uniform size as they are cut with a die and are the best stamp hinges we ever used.

Join the M. P. A. and Mr. Angier will furnish you free upon application a package of these hinges for your collection.

We agree with Mr. Whitecomb that all persons living outside of the state who wish to join our society should pay an admission fee of twenty-five cents.

The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

A Philatelic Society is being formed in this state and all Philatelists are invited to join, as it will be a great advantage to us all. There are to be several departments which will help us greatly in enlarging and beautifying our collections.

All persons who are in any way interested are invited to send their choice for officers, at once, to Mr. C. H. Whitecomb, the acting secretary.

Mr. C. H. Whitecomb of Fitchburg certainly deserves to be elected for secretary after all he has done in starting the society; he is fully competent to filling this position I and am sure no better man could be had. I earnestly hope the members will elect him.

The editor of The Essex County Philatelist has preped his ticket but we disagree with him a little.

Here is our ticket:—

For President,

W. C. STONE, of Springfield.

For Treasurer,

W. H. GOODRICH, of Fitchburg.

For Secretary,

C. H. WHITCOMB, of Fitchburg.

For Exchange Sup't,

R. P. ANGIER, of Boston.

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H. A. ADAMS, of Worcester.

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The 1856 eagle-penny is a very scarce coin.

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How to Tell Forged Stamps.

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Take a magnifying glass and look at the stamp, which you think is a forgery and compare it with another and you will see (if it is a forgery) that the lines are much coarser and the gum at the back is laid on very thick, and is more yellowish.

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There were twenty Philatelic papers started in the United States and Canada during the year 1885. Of those only two issued twelve numbers during the year.

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To every one sending us a club of three subscribers to the COMPANION and 60 cents, we will send the paper one year free.

A carpet in the San Francisco mint was taken up recently and was found to contain \$2,509 worth of gold dust.

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Collecting Birds' Eggs.

It is always a healthy taste in boys that leads them to want to make a collection of any natural objects—minerals, flowers, woods, butterflies.

It is good exercise to tramp through the fields and woods hunting nests. It leads to a careful watching of the habits of different birds. The making of such a collection is every way to be commended. Don't needlessly frighten the birds. Never take more than one egg from a nest, and never injure the birds themselves. You can have just as handsome a collection without cruelty as with it, and there will be no regrets to make it less precious and beautiful in your eyes.

Wampum, the early Indian currency, consisted of cylindrical white, blue and black beads, half an inch long, made from certain parts of sea-shells. The shores of Long Island Sound abounded in these shells, and the Pequods and Narragansetts, who lived in that portion of the country, grew rich and potent by their abundance of wampum, which was much in demand, first for ornament, and afterward as currency among the interior tribes. The settlers at Plymouth first learned its use and value from the Dutch at Manhattan. Three of the black beads, or six of the white, passed for a penny. They were strung in known parcels for convenience of reckoning—a penny, threepence, a shilling and five shilling in white; twopence sixpence, two-and sixpence and ten shillings in black. A fathom of white wampum was worth ten shillings, or two dollars and a half; a fathom of black twice as much.

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The Chinese issued in 2697 B. C. what is known as "flying money," or "convenient money"—the oldest specimens of bank-notes in the world. They were in all essentials similar to the modern notes, bearing the name of the bank, the date of issue, the number of the note, the signature of the official issuing it, indications of its value in figures, in words, and also had a pictorial representation of coins or heaps of coins equal in amount to its face value, and a notice of the penalties for counterfeiting. They were printed in blue ink, on paper made from the fibre of the mulberry-tree.

The Blue (or standard) dollar was first coined in 1878. On the ordinary specimens the eagle has seven feathers in the tail, but originally the bird had eight. The die was changed during the above year, and one feather omitted unintentionally by the engraver. Of the eight-feather variety, but fifty specimens were made in proof condition, and quite a large number for general circulation. The bill authorizing the coinage of these dollars was passed in February, 1878.

We will send to any curiosity collector a sample copy of this paper, but only one. If you want to see the paper again you must subscribe.

The present issue of two-cent stamps was first issued October 1, 1883, that being the day set apart for their introduction.

The deepest well in the world is in Homewood, Pa. It is nearly 700 feet deep.

Five-franc pieces of Louis Philippe having an "R" after Philippe are very rare.

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English money is reckoned in pounds (or sovereigns), shillings, pence and farthings. The standard sovereign is made of 22 carats pure gold and 2 carats copper alloy. The coin weighs 123.374 Troy grains. The half sovereign, or ten-shilling gold coin, is of the same standard and half the weight and value of the sovereign. The standard shilling is composed of 222 parts of pure silver alloyed with 18 parts of copper. The coin weighs 87.3-11 Troy grains. The crown, or 5-shilling piece, the half crown (value 2 shillings 6 pence) and the sixpence are of the same standard and relative weight. The guinea was first coined in 1664, and continued in common use until 1817, when it was superseded by the sovereign. Its value varied considerably at different periods, but was latterly fixed at 21 shillings.

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A "V" nickel without word cents and a 1-cent piece of 1887.

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A collection of tin tags no two alike.

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An ounce of soil apiece from any two of the following states: Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Washington Territory, Maine, Wisconsin, Alabama, Dakota, Idaho and Georgia.

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The rarest stamp in the world is said to be the Connell 5-cent stamp of New Brunswick. Charles Connell was Postmaster General of New Brunswick in 1861. Shortly after entering upon his duties, he conceived the idea of an improvement in the stamps of the province. Accordingly, he made a design, and employed the American Bank Note Company of New York to print them. Each value had a different design. On the 1 cent stamp was a steam-engine; a head of Victoria on the 10 cent; a steamboat on the 12½-cent; a head of the Prince of Wales on the 17 cent, and on the 5-cent his own portrait. The latter stamp was issued only one day, and hence its rarity.

A great red granite statue has been discovered ten miles away in the desert near Alexandria, in Egypt. It represents the famous Pharaoh who was responsible for all the Egyptian plagues, and one side of it is a statue of a little baby, said to be that of the next Pharaoh, who perished in his rash attempt to drive through the Red Sea. It has been lying there three thousand years.

The eagle pennies bearing the date of 1856 are considered rare by numismatists, and consequently demand a premium price of from \$1 to \$2 each if in fine condition.

The denominations of the Confederate bills were \$1000, \$500, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$2, \$1 and 50 cents. The Southern States issued bills from \$1000 to 1 cent.

Coin dealers quote the United States half-cents of 1803 and 1805 at a premium of ten or twelve cents, if in first class condition.

A well which is over four thousand feet deep is in the village of Sperenberg, about twenty miles from Berlin.

The five-cent nickles first appeared in 1866, the first year's issue containing a figure "5" surrounded with a circle of 13 stars, separated by rays, pointing inward. These rays were omitted in 1867. Of the new issue there are two varieties—one bearing the word "cents" and the other without it. Silver pieces of this denomination were first coined in 1794, and ceased in 1873. Three-cent nickle pieces first appeared in 1865, and are still obtainable at the mints; the silver ones were first coined in 1851, and were discontinued in 1873. The coinage of two-cent copper pieces was commenced in 1864 and stopped in 1873. The first of the large one-cent coppers appeared in 1792, and they were coined until 1857, the small nickle cent being made in 1856. In 1859 the eagle was displaced by an Indian head.

The rarest colonial coins are the Granby or Higley Connecticut coppers (which are thought to be the first in America), the Chalmers Annapolis penny, New Jersey pennies, the Pitt token, Louisiana coppers, Virginia half-pennies, the pieces known as the "Non Dependens Status," the bar cents, the "Nova Eboraca," the "Excelsior," "Washington," "Immune Columbia" and "George Clinton" coppers of New York, the Mott tokens, the Talbot, Allum Lee tokens and several varieties of Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey and Massachusetts coppers.

The green oxide that so often collects on silver coins may be removed by steeping them for ten minutes in a solution of ammonia then immersing in clear water, and finally wiping with a soft towel. Copper coins may be cleaned by immersing in pure olive oil, and wiping dry with a piece of flannel.

Asbestos.

Asbestos is of many fibrous varieties, the fibres of which are sometimes very long, fine, flexible and easily separable by the fingers.

The ancients were familiar with its incombustibility, and wove cloth out of it for the purpose of wrapping up the bodies of the dead when exposed on the funeral pile. Asbestos occurs quite abundantly in Italy, Switzerland and in the island of Corsica, also in the mountainous portions of North and South Carolina.

The half dollars and quarters of 1853 without the arrows at the sides of the date are considered rare, and as a consequence are sought after by collectors, who give \$3.75 for the former and \$2.50 for the latter, if in perfect condition.

Counterfit postage-stamps, as a general rule, are much lighter in color than the true ones, although some are so excellently reproduced that no one but an expert would be able to detect the deception.

Confederate stamps are not in much demand among stamp dealers, excepting in the case of rare varieties. The price depends greatly upon whether they are canceled or not.

Copper loses strength rapidly with heat; from zero to 212 it loses about 5 per cent. while at 550 degrees it loses 25 per cent.

The 15 cent stamp bearing the picture of Columbus discovering America, was first issued in 1869.

There are 172 specimens of blind creatures known to science.

The trade dollar was coined from 1873 to 1882.

See our exchange list.

The Curiosities of Coinage.

In all civilized countries, gold, silver and copper have always constituted the main elements of coinage, and the most familiar forms of currency. The ratio of value between the first two has probably varied less during the last 2000 years than that between any other known substances. Copper has fluctuated more, but its fluctuation has always been subsidiary and limited to small transactions.

Indium, osmium and palladium have been proposed as substitutes for gold, and aluminum and manganese for silver, but without any practical result thus far.

Platinum, which is mainly found in the Ural Mountains, has been coined to some extent by the Russian government, but, although a beautiful and valuable metal, possessing many of the qualities to render it acceptable as coin, its employment as money has been found to be impracticable.

Great numbers of alloys have been used in coinage, and indeed it may be said that almost the entire system of metallic currency throughout the world is composed of alloys.

The Tuscan sequin, the purest coin known in history, contained 999 parts of gold in 1000. The six-ducat piece of Naples was next in purity, having only an alloy of 4; while old Byzantine coins, called bezants, contained an alloy of 14 parts in 1000.

Pure gold and silver, however, are soft metals, and, untempered by others, are subject to serious loss by abrasion. They are, therefore, rendered more useful by the admixture of a small portion of copper, which, in the English system, in the case of gold, may be expressed decimally by 916.66, and of silver 925 parts in 1000.

Nickel is usually alloyed with three parts of copper, and it is noteworthy that its adoption as a sub-

sidary coinage in Germany, coincident with the demonetization of silver, caused it to advance rapidly in price, while the latter was rapidly declining.

The old Roman as was made of the mixed metal called oes, a compound of copper and tin, and in quality and value not unlike bronze,

Brass was also extensively used from the time of Hiram of Tyre to that of the Emperor Otha.

The old kings of Northumbria coined a small money called stycas out of a natural alloy, composed of copper, zinc, gold, silver, lead and tin, which the metallurgists of that rude northern coast had not enough chemical skill to separate.

Lycurgus established an iron coinage for Lacedæmon, not only making the coins of such weight and bulk as to forbid their export, but depriving them of their metallic value by causing them while heated to be plunged into vinegar, thereby destroying their malleability.

While these coins were the largest of which historic mention is made, the Portuguese rie, so small to be actually coined is doubtless the smallest unit of value in the money systems of the world. It is only about the nineteenth part of an English penny and is considerably smaller than the Chinese cash, which, of actual coins, is perhaps of the lowest value known.

In Sweden, during the last century, huge squares of copper, weighing between three and four pounds, with a stamp in each corner and one in the center, were issued as coin, and curious specimens of them may still be seen in numismatical collections. These with the Maundy money, a small portion of which is still annually struck at the British Mint and distributed by her Majesty in alms, probably represent the extreme variation of dimensions known among modern systems of coinage, the smallest piece of the Maundy money being a silver penny.

Freaks of Nature.

A curious freak of nature is found at Willough Lake, in the northern part of Vermont where Mounts Pisgah and Hor rise 2500 feet from the water and 4000 feet above the sea and are less than a mile apart, while the lake below is of unknown depth—all efforts to sound it have failed—and it is supposed to rest at the level of the sea. A winding footpath conducts to the summit of Mt. Pisgah, which is abruptly cut off on the side nearest the lake, forming a precipice of nearly 3,000 feet high, below this lies the water of such transparency that one can see more than 100 feet below the surface. The view from the summit is grand.

A company exploring the steep and forest covered mountains behind the town of Rosseau, in the Island of Dominica, came upon a boiling lake, 25,000 feet above the sea level, two miles in circumference.

A village in the neighborhood of Draguignan, France, has lately been the scene of a remarkable subsidence. A tract of land containing ten thousand square feet, sank gradually one day, accompanied by loud noises, until it left an orifice of over one hundred feet in depth, with water in the bottom.

At the Dickinson place, on Bullard Creek, Alabama, is a ten acre field which is a subterranean lake covered with soil about eighteen inches deep. On the soil is a field of corn which will produce 30 or 40 bushels to the acre. By jumping on the ground one can see the growing corn shake for quite a distance around him. While nooning the field hands catch great strings of delicate fish by merely punching a hole through the ground.

The Nawab of Lohare sent a re-

markable diminutive Nepah pony, which is only 8 inches high to the young Maharajah of Batiala.

Among the wonders of nature in Algeria, there is a river of genuine ink. It is formed by the junction of two streams—one flowing from a region of ferruginous soil, and the other draining a peat swamp. The water of the former, impregnated with iron, uniting with the latter, which is charged with gallic acid, forms true ink.

In the neighborhood of Baku, on the Caspian Sea, there is a phenomenon of a very extraordinary nature called the everlasting fire. The fire issues from a large hollow cane; and it is claimed by the Persians, who worship it, that it has been burning ever since the deluge.

The only native coin in use in China is the tsien, called cash by the English and sap que by the French. It has a square hole in the centre, by means of which a large number of the pieces are strung together with a piece of hemp-like twine. On one side is the name of the province in which the coin is cast, in Manchu letters, and also the Chinese word "money," and on the other side the name of the reigning emperor, and above and below the words "current money" in Chinese characters. A mixture of tin, copper and brass is used in making these pieces.

It is stated that of 250,000,000 tons of coal annually dug from the bowels of the earth, Great Britain produces one-half, Germany and the United States one-sixth each.

The sea holds 60,000,000,000,000 tons of salt.

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On a recent trial, a cedar log twenty feet long was taken to a California match factory, and in exactly thirty minutes was sawed, split, glued, dipped in sulphur, labeled, and the matches boxed ready for shipment.

Asteria, or star sapphires, are very rare and extremely beautiful. They are of a pale blue, and the faces of their six sided prisms are shot with thread-like shafts or veins, which reflect the light in the form of a star of six rays. It is supposed that these threads are produced by vacuities left among the molecules of the mineral at the moment of their crystalization.

Among the Burdett-Countts jewels are two magnificent star sapphires, estimated at \$150,000.

Notwithstanding the extreme hardness of the sapphire, the ancients, who valued all success in proportion to its difficult attainment and who liked to impress with their own handiwork the fairest specimens of nature, have left as souvenirs of their skill some wonderfully beautiful engraved sapphires. One represents a woman's figure enveloped in drapery. This gem is among the crown jewels of Bussia.

The Strozzi cabinet at Rome contains an intaglio representing the profile of a young Hercules by Cueins, and in the cabinet of France

is an intaglio profile of the Emperor Perthiax.

Of the four hundred and thirteen species of trees found in the United States, there are sixteen species whose perfectly dry wood will sink in water. The heaviest of these is the black iron-wood of Southern Florida, which is more than thirty percent. heavier than water. Of the others, the best known are the lignum vitæ and mongrove. Another is a small oak found in the mountains of Western Texas, Southern New Mexico and Arizona, and westward to the Colorado Desert, at an elevation of five thousand to ten thousand feet. All the species in which the wood is heavier than water belong to semi-tropical Florida or the arid interior Pacific region.

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