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For The Collector's Companion.

The Postage Stamps of Tolima

By "CORREOS."



THE issue of postage stamps in the Colombian state of Tolima was authorized by the law of November 3, 1867. Article 6 of the postal circular says; "Postage stamps for inter-state use of the value of 5, 10 and 50 centavos, and 1 peso will be issued." The design of this first issue is of the most primitive type, a small rectangular affair, with the inscription

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CORREOS DE L'ESTADO. — VALE 5 CTS.

(or other values, as the case may be), in four lines. The stamps were set up and printed in the city of Purificacion, upon white, blueish and yellowish paper. This using different tinted paper for the same values, seems to be a favorite trick of the Tolima postal officials, and has continued up to the present time. We have seen specimens of the 5 and 10 centavos; but the 50 centavos and 1 peso do not seem to have been issued with this set. What is lacking in this type-set issue is made up in the extreme rarity of the stamps themselves. They were issued January 1, 1867, but were little used.

I.—Issue of 1867, white, yellowish, or blueish paper.

5 centavos, black. 10 centavos, black.

50 " (?). 1 peso, (?).

A second issue of stamps was author-

ized by the law of October 19, 1870, and was put in circulation January 1, 1871. The four values were lithographed and printed by Paredes & Co., of Bogota.

II.—Issue of 1871, white paper.

5 centavos, brown. 10 centavos, blue.

50 " green. 1 peso, vermilion.

The colors of the 10 and 50 centavos vary from very light to dark shades; but the collection of these varieties must be left to individual taste. There is a curious error on one of the plates of the 5 centavos, which reads "CINGO" instead of "CINCO." The die of the 5 centavos was entirely re-drawn in 1878, with the lettering larger, etc.

III.—Issue of 1878. Type of 1871 re-drawn.

5 centavos, brown.

The third and current set appeared early in 1879, and are the work of Paredes & Co. The design of the 5 centavos is very neat and effective, a large fancy numeral 5, with arms, etc., occupying the entire face of the stamp. The 10 and 15 centavos and 1 peso, have the arms of Colombia in a central circle, and are a great improvement on the same values of the 1871 issue.

IV.—Issue of 1879, thin, white paper.

5 centavos, brown. 15 centavos, claret.

10 " blue, 50 " green.

1 peso, vermilion.

Early in 1883 the 5 centavos appeared on blueish wove paper, and quite re-

cently the same style of paper has been used for the 10 centavos.

V.—*Issue of 1883-84, thin, blueish paper.*
5 centavos, brown. 10 centavos, blue.

The large size registered letter stamps, or more properly speaking, "registry receipts," were issued May 15, 1879. They were lithographed by Paredes & Co., and printed in brown, blue and red, over which the lithograph designs were struck in black. They have the inscription

CERTIFICACION CON CONTENIDO, ETC., with the arms of Colombia in a large circle, numerals of value on circle in the upper corners. The lower half of the labels bear the legend

SALIO—EN—DE—DE 187...

These stamps are attached to the back of registered letters, and must be signed by the party addressed before delivery.

VI—*Registration labels, issue of 1879, white paper.*

10 centavos, brown, blue and red.

50 " " " "

The 5 centavos registry stamp appeared in the latter part of 1879. This stamp has large, fancy numerals in the upper corners, in the curl of which is the head of liberty, bearing the motto "Libertad."

VII—*Issue of 1879, color on white paper.*
5 centavos. Bistre.

On the 1st of January, 1884, the three labels mentioned above were issued with the figure 7 scratched out from the inscription

SALIO—EN—DE—18...

The color of the 5 centavos was somewhat changed, appearing in yellow-brown.

VIII.—*Issue of 1884, variety of 1879 issue.*

5 centavos, yellow and brown.

50 " brown, blue and red.

10 centavos, brown, blue and red.

We have specimens of the 5 centavos on thin yellowish laid and white wove paper. The small square stamps, with the letter A in a six-pointed star were issued January 1, 1881. These stamps are used for "noted" letters, a species of partial registration in vogue in the states of Colombia. They were printed on stout white paper, but we have a copy on paper showing a decided blueish tint.

IX.—*Stamps for noted letters, issue of 1881.*

50 centavos, black.

The black stamps were in use but a short time only, when the color was changed to a dingy blue.

X.—*Issue of 1881.*

50 centavos, blue.

Both color and paper for this stamp were changed in the latter part of 1883, appearing in indigo, on thin, blue-laid and white wove.

XI.—*Issue of 1883, same type as 1881.*


50 centavos, indigo on blue.

50 " " white.

For The Collector's Companion.

A COLLECTOR QUIZZED.

By "RAPHAEL."

 PERSONS uninitiated in the various pleasures and vicissitudes of the Philatelic science, look upon all the actions of a collector with wonder, not unmingled with pity, for they think he has certainly become demented, to spend so much time and money in collecting and classifying little pieces of colored paper.

This state of affairs leads to many curious questions that are propounded to the collector by the non-Philatelist, a few of which we shall try to answer on the part of the collector.

"What's the use of it?" is a question quite frequently asked. The uses

of it are three-fold; First, the instruction which may be gained by a collector from his stamps, if he follows out something like the following directions: Whenever he gets a new stamp, consult some good map, and find out just where the country or colony is situated, its comparative size and importance; and also find out, through various sources, all about the country in question, such as its government, cities, natural peculiarities, and chief exports and resources. This may seem to be dry and uninteresting, but if followed out, it will give an additional charm to Philately, make it more useful, and raise you above your fellow collectors, who do not take advantage of the opportunity that is offered them of obtaining knowledge in a pleasant way.

The second use of stamp collecting is, while a person has something like stamps to take up his attention, he does not have to go on the streets for amusement, and it thus keeps him out of mischief.

The third use is, it brings you into communication with a good class of boys and girls, for we have noticed that a boy or girl who takes active interest in stamp collecting, and "sticks to it," is usually a person with whom we are proud to claim friendship.

Another question that requires answering is, "What's the fun in it?" This is a question that is quite easy to answer. What is the fun in collecting *anything*? Merely the satisfaction of having more of some rare thing than some other person; a sort of competitive amusement, and competition is the life of sport, as well as trade. Besides this, a collector of anything sees more or less of the beautiful and antique in his hobby, which gives it an additional charm in his eyes.

"If the stamps (which are cancelled) are not good to carry letters, why are they worth anything?" They are worth something because they are in constant demand for collections.

"Why is one cancelled stamp more valuable than another?" Cancelled stamps are valuable in proportion to their scarcity and the trouble connected with getting them.

The Philatelist has the advantage over most other collectors in the portability of his hobby; for no matter how large a collection he may have, he can put it all in one album and carry it about, and compare with his friends with the greatest ease; while the Numismatist, who has anything like a complete collection of coins, has almost to hire an express wagon to carry all his albums and cards full of heavy coins.

The Mineralogist is still worse off than the coin collector, for he has to have a whole room to hold his specimens.

The Oologist is liable to break his eggs, and unless he uses great skill in preparation, his eggs will not be fit for a collection. Besides this, egg collecting entails a certain degree of cruelty, which is best left uncultivated.

In addition to this, the Philatelist becomes acquainted with a great many words of foreign languages, and also with the various monetary systems of the different countries. Another charm is lent to stamp collecting by the satisfaction attending the possession of anything that comes from a great distance.

To sum up everything, we find that a stamp collector has not only one of the most instructive, but the most convenient of amusements, and last, but by no means least, the beautiful array of the many colored stamps in our attractive albums, makes a sight of which we may well feel proud.

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J. H. RAYMOND, - - Editor and Publisher,
162 Centre Street, Chicago.

We take pleasure in presenting this, our first number, to the stamp collecting public, and we hope it may meet with a cordial welcome from all. We will do our utmost at all times to give our readers interesting and instructive sketches concerning Philately by competent writers.

Among the principal features of our paper will be the Exchange Department; for there is no doubt in our mind but that an Exchange Department, properly conducted, is of great benefit to collectors. The other features of the COMPANION, such as the Record of New Issues, the Dealers' Directory, the Collectors' Directory and the Correspondents' Column, will be conducted in a thorough manner, and in such a way as will be most beneficial to our readers.

We will not have any "rogues' corner" in the COMPANION, but if anyone

has been cheated, either by a dealer or collector, and can prove the same conclusively, we shall be very glad to expose the cheat. We think too many of our publishers do not take pains enough to find out the truth or falsity of the reports that come to them regarding so-called Philatelic rogues.

The subscription price is put very low, so that every collector can afford to subscribe, and in this way help us to build up the paper.

We would like all of our readers to write an article for this paper, or at least to try to do so. As an inducement, we will offer one dollar, as a prize, for the best sketch on any subject relating to Philately, received at this office during the months of January and February. Everyone who competes for this prize, and sends in an article, will be enrolled on our subscription list and receive this paper one year free, whether he or she gets the prize or not. If this proves to be a success, and brings in some readable articles, we will offer the same or a larger amount next month.

We would advise our readers not to have any dealings whatever with either Charles H. Mekeel, Everett M. Hackett, The Carson Stamp Co., or the publishers of "The Philatelic Journal of America," under any name whatever. In our opinion, Charles H. Mekeel constitutes the entire company, as he has disappeared from Chicago and now turns up in St. Louis, where the above classical names emanate from, and his writing adorns many of the letters from that quarter. He has defrauded numerous parties in this city, and we know of a great many he has cheated outside of Chicago. *Philatelists beware.*

We have received a pamphlet called "The Stamp Collectors' Dictionary," published at Atlantic, Iowa. A dictionary is, according to Webster, "a book in which words are explained or information conveyed alphabetically." No words are explained, and very little information is conveyed, by this wonderful acquisition to our literature. We would suggest to the publishers, without any ill feeling, to rearrange the "Dictionary," and by assiduously reading proof, to obviate, if possible, some of the numerous mistakes that occur.

The following dealers have been owing us for advertising in the International Dealers' Directory for more than a year, and although we have written them several times, we have not received the amount due, so we take this opportunity of exposing them:

J. W. Milnes, San Jose, Cal.
 W. F. Smith, New York City.
 Geo. E. Fownes, New York City.
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 Henry S. Hart, Sorel, Canada.

We desire to call the attention of advertisers to this paper as a medium for reaching collectors who will be likely to *buy*. The circulation of this number is 1200, and we intend to increase it just as soon as warrantable. The next number will probably have 1500 circulation, or possibly 2000. The COMPANION is sent to active collectors, and not to those who have laid aside their collections.

We have received circulars announcing a Stamp Collectors' Directory, to be published some time next month, by Mr. S. E. Cassino, of Peabody, Mass. Collectors are requested to send in their names.

The special attention of our readers this month is called to our "Correspondents' Column"—a novel feature in a stamp paper. We hope everyone will take active interest in this department, and by so doing, it can be made a means of conveying much valuable information.

Any one sending in a subscription during the months of January and February will be presented with an International Dealers' Directory, and either an unused Gambia or Bulgaria stamp. In sending in your subscription, please mention which stamp you prefer.

Mr. Hubbard announces the sale of "The Granite State Philatelist" to Mr. T. C. Watkins, of New York City, who will continue it under the name of "The Empire State Philatelist."

If any of our readers are in need of rubber stamps, we would recommend F. K. Rising, Lena, Ill. He does very good work. See advertisement in this number.

R. R. Shuman & Co., want a few reliable agents; commission, 25 per cent. See advertisement on third page of cover.

There were three other Philatelic papers to appear this month, besides the COMPANION; we wish them success.

We have organized a Stamp Collectors' Union in Chicago. The Secretary's report of the first meeting will be found in this number.

Mr. L. Emerson, of Creighton, Neb., will issue a Directory of Philatelic papers in February.

"Correos" has consented to favor us with an article occasionally. His productions will be appreciated by all.

Record of New Issues

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

Bermuda.—The 2 1-2d. blue, lately announced by the stamp papers, has at last come into use, and is a very neat stamp.

Brazil.—A double 50 reis card has just been issued, with stamp of the new type.

British Honduras.—The color of the 1 penny is reported to have been changed to rose.

Bulgaria.—There have been unpaid letter stamps lately issued, of which the Monthly mentions three:—3 st. orange, 25 st. red, and 50 st. blue.

Cundinamarca.—A new type 5 centavos has been issued.

Ecuador.—There is said to be a 2 centavos card on rose, but Mr. Durbin thinks it is not a regular issue.

Labuan.—The postmaster at this place evidently has an eye for economy, as he has caused the 16 cents blue to be surcharged "One Dollar," and his initials with a pen in red ink.

Mexico.—A 3 centavos card of the new type, a 5 peso adhesive stamp, and a 10 centavos letter card, have recently been issued.

Nevis.—The 6 pence green, of the new type, is now in use.

Norway.—The color of the 12 ore is said to have been changed to red.

Paraguay.—Cards of the value of 2 and 3 centavos, with stamps of the new type impressed thereon, are in use.

Russia.—We learn that the 1 kopeck yellow, of the new series, is now in use.

South Australia.—The newspaper wrappers now have the arms somewhat smaller than at first.

Straits Settlements.—The 5 cents, printed in light blue, has been surcharged "4 cents" in red.

St. Vincent.—It is reported that the color of the half penny is now green.

St. Christopher.—The color of the 4 pence has been changed to gray.

Shanghai.—The 20 cash has been seen printed in green, and the 60 cash in violet.

St. Domingo.—The 2 centavos revenue, black or green, is being used for postage.

Santander.—This state has issued a large official registration stamp. It has a large fancy type-set border, with the inscription "SERVICIO DE CORREOS DEL ESTADO SOBERANO DE SANTANDER. REGISTRO OFICIAL," etc. Brown, blue and red, on white paper.

Tolima.—A new issue of stamps, with arms in oval, printed in color on white paper has appeared.

5 centavos, brown. 10 centavos, blue.
1 Peso, vermilion. 2 Pesos, violet.
5 Pesos, bistre.

This came too late for insertion with the article on "The Stamps of Tolima," in this number.

Uruguay.—All of the new set, and the 5c with sun in the center as well, have been surcharged for official use.

United States of Colombia.—We have seen a copy of the official Cubiorta, lettered in five lines: "ESTADOS UNIDOS DE COLOMBIA.—AGENCIA POSTAL NACIONAL.—CERTIFICAD OFICIAL—SALE DE—EN—DE—18..." etc., printed on yellow paper.

Venezuela.—This republic is said to have a new series of type-set cards for interior use.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings.

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Verona, N. Y.

For The Collector's Companion.

LUBEC AND ITS STAMPS.

By "PHRANQUE."

Lubec is one of the three remaining free cities of Germany, hence these three—Lubec, Hamburg and Bremen—issue stamps independent of the government issue. It is particularly noted for its ancient ruins, towers, and antique gabled houses. It has existed since the eleventh century, and contains an area of 109 square miles, with a population of over 56,000.

THE STAMPS.

Lubec first issued stamps in 1859. This issue comprised the following stamps: $\frac{1}{2}$ sch., lilac, 1 sch., orange, 2 sch., brown, $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch., lake, and 4 sch., green. Description: Coat-of-arms on dotted ground in centre, "LUBEC" above

in straight line, scroll at sides and at bottom, inscribed "POSTMARKE" below, value at sides, large numerals of value on solid ground in each corner, ornaments to fill out design. These stamps are unperforated.

This set was issued in 1862, having watermark of rosettes, twelve on each stamp.

A very curious error occurred in every sheet of the 2 sch. brown stamp. In the centre of the last row, there are two stamps inscribed "ZWEI EIN HALB" on the scroll, with figure "2" in the corners. The inscription means "two and one-half," which is very curious, as it was a two-schilling stamp.

The following stamps were issued in 1863: $\frac{1}{2}$ sch., green, 1 sch., orange, 2 sch., rose, $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch., blue, 4 sch., bistre. Description: Embossed arms in centre in oval on solid ground, surrounded by large oval, inscribed "Lubec" above, "schilling" below on lined ground, numeral of value in ovals at sides on white ground. This issue is rouletted.

In 1864 a $1\frac{1}{4}$ sch. brown stamp was issued; it has the same design as last issue.

In 1866 a new $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch. mauve stamp was issued; it has nearly the same design as last issue, with the exception of being enclosed in octagon, and having net work in corners.

The first envelope stamps were issued in 1863. The colors and values are the same as the 1863 issue adhesives. The design is also the same, with two lines of small type printed in brown above each corner of stamp.

In 1866 an envelope stamp was issued; the color and value were the same as 1866 issue adhesives. The design is the same, but without the outer angles, and with two lines of small type printed in brown above corner of stamp.

These envelope stamps were printed on white envelopes, originally in the left upper corners, but in 1865 in the right.

THE CHICAGO STAMP COLLECTORS' UNION.

The initial meeting of the Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union was held on Saturday evening, Dec. 20th, 1884, at 169 Washington Street.

The object of this meeting was to organize a society, to meet at stated intervals, and exchange stamps, read and discuss stamp news, and correspond with foreign collectors and dealers, for the mutual benefit of the members. As the number assembled was not as large as was expected, not as much could be accomplished, but as temporary officers were necessary, J. H. Raymond was elected President *pro tem.*, and J. J. Shuman Secretary. After several names were suggested, the name given above was decided upon. The election of permanent officers was then commenced. J. H. Raymond and R. R. Shuman were nominated for President, but upon the withdrawal of Mr. Shuman, Mr. Raymond was unanimously elected. Then followed the election of Mr. R. R. Shuman for Vice President, Mr. F. Connett for Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. A. Von Glahn for Corresponding Secretary and Librarian.

A committee of five were selected to prepare a Constitution, and the following instructions were given it:

1.—The Union is to meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p. m., and until further notice, in room 23, 169 Washington Street.

2.—The initiation fee is to be 25 cents, and monthly dues 10 cents, to be expended as the Union shall decide.

3.—No one having a collection numbering less than 500 genuine stamps shall be admitted to membership.

All correspondence must be addressed to A. Von Glahn, Corresponding Secretary, 547 North Clark Street, Chicago.

The Union then adjourned until Wednesday, Jan 7th, 1885. J. J. Shuman,

Secretary, *pro tem.*

Correspondents' Column.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Parties residing at places distant from Chicago will confer a favor upon us by sending each month, a brief summary of the Philatelic doings in their vicinity, for insertion in this column. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different stand points. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

I would like to inquire of collectors at large, how many of the famous "Brattleboro" stamps there are in existence. I know of but three; if every collector who has one of these rarities, or knows of anyone who has one, will write to the editor of the COMPANION, giving names, or at least localities, so we will not get

confused, the editor will please publish the communications in this column next month, and oblige,

Peter Romaine.

What do the readers of the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION know about the Suez Canal Stamps? I have never seen one that came direct from the Suez Canal, and am strongly inclined to think they owe their origin to the fertile brain of some of our enterprising stamp dealers. I would like to hear the views of my fellow collectors on this subject.

Argyle.

Can anyone give me any information regarding those fancy little pieces of paper that go by the name of "Hamburg Locals?" I have had various and sundry explanations concerning them, which conflict so much with each other, that they still leave me in the dark.

R. J. J.

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The Postage Stamps of Portugal.

By "CORREOS."



VERY little has been written concerning the stamps of Portugal, and the object of writing this article is to group together the various issues, and to give a reference list of all the varieties. The first issue of Portuguese stamps appeared in 1853, and were engraved by Francisco de Borges Freire. They have the embossed profile of Donna Maria to the left in solid pearled circle, and were printed on white wove paper.

Issue of 1853, unperforated.

5 reis, chocolate.	5 reis, red-bistre.
5 " yellow-brown.	25 " chalky blue.
25 " royal blue.	25 " very dark blue.
50 " yellow-green.	50 " d'k yell'w-gr'n.
100 " lilac.	100 " red-lilac.

The 1853 issue was reprinted in 1864, and with such careful regard to color that they cannot be distinguished from the originals. There is one sure test, however, the originals are backed with brown gum, whilst the reprints are backed with yellowish, or white gum. The Donna Maria stamps had a currency of about two years, when they were replaced by the second issue bearing the embossed portrait of King Don Pedro to the right in a circle of pearls. The set was engraved by Freire, and printed on white wove paper. The King is represented as having straight hair. There are five varieties of the 5 reis, as follows:

Type I.—Lettering large and coarse; i higher than the other letters; second R and E both touch circle round pearls; 89 pearls round the head.

Type II.—Lettering large, but not

coarse; foot of second R in CORREIO almost touches circle; i lower than other letters; 76 pearls.

Type III.—Lettering large and thin; E higher than other letters; all letters of CORREIO at some distance from circle; 76 pearls.

Type IV.—Lettering very small, and not near circle; E and i a little higher than the other letters; 75 pearls.

Type V.—Medium-sized lettering, not touching circle; i higher than the other letters, and rather crooked; 76 pearls.

Issue of 1855, unperforated.

5 reis, chocolate	5 reis, red-bistre.
5 " yellow-brown.	5 " d'k yell'w-br'n.
25 " chalky-blue.	25 " dull blue.
25 " blue, (value in large figures.)	
50 " yellow-green.	100 reis, lilac.
100 " red-lilac.	

In 1856 the set with straight hair was suppressed, and a new one with curly hair issued. The design is almost identical with that of the 1855 issue, the only difference being in the portrait of the King. There are two types of the 5 reis of this issue. The first has the pearls very large, close together, and oval; while in the second they are small, quite apart, and round. There are also two types of the 25 reis blue, with small and large figures of value.

Issue of 1856, unperforated.

5 reis, chocolate.	5 reis, pale bistre.
5 " red bistre.	5 " yellow-brown.
5 " dark brown.	25 " chalky blue.
25 " bright blue.	

In 1857 the color of the 25 reis was changed from blue to rose-carmine.

Issue of 1857, unperforated.

25 reis, rose	25 reis, rose-carmine.
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There were no 50 or 100 reis issued with this set. In 1862 a new set was put in circulation, having the profile of King Dom Luis to the left, in a circle of pearls. They were also engraved by

Freire, and printed on white wove paper.

1862, unperforated.

5 reis, chocolate.	5 reis, yellow-brown.
10 " yellow.	10 " orange.
25 " pale rose.	25 " very dark rose.
50 " green.	50 " yellow-green.
100 " lilac.	100 " red-lilac.

On the 1st of July, 1866, another new set, with portrait of King to the left in pearled oval, was issued. The ground work of these stamps is composed of crossed lines, with value above and below the oval. They were engraved by Mons. C. Weiner, and collectors will find his initials C. W. under the portrait.

1866, unperforated.

5 reis, black.	10 reis, yellow.
10 " orange-yellow.	20 " bistre.
20 " stone.	25 " rose.
25 " carmine.	50 " yellow-green.
80 " orange.	80 " or'nge-v'rm'n
100 " lilac.	100 " violet.
120 " blue.	

In 1867 some of the values of the above began to be issued with perforations, but it was not until 1869 that all the values appeared with this improvement.

1867-69, perforated.

5 reis, black.	10 reis, yellow.
10 " yellow.	20 " bistre.
20 " greenish bistre.	25 " rose.
50 " green.	80 " orange.
100 " violet.	100 " lilac.
120 " blue.	

In the early part of 1870 a new value was added to the series.

1870, perforated.

240 reis, violet.

The set of 1870 is very similar to that of 1867-69. The ground-work of the stamps is composed of vertical lines, and the initials of the engraver are wanting.

1870, unperforated.

5 reis, black.	10 reis, yellow.
20 " bistre.	20 " green-bistre.
25 " rose.	

1870, same type, perforated.

5 reis, black.	10 reis, yellow.
20 " bistre.	20 " green-bistre.
25 " rose.	50 " green.
50 " yellow-green.	80 " orange.
100 " lilac.	120 " blue.
240 " bright lilac.	

(To be Continued.)

For The Collector's Companion.

Collectors and Their Collections.

By "RAPHAEL."



IT is amusing to note the different ways which different persons will take to accomplish the same thing. This is illustrated very clearly in Philately; for instance, one boy has his entire collection pasted flat in some little blank book (perhaps his mother's grocery book), which has been written full, and thrown aside as useless. Yet he feels serenely happy in his possession, and if asked why he does not buy an album in which to put his stamps, he would probably answer that "he *had* an album that was good enough for him." We have seen persons with quite respectable collections gotten up just in this careless way.

Copy books which have served their day of usefulness, are utilized in this same way, the stamps being pasted in rows regardless of denomination, issue color, or anything else, that we can see. Such collections never "astonish the world," nor, as a usual thing, do their collectors. We know a man who has an attractive collection arranged on sheets of card board, with some attractive stamp, flag, coat of arms, or picture in the center, and stamps arranged around this, regardless of country or denomination, issue, or anything else than *beauty*. His object was to have a *beautiful* collection, and he succeeded remarkably, as he used great care and taste in arrangement.

There are a great number of "young hopefuls" who carry their stamps around in their pocket books or vest pockets, but the short lives of their pets usually teach them more care in the future.

There are some foolish people who collect nothing but counterfeits and reprints, and such trash. Where the charm lies in counterfeit stamps, the writer fails to see.

Others limit their collection to one country, or grand division; this, of

course, limits the size of their collection.

One man has spent thousands of dollars on his collection, which numbers nearly a million stamps; this he did by the repetition of all the stamps of a country upon the addition of a new issue, showing the progress each year of the stamps of a country. Besides all this, strict attention was paid to watermarks, perforations, minute shades of color, mistakes and misprints, which, of course, augmented his collection to an enormous size. This seems to be a useless waste of time and money, but evidently was not so considered by the collector in question.

Stamp collecting develops different traits in different persons. Of many it makes indefatigable traders; they will haggle over some stamps for hours, and argue as earnestly as if it were a farm that was at stake, instead of a few stamps.

In others it develops the carefulness and neatness which makes life a success. These people will have their stamps in some well compiled album, or at least in a neat, clean blank book; their stamps are neatly hinged on, with great regularity and accuracy. Such persons usually persevere, and eventually have collections, which in number and arrangement are superior to the majority of collections.

In most collectors it causes an habitual saving; instead of squandering their pocket money in sweetmeats, they save it carefully till some time, when they can get some long-wished-for stamp or stamps, and when they are tempted to squander their money for some useless thing, they desist, for they say: "Just think how many stamps I could get with this money." This trait, we are certain the parents would be glad to see and encourage, for obvious reasons.

We know of a boy who spent a few cents for 1000 common Continentals, which he at once placed upon sheets; these sheets of stamps he sold to his companions, and made over three times his original investment, besides getting many varieties for his own collection. He persevered in this enterprise, and now is quite a flourishing dealer; in this way he learned business ways and tact,

and laid the foundation for a wide-awake, successful business man.

In the end, stamp collecting teaches habits of neatness, patience, precision, care, and a sense of the beautiful, which is often wanting in young people, especially so in large cities; it also guards against color blindness, by teaching the different colors at an early age, and by a constant comparison of colors. For all these reasons, we hold that Philately should be encouraged by all.

For The Collector's Companion.

Philatelic Societies.

By "x. y. z."

Collectors should attach more importance than they do, to the formation of Philatelic societies. The fact has never been denied that these associations are very helpful to Philatelists, and why there are so few of them in existence is a question that we are unable to answer, unless it is from the fact that good leaders are scarce. What every community needs, in Philatelic as well as other circles, is a good leader, one that has enterprise enough in him to devise new ways for the advancement of the interests of those he represents. It seems that Philately has very few such leaders, if we are to judge from the condition it is in at present, or can it be that it is because we have *too many* leaders? Possibly the latter is the correct state of affairs; but we hope collectors are not egotistical enough to stand in the way of others in any scheme they may have in view for the benefit of Philately, and we do not think such is the case. If one or two collectors in each locality or city would set their minds on organizing a society, and would talk it up to their companions, we think we would hear of societies springing up everywhere, and if collectors would only do this, we are certain it would benefit them greatly, and Philately would soon take its place where it belongs, as the *Bayonne Philatelist* says, "a science upheld by statesmen and savants."

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J. H. RAYMOND, - - Editor and Publisher,
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Again we would caution our readers not to have anything to do with C. H. Mekeel, alias E. M. Hackett, alias the Carson Stamp Co., of St. Louis. Mekeel is a fraud of the first water, and our assertion to that effect in our last number has brought us numerous letters from parties he has cheated, and who know of his fraudulent practices. The writers of many of these letters are well known philatelists, and we deem it only right to let collectors who did not see our first number, know the fact. The *Philatelic Journal of America*, which he advertised to issue last October, and then postponed until January, has not appeared, and we have no doubt the circulars he has issued about it, will be the nearest anyone will ever come to seeing it. He has probably "taken in" a number of collectors, and having put

their money in his pocket, that will likely be the end of the matter. He will wait until this thing has blown over, and will then open in another city or possibly in St. Louis, under another name, for names are not difficult to invent, and Mekeel has had a great deal of experience in that line already.

We have received numerous sketches in competition for the prize of one dollar, offered in our last number, for the best article on Philately received during January and February, but the majority of them are not quite up to the standard. However, we have enrolled every competitor on our subscription list, whether his article was good, bad or indifferent. There is still another month, and also plenty of room for improvement, so every one who can write a presentable article should send it in. The award will be square and fair in every particular.

Mr. F. L. Mills, of Cincinnati, writes us that he has lost his entire stock of stamps, philatelic publications, records, etc., by fire. He found it impossible to get out an issue of his paper, the *Stamp World*, for January, but the February number will appear on time. Subscribers to the *World* are requested to send their address on a postal to him, at box 473, Cincinnati.

During this month we will give, as we did last month, an International Dealers' Directory, and either an unused Gambia or Bulgaria stamp, free to all who subscribe. When you send in your subscription, please say whether you wish the premium, and which stamp you desire, otherwise we shall take it for granted that you do not care either for the Directory or the stamp.

Philatelists visiting Chicago and those living here, are cordially invited to come around to the rooms of the Stamp Collectors' Union, 169 Washington street, any evening that we have a meeting, which occurs on the first and third Wednesdays of each month

Owing to the lack of space in this number, we were obliged to crowd out many items intended for our Correspondents' Column, and so have only inserted such communications as we deemed would most interest our readers.

We have received many flattering notices from both collectors and dealers regarding our first issue, but our extreme modesty does not allow us to publish any of them. However, we thank you all, and solicit a continuance of your favors.

If it is your opinion that the COMPANION is worthy of support, and if you would like to see it live and grow, you should help us along, either by subscribing and getting others to subscribe, or by advertising in it. Every little helps.

The publishers of the *Stamp Collectors' Dictionary* announce their intention of revising their work and issuing another number, which, they say, will be entirely free from mistakes.

Mr. M. D. Batchelder, of Middlebury, Vt., publisher of *Our American Youth*, writes us that he expects to move to Chicago this winter.

What has become of the *International Collectors' Guide* that Mr. Whilden was to have issued some months ago?

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

CANADA.—*Der Philatelist* chronicles a set of Canadian Stamps marked "official." A letter from the Secretary of the general post office, Ottawa, says: "No such stamps marked official were ever issued by this department."

CASHMERE.—The 1 anna has been changed to bright green, and a ¼ anna blue has been issued.

COSTA RICA.—The surcharge on the 2 centavos official is now in black ink, instead of blue, as formerly.

FRANCE.—From the *Philatelic World* we learn that the 20 centimes is red on green paper.

JHIND.—We note the ¼ anna on laid paper.

MEXICO.—Some months ago we were shown a type of Porte de Mar stamps, black on yellow, with the oval and spandrels blank. We are informed by a Mexican collector that this type is simply a rejected issue, the lithographic plates of which were sold to parties in that city who are "putting" them out as the first issue of Porte de Mar stamps. Collectors beware!

PATIALA.—This is a new stamp issuing province in India. It has a set of stamps, a postal card, and an envelope stamp.

POUNTCH.—This is a city in Cashmere, and *Le Timbre Poste* illustrates two stamps of different pattern, printed in vermilion; values unknown.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Last month we chronicled a surcharge, 4 cents on 5 cents, in red. We now find the surcharging is done in black, also.

TRINIDAD.—The water-mark C. A. and crown, is to be found on certain specimens of the ½ d. and 4 d. with figure of Britannia.

URUGUAY.—Part of the new 5 c. were printed by mistake in violet, which will be used for interior use. The regular color, blue, will be used for foreign postage.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings.

Vol. V Golden Days, and Vol. IV, from No. 15; Vols. III, IV and V Harper's Young People; Vols. LV, LVI and LVII Youths' Companion, and a set of 5 German Magic Lantern Slides, for a self-inking printing press and outfit. Papers are all in good condition.

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White Plains, N. Y.

Would like to exchange for any of the following Cuban stamps:

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GEO. L. GILMORE,
212 Bunker Hill St., Boston, Mass.

Foreign stamps, sheet music, post-marks, cards, tags, and other articles to exchange for flower seeds.

I. A. BARNES,
152 Clifton Ave., Springfield, Ohio.

Five foreign stamps for every match or medicine stamp sent me. Lots of less than 10 not accepted.

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Fifty foreign stamps, 10 advertising cards, one Chinese coin, 10 Revenue stamps, and 1 Confederate bill, for coins, Indian arrow heads, minerals, Confederate bills, etc.

W. A. ACKERMAN,
Box 11, Marengo, Iowa.

I have hundreds of post-marks for exchange, and will give 10 all different for any stamp not in my collection. Send lists. "M. M. N."

1441 Dickinson St., Phila., Penn.

3 different stamps for every tin tobacco tag sent me, except Climax, Chief or Old Honesty. Not less than 12 taken.

W. B. SYMMERS,
194 Houston Street, Atlanta, Ga.

Vols. II, III and IV of *Golden Days* for offers of stamps.

F. CONNETT,
22 North Throop Street, Chicago.

I have stamps from Bermuda, French Col., Canada, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Sandwich Islands, etc., to exchange for stamps from foreign countries; also for U. S. Dept., P. O. above 6 cts., Agricultural above 6 cts., Executive and Justice. Foreign correspondence solicited.

E. F. SMITH,
89 Spring Garden Road,
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MEETING OF JANUARY 21st, 1885.

Meeting called to order at 8:10, with J. H. Raymond President, in the chair. The Secretary being absent, the minutes of the last meeting were not read. The Treasurer's report was then read, and \$1.75 reported in the Treasury. The question was then brought before the house as to whether Scott or Durbin should be authority as to value of stamps, and was decided in favor of Durbin. Question moved and seconded that a record be kept of all new issues of stamps. It was carried, and the Librarian instructed to keep such record. After regular order of business was carried out, motion was made to adjourn; carried.

After adjourning, the members spent a pleasant hour in discussing stamp news, exchanging duplicates, looking over the collections of other members, etc. During the evening a question arose about getting up a hand book that would be of interest to all stamp collectors, but as the meeting had adjourned, nothing could be done with it, and it was laid over until the next meeting, February 4th, 1885.

We request stamp dealers to forward their circulars, and publishers to send sample copies of their publications, and prospectuses of contemplated publications. We desire to get a complete

library of everything obtainable in the way of Philatelic Literature, and everything in that line sent us will be kept on file at our rooms. Another important object of our Union is to obtain dealers' lowest prices on stamps, and respectable dealers, who can guarantee their stamps to be genuine, will find it to their advantage to send us their prices. We also desire dealers who send out stamps on approval to forward us a selection, and we will purchase such as are desired by our members.

The Union pays for the stamps and allows each member to select a certain amount's worth of stamps according to the surplus in the Treasury. Philatelists residing away from Chicago can become members, provided they write to us at least once a month. We are desirous of obtaining members in foreign countries, and should be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to unite with us. Full particulars as to eligibility to membership, etc., can be obtained from our Corresponding Secretary, Mr. A. Von Glahn, 547 N. Clark Street, to whom all communications should be sent.

We keep a record of all new issues, and to keep this up in as good shape as possible, we would like to hear from anyone under whose notice a new stamp, postal card or envelope stamp chances to come. Our Corresponding Secretary is conversant with English, French and German, and he will be pleased to reply to all letters of inquiry in those languages. In fact, communications in any language will receive due attention. Collectors in the city are earnestly invited to attend our meetings and become members, and we assure them it will be to their advantage. We also extend a cordial invitation to visiting collectors to drop in, and we will make them welcome. Our Union is designed to bring the collectors of the Garden City into closer social relations, and to advance the interests of Philately, and to this end we request the co-operation of our fellow Philatelists.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CONNETT, *Secretary.*

Correspondents' Column.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Parties residing at places distant from Chicago will confer a favor upon us by sending each month, a brief summary of the Philatelic doings in their vicinity, for insertion in this column. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different stand points. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

I received to-day a copy of your paper and am much pleased with it. I see in your Correspondents' Column that some one wants to know more about the Brattleboro stamps. A Mr Harris, of New York City, has one I believe, and a stamp dealer, Henry Collin, 79 Nassau street, New York City, has another.

I differ from "Argyle" on the Suez Canal stamps; they come well recommended. I have received them from one of the largest dealers in England, Edwin England, of Hull, who advertises in your paper. He stated particularly that he could guarantee them to be genuine and authentic, and also originals; not the reprints sometimes sold. I took them on this authority. Dr. Wm. Mitchell, of the *Independent Philatelist*, a noted writer and collector, says they are undoubtedly good. They are catalogued by Mr. Durbin as being issued in 1870. The fact that Scott & Co. omit them goes for nothing, as many stamps included by others are not mentioned by Scott. For instance, Samoa, Cordoba, Guinea, Borneo, the Swiss locals, etc.

But who ever saw a used one? Sure enough, who has seen one? Nobody knows. They are certainly not in use now. They were issued while the Canal was under French control, as may be seen by the words on the stamps. The most of the stock of the Suez Canal Co. is now held by Englishmen, so the French stamps would naturally be discontinued. Is it anything very improbable that the Suez Canal Co. should transmit mail matter via their canal, and issue stamps for the prepayment of postage? It does not seem so to me. There are a number of

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The Postage Stamps of Portugal.

By "CORREOS."

(Concluded.)



IN 1875 three new values appeared. The two higher values were issued to cover the single and double postage between Portugal and Brazil. The designs are the same as the 1870 issue.

1875, perforated.

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| 15 reis, brown. | 15 reis, red-brown. |
| 150 " blue. | 300 " violet. |

The colors of the 10 and 50 reis were changed in 1879, as follows:

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| 10 reis, green. | 10 reis, yellow-green. |
| 50 " blue. | |

An entirely new value appeared in 1880, same type, etc., as the 1870 issue.

1880, perforated.

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| 150 reis, yellow. |
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In the same year a new design was introduced for one of the Portuguese stamps, showing the bust of the King in double oval, inscribed PORTUGAL CONTINENTE, etc., in colored letters. The following year the 5, 25 and 50 reis appeared in a new dress, portrait of King to the left; PORTUGAL CONTINENTE above and value below. These stamps were printed from electrotype plates, and not embossed like the previous issues.

1880-81, perforated.

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| 5 reis, black. | 25 reis, blue-pearl. |
| 25 " grey. | 25 " mauve. |
| 50 " blue. | |

On January 1st, 1882, the 25 reis stamp appeared with the inscription "CORREIOS E TELEGRAPHOS," and showing portrait of King to the right, and on

the 8th of June the 50 reis was issued with similar inscriptions.

1882.

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| 25 reis, brown-lilac. | 50 reis, blue. |
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A new 5 reis, to match the 25 and 50 reis, was put in circulation early in 1883.

1883.

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| 5 reis, grey. |
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In June, 1884, three new values appeared. The 2 reis has large numeral of value in oval; the 500 reis shows portrait of King to the right, whilst the 1000 reis is of the old embossed type of 1870.

1884.

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| 2 reis, black. | 500 reis, black. |
| 1000 " " | |

On the 15th of July, 1884, a new 10 reis appeared.

1884.

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| 10 reis, green. |
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JOURNAL STAMPS.

A stamp specially issued for journals appeared in 1876. The design is very simple; PORTUGAL above, JORNAES below, with numerals of value in oval.

1876.

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| 2½ reis, pale-olive. | 2½ reis, dark-olive. |
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ENVELOPE STAMPS.

Stamped envelopes were issued early in 1879. The design of the stamps is that of the embossed type of 1870, showing the portrait of Dom Luis to the left. The envelopes are manufactured of light straw-colored paper, there being several sizes of each value.

1879.

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| 25 reis, pale-blue. | 50 reis, rose. |
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POSTAL CARDS.

Postal cards put in an appearance in 1878, printed on light buff paper. The stamp, frame and inscriptions of the 15

reis are printed in brown, whilst the 25 reis appears in carmine.

1878, with frame, buff card.

15 reis, brown. 25 reis, rose.
15x15 " " "

There is an error to be met with on some specimens of the 15 reis, brown, in which the words "*da porta*" are misspelt "*de porta*."

In 1879-81 new cards without any bordering were issued, printed upon buff.

1879-81, without frame, buff card.

10 reis, brown. 20 reis, light-blue.
30 " green. 10x10 " brown.
20x20 " blue.

The 10 reis is to be found with the word *POSTAL* misspelt "*POSTAL*." In 1882 the 20 reis was printed in dark, instead of light blue, and in the latter part of the year appeared on card which was nearly white. At the same time the 20x20 reis card appeared with the two halves joined at the left side instead of along the top.

On the first of January, 1884, a new 10 reis card was put in circulation. It is printed on buff card, and beneath the stamp is the value in two lines, ¹⁰reis, with a circle on the right to receive the postmark. In September of the same year, a double card of the new type appeared; it is joined at the left side, and the reverse has a red border.

1884.

10 reis, pale-brown. 10x10 reis, brown.

For The Collector's Companion.

A Few Hints to Beginners.

By N. A. T.



THE best way to make a collection of stamps is to get them as far as possible without buying. The reason I give for not buying stamps, is that when you obtain them either by getting them yourself from old letters, or by exchange with a friend, you take more interest in them than if you had purchased them. Persons always take a more lively interest in anything which has put them to some trouble to secure, than in that which

has cost them no effort. If you have a stamp which interests you, you look up its date of issue, the other stamps of the same series, try to find its value, and many other things which will help you very much in your collecting.

In buying your stamps it is different; you get their date from the catalogue, and put them in your album without further thought.

A good way to begin a collection, is to ask your friends and relatives if they have any old letters anywhere, and if they have, get permission, if possible, to examine them, and take the stamps. Very often you will find some very rare and valuable specimens in this way, such as old locals, old United States, Confederate, or very likely old issues of foreign stamps. Next go to some importing house, or other business firm where they have a foreign correspondence, and ask the privilege of looking over their waste-baskets; here you will often reap a rich harvest. When you have obtained all the stamps you can in this way, you can exchange and so advance your collection. It is always best to exchange with some one who has obtained his stamps in such a way as to leave no doubt that they are genuine; for it is almost impossible for a young collector, who has not had much experience with stamps, to tell a genuine from a counterfeit, and some of these deceive men who have made stamps a study for years. Some stamps, of course, you will have to buy, as you can not obtain them otherwise. In buying, be sure and trade only with men whom you know to be first-class dealers. These men have a reputation to sustain, and so, of course, will give you genuine stamps. Do not buy stamps merely because they are cheap; there are many men advertising their stamps in the papers at prices for which they cannot be bought. These stamps, if you are lucky, or unlucky enough to receive them, turn out to be the poorest forgeries.

It may not be amiss here to put in a word about albums, and the way of arranging the stamps. The International albums are probably the neatest and best for the purpose. It is easier to find where a stamp belongs, and the

other information about it here, than in other albums. Now about putting the stamps in place; never, on any account, stick the stamps to the album; if they are torn, paste a thin piece of paper over the back; the best way is to paste the stamp to a narrow piece of thin paper, of about the same length as the stamp, then stick one end of the paper to the album. I prefer fixing them in this manner to hinging them, as when fixed in this way they lie much smoother than if hinged, and thus make a much neater page.

For The Collector's Companion.

An Outline History of Philately

By WILLIAM FISHER CORNELL.

In March, 1765, during the reign of George III, an Act was passed by the English Parliament, called the Stamp Act, declaring that no legal instrument should be valid, unless it bore the government stamp. The history of this Stamp Act is well known. It was repealed the following year, and the number of stamps issued was limited. This stamp is eagerly sought after, as it is spoken of in history, and refreshes the memory of the eloquent speeches made by the eminent men—Patrick Henry, James Otis, Wm. Pitt and Burke—pertaining to the Stamp Act. These stamps may be called the stamps of antiquity, as they are in no way linked with the history of the stamps of to-day.

To Rowland Hill, of England, belongs the credit of the invention of the postage stamp, in the year of our Lord, 1840. He being an Englishman, England was the first country to issue postage stamps. The first stamps issued by the mother country, were the Mulready, and the one penny black, with profile of Queen Victoria, unperforated. It is also an interesting fact to know that envelopes were a scarcity at this time, as they were only invented in 1839, and that the stamps were gummed to the letter paper, and the paper sealed with a wafer.

Other countries now adopted the postage system, and in 1843-46 the provi-

sional issues of the U. S. A. were issued by the postmasters. The Baltimore, St. Louis and Brattleboro issues are very rare, and easily bring from one to three hundred dollars apiece. In 1847 the general issue was printed, in values of 5 and 10 cents. Their real value has been injured by the spreading of a large number of reprints of this issue.

Other stamps were issued from 1851 to 1868 including Government, Local and Confederate States issues. In 1869 the first complete set of postage stamps were issued, of values from 1 to 90 cents. In 1873 the departmental, in 1875 the periodicals, and in 1879, the postage due stamps were issued.

The first stamp collector is supposed to have been one Mr. Scales, of London, England, who had a collection in 1854. Mr. Mount Brown published the first list of postage stamps in 1862, and Dr. J. F. Gray of the British Museum, soon followed with a more complete one. Their works were widely spread and read, and from that rose the germ of life, and so on until it has grown to the extent of to-day.

There are 6,500 known varieties of stamps, of which Europe contributes the greater number, and America next. The largest collection is that of the Museum of the Berlin post-office, numbering about 5,000 stamps; some of these collections are worth from ten to thirty thousand dollars. The collection of a leading New York banker on Madison Avenue, is valued at \$30,000 at its lowest estimate.

With stamp collecting there is enthusiasm, and without it there would be no success as there is to-day, where a million or more collectors are striving to surpass his or her competitors, in numbers and in scarcity of their stamps; and as Emerson wrote: "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Let us show more of it!

Chas. Smith, Pittston, Pa.: Send your collection to L. W. Durbin, 5th and Library streets, Philadelphia, who will look them over and tell you if there are any counterfeits among them. Can not say what the charge will be. Ed.

For The Collector's Companion.

United States Stamps.

BY O. A. DALE.

The stamps of the United States at present are getting greatly mixed. Take the issue of 1870 which was 1c blue, 2c brown, 3c green, 6c pink, 7c vermilion, 10c brown, 12c purple, 15c orange, 24c lilac, 30c black and 90c carmine. The 2c brown was changed to vermilion in 1875, the 6c pink was afterwards changed to carmine, and the 10c brown to chocolate. The only stamps of the set now in use are the 1, 10, 15, 30 and 90c. In 1875 a 5c stamp made its appearance printed in blue, which was changed in 1882 with a new design printed in brown. By the change in postage on letters from 3c to 2c in October 1883, there were two new adhesives issued, viz: 2c claret and 4c green; these two stamps are the only ones (with the exception of the 2, 3, 6, 10, and 12c of 1869) that had the words United States postage in full, the name of the county being appropriated U. S. on all other stamps. Take the envelope stamps issued since October 1883. The first was a rough die printed in red; this was used only one month. In November another new stamp, better engraved, made its appearance, printed in red. In May 1884, still another variety, this time, being the November die, changed to brown. This was slightly changed again in June 1884, and still another in June, this being the November die printed in red with retouched open work. In August 1884, another variety came; this being an entirely new die printed in brown. This stamp is said to have recently been changed to red. The high values of United States stamps are being used less every year. I give a few instances when there were less issued in 1884 than 1883. The 15c orange, 406,800 less. The 30c black, 30,110 less. There were 70 more 90c issued in 1884 than 1883. The num-

ber of the general issue of stamps issued in 1884; viz: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30 and 90c, 1,459,768,460 or 293,024,660 more than in 1883. Of the newspaper and periodical stamps there were issued in 1884, including all values from 2c, to \$60 2,439,898, or 221,959 more than in 1883. There was also quite a falling off in the use of high value envelope stamps in 1884. The 5c, 65,200 less than in 1883. The 10c, 2,250 less. The 15c, 5,250 less. The 30c, 750 less. Of the 90c there were only 200 issued in 1884, there being none in 1883. Of the postage due stamps there were less of the 3, 5, and 50c issued in 1884 than 1883. The Department stamps are becoming more scarce every day. A collector may think himself extremely lucky to possess a set. The more common ones seem to have a more attractive appearance to the collector than when in use. In 1884 the following Department stamps were issued; Agricultural Department, including the 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 24, and 30c, 950 stamps; Interior Department including all values in set, 1,022,000; Justice Department, including the 2 and 3c, 2,000; State Department including the 1, 2, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90c, 17,000; Treasury Department including 10c only, 200,000 stamps. War Department including all in set, 2,147,490 stamps, making in all 3,389,440 Department stamps issued in 1884. Of postal cards there were 17,000,000 less used in 1884 than 1883; this was owing to the reduction in letter postage. Stamp collectors like to see a change in stamps take place often, but I trust there are none as bad as the boy who heard some one say the United States was going to be changed to an Empire, and threw up his hands and shouted "hurrah! hurrah! Now we will have some new stamps." The issue of 1869 is generally considered the most beautiful set of stamps ever issued. The newspaper and periodical stamps of the present issue, are a very interesting set of stamps. They are the finest specimens of engraving ever displayed on a postage stamp; they are quite a study, especially those from the \$1.92 up to the \$60.00, each one bearing a different figure.

C. S. C. U.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4th, 1885.

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m., with the President in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted, as was also the Constitution. The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Geo. W. Archard, Secretary of the North-Western Philatelic Society of St Paul and Minneapolis, who proposed that the Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union identify itself with the North-Western Philatelic Society, and thus form the nucleus of a League of Philatelic Societies. After quite a discussion, the motion was made, seconded and carried, that the C. S. C. U. unite with the N. W. P. S. in forming such a League. Four new city members were enrolled, and application of E. J. Stebbins, of Adrian, Mich., for membership, was read. It was decided that Mr. Stebbins was worthy of admission, and he was so notified by the Corresponding Secretary. After several other communications had been read, on motion, the Collector's Companion was made the Official Organ of the Union. The last question which arose for the consideration of the members, was regarding new quarters for the Union, which had grown so rapidly since its organization, that a new place of meeting was necessary. Quite a number were proposed, and finally a room at No. 246 Clark Street, in the Grand Pacific Hotel Building, was selected. The meeting then adjourned until February 18th.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CONNETT, *Sec'y.*

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18TH, 1885.

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m., with J. H. Raymond, President, in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. E. B. Martin, of Chicago, was then enrolled as a member. The constitution of the New York Philatelic Association was read by the Secretary, and motion was made, seconded and carried, to modify and change our constitution, as it was deemed hardly complete, and a committee of three was appointed for that purpose, to report at the next meeting. On motion it was decided that every member who

pays his initiation fee and dues regularly, shall receive the Collector's Companion, free, as long as he shall remain a member of the C. S. C. U. Motion was carried that the Union keep a record of the number of stamps in each member's collection, and each member to have a copy of such record furnished him. As no more business was proposed the motion to adjourn was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CONNETT, *Sec'y.*

The next meeting will occur Wednesday evening, March 4th, at No. 246 Clark Street. Applications for membership, etc., must be addressed to A. Von Glahn, Corresponding Secretary C. S. C. U., 547 North Clark Street, Chicago.

For The Collector's Companion.

Postage Stamps as an Investment.

By H. B. M.

Without doubt the question most frequently asked the Collector is: "What is the use of all these stamps?" Innumerable are the replies, but perhaps the most sensible one is, "they are an investment." That may be laughed at, but nevertheless it is true. Take the case of the writer at school seven years ago. I started my collection first. I collected a few postage stamps, then I traded for revenues, then I finally let the revenues go, and since that time have collected only postage stamps. Money that undoubtedly would have gone to the confectioner, went to the stamp dealer. I have now a collection of over 3,000 stamps which I would not sell for one cent less than \$500. But they have not cost me nearly that much. Some stamps in the past six or seven years have tripled and quadrupled in value, and could I now know what each stamp has cost me, I think I could fairly say that the interest on my investment has been fully eight per cent. Reckoning time spent pouring over my stamps; instead of wasting it, and information acquired in locating the different countries and the forms of government, I consider it is one of the most sensible things I ever did. I would encourage every school boy to start a collection of stamps, and I know in after years he will never regret it.

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We are pleased to see the interest which is now awakening in favor of Philatelic societies. We have two new organizations of this kind to chronicle this month.

The Philatelists of Providence, R. I. met together on February 2nd, and formed the "Rhode Island Philatelic Society," electing the following officers; Pres., John B. Calder, Vice Pres., Geo. H. Wood, Sec'y and Librarian, Alfred Dawson, Treas., Chas. F. Rothfuchs.

The collectors of Fitchburg, Mass. have shown commendable zeal by organizing February 6th the "Fitchburg Philatelic Society." The officers of this association are: Pres., W. L. Emory, Sec'y, W. K. Jewett, Treas., W. A. Browne, and Librarian, L. H. Sherwin.

Philadelphia collectors have bestirred themselves, and we may expect soon to hear of a society in that quarter. A

meeting has been appointed, but up to time of going to press we have not heard particulars.

Besides these associations there are the New York, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul societies, and organizations in process of formation at Stillwater, Minn., Anoka, Minn., Champaign, Ill., and Manchester, Mich.

Now why cannot all these associations be united, thus bringing Philatelists more closely together, and cementing the friendships which have in many cases sprung up between collectors in different parts of the country through correspondence? It is unnecessary to give in detail all the advantages which would result from such a union, as every true Philatelist is aware that it would be beneficial to all concerned. The Chicago Union has joined the Minneapolis and St. Paul organizations in attempting the formation of such an association, and should it meet the approval of the other societies we trust they will signify it by communicating with either the one or the other of these associations.

We are of the opinion that it would be in much better taste for a firm like that of Scott & Co. to omit the spaces for "Hamburg Locals" in the International Albums. By inserting spaces for these outrageous forgeries they lay themselves liable to suspicion. A firm that will deliberately make spaces in an album for such well-known counterfeits as these in question, must have some interest in the sale of the "Humbugs," and if Scott & Co. sell these pieces of paper for genuine stamps, they are no better than the host of Boston worthies who counterfeit stamps for a living, such as S. Allen Taylor, and his accomplice, Randall.

It has always been a subject of surprise to us, and still is, why the so-called "stamp papers" of America do not show more spirit and enterprise. You take up a copy of almost any of the papers now in existence, and you see nothing but a few notes by the editor, as he styles himself, on his fellow members of the "American Philatelic Mutual Admiration Society" as it might well be called, and possibly a long article by some English writer, reviewing or criticising English doings, which are about as interesting to most collectors as the boasted pedigree of the average Englishman. Aside from this entertaining literature the reader sees only countless advertisements, setting forth the superiority of the wares of one dealer over those of the others.

We have received about thirty-five articles in competition for the prize offered, and out of these we have selected "The U. S. Department stamps," by W. C. Glenn, ("Alpha") as the one most worthy of the prize. We have forwarded Mr. Glenn the prize, and trust we may receive other articles from his pen. Many of the others were very good, and will be published. We hope those competitors who did not get the prize will not feel slighted, as we have carefully considered the matter and think "Alpha" fairly entitled to the prize, taking everything in consideration.

Owing to many reasons, best known to myself, the *Philatelic and Amateur Directory* will not appear. Parties holding advertising bills against me will please send them immediately. L. Emerson, Creighton, Neb

R. R. Shuman & Bro., 179 Ontario street, Chicago, wish to purchase collections of stamps. Parties having collections for sale please notify them.

We had a very pleasant visit from Mr. M. D. Batchelder last month. His original intention was to locate in Chicago, but changed his mind, and is now permanently settled in St. Louis, at No. 2700 N. Ninth Street.

Mr. Whilden's *International Collector's Guide* has appeared. It contains very much interesting matter, and is quite neatly gotten up

At present there is no law against counterfeiting foreign stamps. We think Philatelists should take steps to have a law passed making it a crime.

We must request our friends to make their Notices of Exchange and items for the Correspondents' Column as brief as possible.

Those desiring rare stamps absolutely free read M. A. S. A. T. B.

Read Greene's advertisement, page twenty-eight.

Read M. A. S. A. T. B.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

ANTIOQUIA. - The color of the 1 centavo is now violet.

BELGIUM.—A 25 centimes, blue on pink, has been issued, and the 5 centimes has been changed in color, to green.

CANADA.—Bill stamps used postally. —*Der Philatelist* chronicles the 6 cent green bill stamp, said to have been used postally. All such stamps obliterated with the post-office date stamp, etc., are imposters. The Canadian postal laws, a copy of which is before us, distinctly specify that "bill and other revenue stamps shall not be available for post-

age." A well-known collector in Halifax post-office is the author of these so-called postal-fiscals "A word to the wise is sufficient."

COREA.—The *Monthly* states that two stamps have lately been issued for this place, being square in shape, perforated, with arms in centre, and inscriptions in native characters on sides. They consist of 5 mons, rose, and 10 mons, blue, the latter having the English word "Corean" at the top, and "Post" at each side. No English characters appear on the 5 mons.

FINLAND.—Several changes and additions have been made, as follows:

5 pennia, green.	10 pennia, red
20 " yellow.	25 " blue.
1 mark, gray and red.	5 marks, green and red.
	10 marks brown and red.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We understand that the half-penny stamp is to be reduced in size.

JOHORE.—The *Philatelic World* states that the stamps surcharged "Johore" have the surcharge in two varieties of letters.

MALTA.—An entirely new set of stamps have appeared, bearing the Queen's head and numerous crosses.

PERAK.—The Straits Settlements, 8 cents, yellow, has been surcharged in black for Perak.

PERU.—Several new Provisionals have appeared. Peru evidently wants to let collectors know that she *can* issue Provisionals if she wants to.

ST. DOMINGO.—We have seen the 5 cent, black on green, and 2 cent, black on pink, small "Timbre" revenues, used postally.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Two new surcharges are in use, consisting of the 5 cents, blue, surcharged "two cents" in black, and the 12 cents, claret, surcharged "eight cents" in black, and a large figure "8" over that in red.

SWEDEN.—A new set of stamps have been issued, with head of Oscar II to left in oval, "sverige" above and value below.

TRINIDAD.—An unpaid letter stamp,

1 penny, black on white, is in use, watermarked C A and crown.

TURK'S ISLAND.—The 4 pence has been changed to pearl gray.

UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.—A correspondent in Colombia sends us another official cubierta, issued by the postal agent of Magdalena. The typeset inscription is in six lines: "ESTADOS UNIDOS DE COLOMBIA," (SERVICIO DE CORREOS)—"AGENCIA POSTAL NACIONAL EN MAGDALENA,"—"CERTIFICADO OFICIAL."—SALE DE — EN — DE — 188 — "REMITE—AGENTE POSTAL." The whole is in a fancy frame on thin, blue paper. We do not collect these labels, but describe it for the benefit of those who do.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings.

"Potter's Game of Grecian History," (brand new) very instructive, 17 complete stories in pamphlet form, for stamps not in my collection; also stamps for stamps. Send a sheet to select from, and I will do the same.

COLLECTOR, Drawer 76, Lena, Ill.

12 different numbers of *Stamp World*, and 10 different Philatelic papers, and books to exchange for coins in good condition, not in my collection or reading matter. Write before sending. Address,
E. M. TRASK, Independence, Iowa, Box 268.

Books and papers to exchange; write for information to ALBERT R. SMITH,
Box 39, Greenland, N. H.

American Fusee match stamps on white and pink paper, also G. W. H. Davis match stamp vermilion, and other match and medicine stamps for match, medicine, or unperforated document stamps not in my collection.

W. V. NICHOLSON,
2002 Sassafras Street, Erie, Pa.

Will exchange 3 Siam stamps, (unused), for any Nevis of 1861 or 1867 issues; Costa Rica, 1884, 1 and 2 cent, surcharged "official," (unused), and South Australia 1855, 6 p., for any British Columbia stamp. Address,

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247 St. Clair Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

I have tobacco tax-paid stamps, books of every and any description, ancient, modern, humorous, scientific, etc., to exchange for rare stamps; parties having such, and wishing to ex-

change them for good books, should send them with what line of books they are interested in, as I wish to close out my library to improve my stamp collection.

HUGO KUENSTLER, 296 Tenth Ave., N. Y.

Rare stamps to exchange for stamps, post cards, and stamp papers, the latter especially desired. Address, S. DEWOLF,

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A small stationary steam engine, in good running order, for any five of the following genuine stamps: U. S. 1847, 5 and 10c; 1851, any above 3c; 1861, 24 and 90c; 1869, 6, 10, 24 and 30c; any Executive, Justice, or State Dept.; British Columbia; Eastern Roumelia, 5 pi.; Hayti, 1881, 20c; Simoor. The \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 Confederate Bills, for 10 from Portuguese Indies, Labuan, Lagos, Fernando Poo, China, Cape Verde, or any of the above.

J. C. WOODHULL,
15 Roseville Ave., Newark, N. J.

Would like to exchange for any of the following stamps of Wurtemberg:

1851, 1 k, 6 k, 9 k, and 18 k.
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Collectors send lists of duplicates.

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212 Bunker Hill St., Boston, Mass.

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C. D. MANSFIELD,
Merrill P. O., Powell Co., Ky.

(Mention this paper.)

Tobacco tags wanted; I will exchange 10 foreign stamps for every different tag sent me, or will give tag for tag, or will exchange foreign coins, or U. S. cents for them; will give one arrow head, or 10 cent book for any 10 different ones. Send them on and state what you wish in exchange; also coins for curiosities.

C. E. MAKEPEACE, Watertown, N. Y.

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For The Collector's Companion.

The Fastidious Critic.

By SYDNEY HUTCHINSON.



WHY don't the Philatelic papers contain more original articles? Nearly all of them are too much accustomed to filling their columns with essays and sketches copied from other papers, and if they do have original articles, what are they? chiefly extracts from the encyclopedia and a stamp catalogue patched together. I think the reason for all this fillibustering is the dearth of good and experienced writers.

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The International Album is decidedly the best cheap album, but it contains one or two bad blemishes; The spaces for "Hamburg Locals" for instance. Every once in a while the stamp papers have an article concerning these jests. They have been conclusively proved to be forgeries again and again, but as long as there are spaces for them in an album which has a reputation like the International, they will be collected. Many buy them, knowing them to be forgeries, to fill up the blank spaces. Young Collectors, non-readers of stamp papers, and others ignorant of their pernicious character, buy also. I hope to see the next edition of the International without them.

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It is disgraceful the way some firms advertise and sell United States locals. They are all counterfeits or reprints, and should not have a place in your album. Until there is a law made against making or selling counterfeit stamps it is impossible to put a stop to the business. Why is there not a law? If there were one passed it would do an immense amount of good.

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Are the Stamp Papers of the present day better than those of a few years ago? Yes, in this respect. There is more originality nowadays. The prominent papers contain a fund of useful information. There is not so much attention paid to chronicling the new issues. The list is generally skipped anyway, and as it takes up a large amount of valuable space, publishers are commencing to discontinue it. But there is room for a good deal of improvement. For my part I cannot see the utility of publishing articles which give a synopsis of the history, geography, etc., of a country, and then a list of its stamps. And I notice that such articles appear much less frequently than of old. They are probably put in to fill up space. A very good department is the Correspondents' Column. It is an excellent idea, as it enables those who are ignorant on some knotty point, to have it solved for them.

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Be careful of your album boys, don't allow your baby brother to use it for a picture book. Keep it neat and clean. Insert your stamps in it with hinges, which you can make yourself or buy of any dealer. If you do not do this, when you wish to insert a better specimen, or to look at the back of a stamp, (for instance, those of Greece,) you will have to tear and disfigure your album.

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There was a fine article by "Philo," in one of our prominent journals some time ago, showing the advantages of being a Philatelist. I thought I could obtain a convert to the cause, so I sent the paper to a friend. I knew he had several sons, and I thought possibly he might commence a collection for them. Two weeks later I received a reply from him; in the course of his letter he said: "That extract you sent me proved a

Pandora's Box. It has transformed my formerly well-behaved boys. I bought a fine \$5.00 album and presented it to my five boys. My idea was that each should own a fifth of the stamps. They soon had a collection of about 150, then they began to quarrel about the ownership of the different stamps; if Freddie would get an unused stamp and put it in the place of a cancelled specimen, Eddie would claim the discarded stamp as his, and declare that he only collected used specimens, and he would take out the unused stamp—cut the page perhaps and reinstate the used one. They squabbled so continually that at last one day in despair, I offered them a dollar apiece if they would stop their eternal disputes. It unfortunately happened that a stamp paper we took contained an advertisement offering a packet of 300 fine stamps for the small sum of one dollar. It further stated that there were only six of these packets left, (?) and that "an early bird, etc." Everyone of my boys sent for this packet! Everyone of them received the packet, and everyone of them wished to put *their* stamps in the book. Imagine the fracas! Then I appeared on the scene. I proposed a compromise; I would buy four of them a cheap album and give the \$5.00 book to Freddie, the eldest. Compromise accepted, with only one dissenting voice, that of my youngest, who wanted a book like Freddie's. I bought the books; \$5.00. 'Now at last,' I thought, 'there will be peace.' But alas, no! While I write they are transferring the stamps. There is a dispute over every stamp, as each has five claimants. I have half a mind to burn them all up; the stamps, not the claimants. The present bone of contention is a rare local. I hear the chorus of angry voices; 'Its mine;' 'Its not;' 'I bought it of Walter Johnson;' 'I traded it from Sam Crowell;' 'You didn't;' 'I did;' 'Your a l—;' I really think I must close, as I must put a stop to all these quarrels. Here comes Freddie, bawling at the top of his voice. Now for cremation."

You had better look out, Friend Philo. My friend has vowed destruction against the writer of that seducing article.

For The Collector's Companion.

A REFERENCE LIST OF UNITED STATES ADHESIVE POSTAGE STAMPS.

By "CORREOS."

NOTE.—This list includes all the varieties of color etc., known to the writer, and no stamp has been enumerated without a positive knowledge of its existence. Only such stamps as have been issued by the government are included in this list:

Issue of July, 1847, unperforated, engraved by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, of New York.

5 Cts. Brown, (Franklin) greyish-white paper.
5 " Red-brown, " " " "
5 " Yellow-brown, " " " "
10 " Black, (Washington) blueish paper.

Issue of July, 1851, unperforated; engraved by Toppan, Carpenter & Co., of Philadelphia.

1 Cent, Blue,	1 Cent, Dark-blue,
3 " Red,	3 " Brown-red,
3 " Vermilion,	12 " Black.

Issue of 1851, Carriers' Stamps, unperforated; engraved by Toppan, Carpenter & Co.

1 Cent, Blue, (Franklin) pink paper,
1 " Blue, (Eagle) white paper.

Issue of May, 1855, unperforated.
10 Cent, Green.

Issue of January, 1856, unperforated.
5 Cent, Brown, 5 Cent, Yellow-brown.
5 " " (variety of type.)

Issue of 1857, same as 1851-56, perforated.

1 Cent, Dull-blue,	1 Cent, Dark-blue,
3 " Red,	3 " Vermilion,
3 " Brown-red,	5 " Brown,
5 " Yellow-brown,	10 " Green.
12 " Black,	

Issue of June-August, 1860, perforated.

24 Cent, Lilac,	24 Cent, Red-lilac,
30 " Orange,	30 Orange-yellow,
90 " Dark-blue,	

NOTE.—The issues of 1855-60 were engraved by Toppan, Carpenter & Co.

Issue of August, 1861, perforated; engraved by the National Bank Note Co.

1 Cent, Dull-blue	1 Cent, Dark blue,
3 " Red,	3 " Pink,
3 " Brown-red,	5 " Bistre
5 " Red-brown,	5 " Dark-brown,
10 " Green,	10 " Blue-green,
24 " Lilac,	24 " Violet,
30 " Orange,	90 " Blue.

Issue of July, 1863, perforated; engraved by N. B. Note Co.

2 Cent, Black.

Issue of April, 1866, perforated; engraved by N. B. Note Co.

15 Cent, Black.

Issue of 1866-67, same as 1861-66 issues, but with "grille" embossed on the back.

1 Cent, Blue,	1 Cent, Dark-blue,
2 " Black,	3 " Red,
3 " Pink,	5 " Red-brown,
5 " Dark-brown,	10 " Green,
12 " Black,	15 " Black,
24 " Lilac,	30 " Orange.
90 " Blue.	

Issue of March, 1869, perforated; engraved by the National Bank Note Co., both with and without embossed back.

1 Ct. Ochre-yellow,	3 Ct. Ultramarine,
2 " Red brown,	2 " Dark-brown,
6 " Ultramarine,	10 " Yellow,
10 " Orange-yellow,	12 " Green,
15 " Brown and blue,	24 " Gr'n & P'uple
30 " Blue and C'rm'e	90 " Bl'k & C'rm'e

Same types with central design reversed.

15 Cts. Brown & Blue, 24 Cts. Green & P'uple

Issue of May, 1870, perforated; engraved by the National Bank Note Co., both with and without embossed backs.

1 Cent, Ultramarine,	1 Cent, Blue,
2 " Red-brown,	2 " Dark-brown,
3 " Yellow-green,	3 " Blue-green,
6 " Red,	6 " Carmine,
10 " Brown,	12 " Purple,
12 " Neutral,	15 " Orange,
24 " Purple,	30 " Black.
90 " Carmine,	

Issue of 1871, perforated.

7 Cent, Vermilion.

Issue of 1875, perforated; printed by Continental Bank Note Co.

2 Cent, Vermilion, 5 Cent, Blue.

Same type as 1870, impressions on both sides of the paper.

1 Cent, Blue, 2 Cent, Brown.
3 " Green,

Issue of 1882, perforated; (Garfield.)

5 Cent, Red-brown, 5 Cent, Black-brown.

Types of 1870, retouched; American Bank Note Co.

1 Cent, Ultramarine, 3 Cent, Blue-green.
6 " Red, 10 " Brown.

Issue of October, 1883, perforated; engraved by American Bank Note Co.

2 Cent, Red-brown

Issue of November, 1883, perforated.

4 Cent, Blue-green

(To be Continued.)

Notes From Hawaii.

Honolulu, Oahu, Feb. 14th, 1885.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In looking over the first number of your very interesting paper, I notice that you want all your readers to try and write an article on Philately, and as I am a reader, and as there is nothing like trying, I will try and give your readers a few notes on Philately in the Sandwich Islands.

The boys of Honolulu are at present very much taken up with Philately, but the only way we can get stamps is to send away to stamp dealers in the United States, and in so doing we run a great deal of risk of being defrauded by the dealers.

The Hawaiian Islands are not like the United States, where letters are constantly coming from all parts of the world. We receive letters mostly from the United States, England and Australia, and on that account we have to depend on the Stamp Companies and Dealers in the United States for rare stamps. Some of the collectors here are agents for dealers in the States and in that way get stamps cheap.

The stamps of our country have been described so often in the Philatelic papers, that I will not attempt to do so at present, but those in use now are as follows: three one cent stamps, one two cent, one five cent, one six cent, two ten cent, one fifteen cent, one eighteen cent, one twenty-four cent, one fifty cent, and one dollar, (adhesives) and one, two, four, five and ten cent envelope stamps. We also have three denominations of postals, one, two and three cents.

I was very much surprised the other day to see a collector with a full set of the old Hawaiian stamps, all post-marked with the post-office stamp, and still more surprised, when he said he only paid 50 cents for them. I would warn all collectors not to buy such stamps, as they are counterfeits. To prove what I write, I will give the value of them. The four stamps of the 1852 issue are worth at least \$150.00 each,

and the rest of the stamps from 1853 to 1865 are worth on an average \$5.00 each. People all over the world are constantly writing to the post-office here to get them, offering large sums, but they can not be procured. I don't think there are more than two or three dozen collectors here who have them.

I think the "Exchange Department" you intend having in the COMPANION will be a success. In this way I have got the address and wants of collectors in the United States and have corresponded with many of them for years.

With best wishes for your success, I remain, Yours respectfully.

WM. A. DOWER.

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

CHICAGO STAMP COLLECTORS' UNION.

ARTICLE 1.—Name.—This Association shall be known as the CHICAGO STAMP COLLECTORS' UNION.

ARTICLE 2.—Objects.—The objects for which this Union is formed are:

- I.—The encouragement of the collection and preservation of postage and revenue stamps of all nations, as well as those issued by states, corporations and individuals.
- II.—The procuring and dissemination of knowledge in relation thereto.
- III.—The inculcation of the best principles of classification and arrangement.
- IV.—The consideration of stamps in their relations to geography, history, chronology, politics, language and the fine arts.

ARTICLE III.—Membership.—SECTION I.—The Membership of this Union shall be divided into the three following classes:

- I.—Active Members.
- II.—Corresponding Members.
- III.—Honorary Members.

The first class shall constitute the governing body of the Union, from which all Officers and Committees must be chosen.

The second class shall consist of those

who, by reason of residence abroad, or distance from the place of meeting do not desire to become active members. They are expected to take an interest in the objects of the Union, and to aid it by contributions or information.

The third class shall consist of those persons who, by virtue of valuable services in the cause of Philately, are considered deserving of the distinctive title of Honorary Members.

SECTION II.—Proposals for membership in any of these classes must be made in writing, by an Active Member of the Union, at one of its meetings, and shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting.

SECTION III.—No candidate shall be entitled to membership without the consent, by ballot, of three-fourths of the members present at a regular meeting, nor shall any candidate be balloted for, upon whom the Executive Committee may have made an adverse report.

SECTION IV.—A rejected candidate can not be again proposed during the period of six months following his rejection.

SECTION V.—Any member in good standing, may become a life member by the payment at any one time of a sum equal to five years' dues.

ARTICLE IV.—Government.—SECTION I.—The Government of the Union shall be vested in the following named Officers:

- I.—President.
- II.—Vice President.
- III.—Secretary
- IV.—Corresponding Secretary.
- V.—Treasurer.
- VI.—Librarian.
- VII.—Executive Committee of three members.

SECTION II.—The term of each officer shall be for one year from the date of his election, and until a successor be appointed.

SECTION III.—It shall be the duty of the President, and in his absence, that of the Vice President, to preside at all meetings of the Union. In the absence of both President and Vice President a temporary Chairman shall be appointed.

The President shall have power to

appoint committees to attend to any special business that may come up at any time, such appointments to be ratified by the Union.

SECTION IV.—The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all transactions and proceedings of the Union.

SECTION V.—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Union, keeping copies thereof in a book provided for that purpose. All letters received by him in his official capacity, shall be filed among the archives of the Union.

SECTION VI.—The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys, provided that no moneys shall be expended by him except by written order therefor, signed by the President and Secretary of the Union. He shall keep a strict account, in writing, of all moneys which he may so receive and disburse, and his books of account shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the Union, or any of its members.

SECTION VII.—The Librarian shall take charge of all books and papers belonging to the Union, and shall keep same in good order.

SECTION VIII.—The Executive Committee shall enquire into the merits of all applicants for membership, and report thereon to the Union. It shall also act as a standing committee of reference for any matters that may be duly referred to it by the Union.

ARTICLE V.—Meetings.—SECTION I.—The regular Meetings of the Union shall be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Special Meetings shall be called by the President, at the written request of three Members, due notice of which must be given by the Secretary.

SECTION II.—Two-thirds of the Active Members shall constitute a quorum to transact all the necessary business of the Union.

ARTICLE VI.—Elections.—SECTION I.—The Annual Election of Officers shall take place at the last meeting in December of each year. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any of the offices, the same shall be filled at the next regular meeting.

SECTION II.—The Election of Officers

shall be by ballot, a majority of the whole number of votes cast being necessary to a choice.

ARTICLE VII.—Subscriptions.—SECTION I.—The Annual Subscription, which is payable quarterly in advance, shall be \$2.00 for Active and Corresponding Members.

SECTION II.—Any Member in arrears for over three months' dues shall be notified of the fact by the Treasurer, and requested to pay the same. If within thirty days after such notification and request, the arrearage be not paid, he shall then, on motion, cease to be a Member of the Union, and his name shall be stricken from the roll.

ARTICLE VIII.—Publications.—The Union may, from time to time, as it may determine, issue a bulletin or other publication, containing an abstract of its proceedings, and full reports of, or extracts from, papers read at its meetings, when such papers may prove of interest to collectors. Copies of these bulletins or publications shall be distributed in such manner as the Union shall direct.

ARTICLE IX.—Amendments.—This Constitution shall not be altered, modified, or amended, except at a regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the members present. No action thereon shall be valid unless one month's notice shall have been given.

OFFICERS FOR 1885.

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Vice President, R. R. SHUMAN.

Secretary, FRED. CONNETT.

Cor. Secretary, AUG. VON GLAHN.

Treasurer, E. B. MARTIN.

Librarian, M. A. THOMPSON.

Executive Committee, J. J. SHUMAN,

L. B. RAYMOND, H. A. ESCHENBERG.

Every Member in good standing will receive the official organ, the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, as long as he continues a member, free of charge.

All correspondence should be addressed to the *Corresponding Secretary*, A. Von Glahn, 547 North Clark Street, Chicago.

Look at C. H. Andrew's adv. page III
Notice Whilden's adv. page II.

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Parties unknown to us must send money in advance, or give satisfactory reference. Remit by postal note.

J. H. RAYMOND, - - Editor and Publisher,
162 Centre Street, Chicago.

In our March number, Mr William Fisher Cornell, in an article entitled "An Outline History of Philately," stated that "the largest collection is that of the Museum of the Berlin Post Office, numbering about 5000 stamps."

This we think is an error. If the collection referred to does not contain more than 5000 varieties, it is certainly not the largest collection in the world. The collection of the well known Philatelic writer, "Correos," now numbers about 9000 varieties, and the collection of one of the members of the C. S. C. U., Mr. O. S. Hellwig, contains in the neighborhood of 8000 stamps, which he has collected principally in the countries issuing them. The collection of Mr. William Leckie, another member of the C. S. C. U., numbers about 4000 stamps. In addition to these, Chicago can boast of several collections ranging in numbers from 2000 to 4000 varieties of stamps.

One of the most prominent dealers in our city has spoken to us of an idea he had of forming a Joint Stock Company, for the purpose of importing and exporting stamps on a large scale. If enough dealers could be interested in something of this kind, we think it could be made to work admirably, as with sufficient capital and an able and efficient corps of officers in charge, what could not such an organization accomplish?

The scheme of organizing a League of Philatelists throughout the country has met with almost universal approbation, and a large number of collectors and societies have signified their willingness to join such an association. Active preparations are now being made for the formation of this organization, and we hope ere long to chronicle its successful completion.

We received several articles in competition for the prize which closed last month, after we had forwarded it to the successful competitor. Among these we may mention one by "Pseudonyme," a very comprehensive and exhaustive history of the postal emissions of Ceylon, which we shall publish later on.

Philatelists in Baltimore, Md., and Amherst, Mass., are trying to form Societies. They have our best wishes, and we have no doubt that eventually their efforts will be crowned with success. All it needs to put a Society on a firm basis, is the active co-operation of a few live collectors

We have received the pamphlet, *How to Deal in Foreign Stamps*, and we advise all to send ten cents to the publishers and get it, as it is valuable both to dealers and collectors.

The recent fire in the *World* office, does not seem to have had any demoralizing effect on its worthy publisher. He seems to be as lively as ever, and we hope he may continue so for many years to come.

For a short time only we will accept 25 cents in payment of six months subscription to the COMPANION, thus giving those who cannot raise the formidable sum of 50 cents for a year's subscription, a chance to take a trial trip with us at least.

The *Empire State Philatelist*, is one of our most welcome exchanges. It is conducted by one of our best Philatelic writers, and will hold its own among the first papers of its kind.

The *International Collector's Guide*, 48 pages; devoted to Philately, twenty-five cents. W. G. Whilden, Jr., Pelzer, S. C.

E. S. A. McLeod will now be able to attend to business, and to answer all letters same day as received.

The *Queen City Philatelist*, is announced from Buffalo, to commence June 15th.

—Master—"Well, Susan, did you mail my letter, as I told you?" Faithful Servant—"Yes, sir; but I had it weighed first; and as it was double weight I put on another stamp. Master—"Good girl; only I hope you did not put it on so as to obliterate the address." Faithful Servant—"O, no, indeed, sir; I just stuck it on top of the other stamp, so as to save room.—*Ex.*

Look at C. H. Andrew's adv. page III.
Read Merriman's adv. page III.

Association News.

"United we stand; divided we fall."

As Philatelic Societies are becoming so numerous, we shall hereafter devote a part of our space to their doings, and shall be pleased to hear from each Society.

C. S. C. U.

MEETING OF MARCH 4TH, 1885.

The sixth meeting of The Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union was called to order at 8 P. M., March 4th, with J. H. Raymond, Pres., in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. The committee on constitution reported and the new constitution was adopted and ordered to be printed. In case a question arose which was not covered by the constitution, it was moved and carried to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the authority. According to the new constitution, which says the offices of Sec'y., Treas., Cor. Sec'y. and Librarian shall be separate, the new offices of Treasurer and Librarian were balloted upon. E. B. Martin was elected Treasurer and M. A. Thompson Librarian. An Executive Committee was then balloted upon, and J. J. Shuman, H. A. Eschenberg and L. B. Raymond were elected. It was moved and carried that the Union have a program prepared for each meeting. The Union shall be divided into two divisions and it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to prepare a subject for each division alternately, and to notify such division at least one month ahead. Correspondence read by Corresponding Secretary, consisting of numerous applications for membership, etc. The constitution was then signed by the members, and the meeting adjourned until March 18th.

FRED. CONNETT, *Sec'y.*

MEETING OF MARCH 18TH, 1885.

Meeting called to order at 8 P. M., with J. H. Raymond, Pres., in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and accepted. The Executive Committee submitted their report, and four names reported for admission. It was moved and carried to suspend the usual rules for balloting on one name at a time, and ballot for them altogether. The ballot was taken and four new members admitted to the C. S. C. U. Correspondence read by the Corresponding Secretary; 14 applications for membership outside of Chicago. On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to correspond with the Secretaries of the different Philatelic Societies and make arrangements for forming a League of Philatelists. Adjourned.

FRED. CONNETT, *Sec'y.*

R. I. P. S.

The Rhode Island Philatelic Society meets on the first Monday of each month, except during July and August. We have adopted a constitution and shall have them printed in a short time, when we shall be pleased to exchange with other Societies. We have adopted L. W. Durbin's catalogue as the standard of values for exchange in preference to Scott's. Have also adopted the Color Chart of the National Philatelic Society for reference.

At the second meeting of the Society, held March 2nd, three names were presented for membership. The evening was taken up by listening to some interesting points on the two cent envelopes of the United States from October, 1883 to the present time. Mr. E. D. Hanes illustrated his remarks by showing specimens of the stamps.

Now Mr. Editor of the COMPANION, we like your idea of a compact organization of Philatelists, and would be glad to see it carried out. We, in the R. I. P. S. would be glad to hear from other Societies of any new issues or new facts and points in relation to stamp collecting, for our Society is yet in its infancy, and any information will be cheerfully given and received.

ALFRED DAWSON, *Sec'y.*

Q. C. P. S.

We have at last formed a Philatelic Society in Philadelphia. It is called the Quaker City Philatelic Society. The first meeting was held on the 18th of February, when E. R. Durborow was elected President, M. M. North, Vice Pres., S. M. Gans, Sec'y., and Geo. Henderson, Treas. Another meeting was held at N. W. Cor. 13th and Arch Sts. when a constitution was adopted. One of the greatest points of discussion was whether the Society should admit ladies to membership. After a spirited debate, it was decided to admit them. At this meeting were exhibited novelties, such as the latest surcharge from Peru, complete set of Sandwich Islands envelopes, etc. There was also exhibited a large collection of U. S. stamps.

GEO. HENDERSON, *Treas.*

E. P. N. S.

At a meeting of the Collectors of Erie, Pa., held on Wednesday evening, March 11th, at the residence of Capt. Wm. F. Lentje, 123 West 25th St., the following business was transacted. Meeting was called to order at 8:30; Wm. F. Lentje in the chair and W. V. Nicholson, Sec'y. pro tem. An enrollment of the members present was taken, after which a short debate in regard to naming the Society, resulted in the unanimous adoption of "The Erie Philatelic and Numismatic Society." A committee of three was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws, to report at the next meeting, Wednesday evening, March 25th, at which time the permanent officers will be elected. It was further decided that the meetings of the Society shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

W. V. NICHOLSON, *Sec'y,*
pro tem.

F. P. S.

The third regular meeting of the Fitchburg Philatelic Society, was held on the evening of March 13th; President Emory in the chair. Reports of Sec-

retary and Treasurer read and accepted. A plan was formed and put into operation, that Philatelic publications should be lent to each member after the manner of a circulating library, books to be returned on or before the next meeting. It was also decided that the *New England Philatelist* be sent free to all members as long as they remain in the Society. Mr. Emory showed specimens of errors in three colors of the one centime Belgium. In the word BELGIQUE a G was substituted for the Q. Adjourned.

W. K. JEWETT, *Sec'y.*

E. P. S.

The Emporia (Kansas) Philatelists met March 19th, and formed a temporary organization. Committees were appointed to report at next meeting, which takes place March 26th, 1885.

C. W. SPARR, *Sec'y,*
pro tem.

Correspondents' Column.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different stand points. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In No. 3 of your valuable paper, Mr. J. C. Woodhull, inquires about the German stamps surcharged "Piaster" used in Turkey. In reply let me say the following: According to a treaty with Turkey, the German Government has a Post Office in the city of Constantinople for the convenience of the people, because the Post Office of Turkey is too slow and not trustworthy in delivering mail. At the German P. O., the German postage stamps of all values were used for foreign countries, until December, 1883. About this time the merchants and importers in Germany trading

largely with Turkey, complained to the German Government that their customers in Turkey, especially in Constantinople, paid for goods received from Germany with German postage stamps, and they sent a petition to the government to stop that evil. Upon hearing this, the German Government at Berlin issued orders to the Post Master at Constantinople to surcharge the German stamps with the values of money in Turkey, that is Piaster and Para, such surcharged stamps being worthless to German merchants.

Ph. Heinsberger.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Replying to R. S. L., who asks for information concerning Utah stamps, would say: there never was a stamp officially issued for Utah, although I understand that a local stamp has been in use. This question was answered in a book called the *Stamp Collector's Companion*. I will give the following letter as published:

Salt Lake City, Jan. 21st, 1876.

Gentlemen:

President Brigham Young directed me to say that the stamp book is in error in stating that he issued some five cent stamps in 1852, and further he never issued any five cent stamps at any time.

Respectfully, Geo. Reynolds,
Sec. to Pres. Young.

Have any of the readers any information in regard to a local used lately in Utah?
An Advertiser.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In your March number, X. Y. Z., in making his calculation as to the net loss sustained by the publishers of *Hermes*, errs slightly, for with the second number before me, I see over four pages of "ads" which according to the terms of Mess. I. & Co., on the first page, would bring \$30. per page; certainly \$125. in all. It is further probable that a large number of the recipients send the 12 cents as requested by the publishers and that many of the advertisers aid in the circulation at their own expense. These suggestions of mine may convince X. Y. Z., that the balance of Mess. I. & Co., is on the other side of their books,

and may even reach a "living profit" if the "ads" continue to "roll up" as they have done. Thomas Semmes.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I note the remarks made by F. Francoise, and others about Mr. Mekeel and his connection with the Allen's Locals. I think F. F. mistaken about Mekeel being in possession of the dies from which the stamps were made, as I have it from a friend of Mr. Allen's, that the plate has not and will not be sold to anyone. Mekeel probably purchased a large lot of the remainders, red on yellow, one kind. I never knew him to hold a stock or offer any of the other colors, which are the rarer and are from the same dies.

Why abuse a genuine local of our own town? W. H. P.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I would like to know about some U. S. stamps. I have a complete set of U. S. Department Stamps, which are unperforated and ungummed and printed on thicker paper than the others; I would like to know whether they are worth as much as the others and all about them. W. K. B.

Editor Collector's Companion:

If some of the readers of your paper will kindly enlighten me as to the meaning, origin, making and use of the watermark, they will no doubt oblige many others as well as myself.

Able Can Do It.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings.

"Potter's Game of Grecian History," (new), very instructive, or 25 cards with your name printed on, or your name on Rubber Stamp for every 20 match or medicine stamps sent me; (there must be 10 varieties), or a 10c U. S. 1847 issue stamp, or a 24 or 30c 1860 issue, or a 90c 1861 issue, or a 24 or 30c 1869 issue.

F. K. RISING, Lena, Ill.

32 pieces of music for the E \flat Cornet, to exchange for common Continentals. Make offers. Music consists of Quicksteps, Waltzes, Marches, etc. List of prices for stamp. Address.

W. G. WHILDEN, JR., Pelzer, S. C.

Would like to exchange stamps from my list for any U. S. Newspaper, from 4c to 192c, (used or unused), or any U. S. envelopes, from 6 to 90c. (used or unused). All exchanges to be made from Scott's 44th or 45th edition, or will exchange them at your own price.

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25 different foreign stamps for an entire postal card of any foreign country except Canada or Great Britain.

J. J. SHUMAN, 179 Ontario St., Chicago.

I will give 50 good foreign stamps each, for the following: War, 7 and 90c; Treasury, 24 and 7c; Interior, 30, 24 or 90c; P. O., 7, 24 or 90c; Agricultural, 30, 24 or 12c; or any Navy, Justice, State or Executive.

GEO. L. LYMAN, Charlottesville, Va.

I will give 7 foreign stamps for every match, medicine or revenue stamp in good condition. Will also give 40 foreign stamps for every red or green Centennial envelope cut out square, or will give 40 varieties foreign for one of them on the entire envelope. Will give 100 foreign for every 1000 U. S. stamps of the present issue.

M. KELLOGG, Oberlin, Ohio.

Would like to exchange for any of the following stamps: Lubec, '59, 2½s., '63 ½s., 1s., 1¼s., 2½s., 4s., and any of the envelope stamps; Mecklenburg Schwerin, '56, 3s and 5s; '64, 2s and 5s, and any of the envelope stamps; Mecklenburg Strelitz '64, 1s., ½s., gr., 1s., gr., 3s., gr., and any of the envelope stamps.

GEO. L. GILMORE,

212 Bunker Hill St., Boston, Mass.

I have Scott's International Stamp Album, in morocco, cost \$7 50; 100 foreign post-cards, unused and entire, cost \$5 00; 50 foreign envelopes, unused and entire, cost \$5.00; 50 Russian Locals unused, cost \$5.00; 1 copy "Album Weeds," cost \$2.00, to exchange for bound books of travel, in good condition, or for foreign coins.

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1874, 5, 6 and 7, and part of 78 and 80 of Youths' Companion, and 12 numbers of Harper's Young People for the best offer in stamps.

R. R. SHUMAN,

179 Ontario St., Chicago.

A sketching camera, a hand bracket saw, many pictorial advertising cards, the game "Corn and Beans," exchanged separately or together for stamps not in my collection; the following preferred: Bolivia, Bosnia, Cyprus, Fernando Po, Granada, Ionian Isles, Liberia, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Sicily, Parma, Poland, Guatemala, Gambia, U. S. Executive Dept., or Grenada. Address, JAS. F. MORTON, JR., Newton Centre, Mass.

I will give 2 different foreign stamps for every one not in my collection. Write what you have for exchange, and what you want. I also have small Stalactites from Maulden Cave to exchange for stamps. C. D. MANSFIELD,

Merrill P. O., Powell Co., Ky.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

AZORES.—The surcharge "Acores" on the 20 reis card is now printed in small letters

BELGIUM.—The 5 cent card has appeared with "Ce Cote" etc. omitted, and "Postkaart" in its place. There has also been a new 25 cent stamp issued with profile of king in square, "Postes" above and "Belgique" below. Color, blue on rose.

CANADA.—The 1 cent reply card now has the stamp on the left side.

COREA.—The two stamps mentioned last month, have, it seems, three companions, viz' 25 m. green; 50 m. yellow; and 100 m. lilac.

CEYLON.—Two new provisional stamps have appeared; 32c surcharged 25c., and 2 r. 50 c. surcharged 1 r. 12 c.

LAGOS.—The 1d. has been changed to rose, the 2d. to gray, the 4d. to lilac, and the 6d. to olive.

MALTA.—The denominations of the new series of stamps for this place are as follows:

½ d. green, 4 d. brown.
1 d. carmine. 1 sh. lilac.
2 d. gray. 1 and IXI cards, carmine on buff.
2 ½ d. blue. 2 d. registry envelope, blue.

MACAO.—The 80c. provisional is now done away with, as a stamp of that value has been issued; color gray.

RUSSIA.—A new 3 k. adhesive has been issued; color carmine. In addition to this, there is a 5 k. envelope; color lilac.

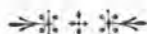
ST. DOMINGO.—This place has a new set of stamps, with shield in centre, "Republica Dominicana" above, and value at bottom. The values are as follows:

1 c. green 5 c. blue.
2 c. red 10 c. orange.
20 c. brown.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—A post card, 1 c. green on buff, has been issued recently.

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The Catalogue, without plates, will be sent to Collectors free on application.

LYMAN H. LOW,
Numismatist,

Look at C. H. Andrew's adv. page III. 838 Broadway, - New York.

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1851 Unperforated (P. S. POSTAGE above);		08	01	25	01	25	05	75	00	00	00	00	00
1857 Perforated (no initials in corners)		05	01	40	01	08	20	50	65	150			
1861 P's and figs. in corners; plain or gridded		02	02	01	10	05	12	20	25	35	125		
1869 Square stamps, all gridded		08	03	01	25	20	18	20	100	100	225		
1870 (Same size as those now in use) gridded		25	20	15	25	25	100	100	150	150	175	275	
(profile to left (5c issued 1875) plain		01	02	01	01	01	12	01	05	01	20	01	08
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NAVY DEPARTMENT		15	08	01	05	50	15	15	30	30	125		
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5 Bulgaria	10c	*3 Hamburg	5c
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For The Collector's Companion.

Stamp Dealers.

By "RAPHAEL."

PERHAPS no other business has as great a variety of dealers as has the stamp business. The list extends from the grayhaired man with wide experience and large capital, to the small boy in knickerbockers, whose entire capital might be invested to good advantage in a pound of candy, and from the blushing maiden to the counterfeiting miscreant.

There are numberless "Stamp Companies," in which no name appears except some romantic name for the Company as a whole. Collectors should be very careful as to what dealings they have with these so-called "Companies," because in a great many cases they do business in such a way that they prefer to keep their names a secret. The market is now flooded with counterfeit stamps, and unless the collector is very careful, he is liable to be swindled by the "bargains" advertised in some of the papers, for when a dealer offers stamps for half their real value, it is pretty certain that they are not stamps at all, but the production of some swindler.

It is very seldom that youthful dealers are swindlers, or deal to any extent in counterfeit stamps. There are several reasons for this, one being that they are not wholly exempt from parental "warmings;" another, that they, being collectors themselves, have a wholesome dislike for counterfeits, and avoid them as they would vipers; still another reason is that a youth has his character to make, and cannot afford to compromise his good name for the few cents he would gain by dishonesty.

We know of a youth of thirteen years in the stamp business, who conducts his affairs in such a thorough-going

manner, that an outsider would not dream but that a man was managing the business. We think it safe to say that, had it not been for stamps, all that business tact would have been left undeveloped for some years to come.

Still another class of dealers, without whom Philately would be much better off, are the unscrupulous; those who sell counterfeits or anything else by which they can catch a penny, and who depend upon trickery, deceit and fraud to gain a livelihood. Persons of this class do not hesitate to take "French Leave" of a town, and leave their debts unpaid. We know of one of this class, who has changed his place of business nearly a dozen times in the last few years, leaving at each place debts of greater or less magnitude. These persons are neither more nor less than rascals, and should be treated as such.

Another class, the dull twin brother of the trickster, is the shallow brained, unprincipled character, who would cheat by trickery if he was smart enough, but as he is not, he sneaks along through the business and world in general, always bankrupt, always in debt, and is a walking check with "No Funds" stamped upon his back, "No Brains" upon his face, and "No Character" upon all his transactions. He bears the relation to the audacious swindler, as does the chicken thief to the bold burglar.

Some stamp dealers know less about stamps than is at all consistent with their calling. One of these, when offering stamps for sale, would say, "That's a pretty stamp," or "Here are some fine bright ones," but when asked as to the rarity or history of any stamp, would quickly change the subject and talk about the weather.

There is, on the part of the youthful dealer, a desire to be thought old and experienced, as is clearly illustrated

by the firm names assumed by them. Take for instance, a boy named William Brown; instead of advertising simply in his own name, his advertisements will be resplendent with "Messrs. Williams, Brown & Co." which sounds very big. but, unfortunately, "all is not gold that glitters."

All honest stamp dealers, be they great or small, high or low, male or female, should unite against their common foe, the counterfeit stamps, their originators and encouragers, for if left unchecked, these enemies will become ere long, stronger than Philately in its true sense, and will make it disgraceful to be connected in an way with Philately.

For The Collector's Companion.

A REFERENCE LIST OF UNITED STATES ADHESIVE POSTAGE STAMPS.

By "CORREOS."

(Concluded.)

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

Issue of April, 1865, large size, perforated; engraved by the National Bank Note Co.

5 Cent, Blue, 5 Cent, Blue, (with blue border)
10 Cent, Green, 25 Cent, Vermilion.

Issue of January, 1875, perforated, various allegorical designs; engraved by the Continental Bank Note Co.

2 Cent, Black,	3 Cent, Black,
4 " " "	6 " " "
8 " " "	9 " " "
10 " " "	12 " Carmine,
24 " Carmine,	36 " " "
48 " " "	60 " " "
72 " " "	84 " " "
96 " " "	\$1.92 Brown,
\$3.00 Scarlet,	\$6.00 Orange,
\$12.00 Green,	\$24.00 Purple,
\$36.00 Red,	\$60.00 Lilac.

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Issue of August, 1879; perforated; numerals of value in centre.

1 Cent, Yellow-brown,	1 Cent, Red-brown,
2 " Red-brown,	3 " Red-brown,
3 " Yellow-brown,	5 " Yellow-brown,
5 " Red-brown,	10 " Red-brown,
30 " Red-brown,	50 " Red-brown.

DEPARTMENT STAMPS.

AGRICULTURE. Issue of July, 1873;
Same Types as 1870 issue.

1 Cent, Yellow,	2 Cents, Yellow,
3 " " "	6 " " "
10 " " "	12 " " "
15 " " "	24 " " "
30 " " "	

EXECUTIVE. Issue of July, 1873.

1 Cent, Carmine	2 Cents, Carmine,
3 " " "	6 " " "
10 " " "	

INTERIOR. Issue of July, 1873.

1 Cent, Vermilion,	2 Cents, Vermilion,
3 " " "	6 " " "
10 " " "	12 " " "
15 " " "	24 " " "
30 " " "	90 " " "

JUSTICE. Issue of July, 1873.

1 Cent, Purple,	2 Cents, Purple,
3 " " "	6 " " "
10 " " "	12 " " "
15 " " "	24 " " "
30 " " "	90 " " "

NAVY. Issue of July, 1873.

1 Cent, Blue,	2 Cents, Blue
3 " " "	6 " " "
7 " " "	10 " " "
12 " " "	15 " " "
24 " " "	30 " " "
90 " " "	

POST OFFICE. Issue of Feb., 1872; large size for registered packets; no expressed value.

....Green.Yellow-green.

Issue of July, 1873; numerals of value in centre.

1 Cent, Black,	2 Cents, Black,
3 " " "	6 " " "
10 " " "	12 " " "
15 " " "	24 " " "
30 " " "	90 " " "

Issue of 1877; Stamp for "officially sealed" letters. Groundwork composed of the words "Post Obitum" many times repeated.

....Brown.

Issue of 1879 Similar Type; "Post Obitum" omitted.

....Brown.

STATE. Issue of July, 1873.

1 Cent, Green,	2 Cents, Green,
3 " " "	6 " " "
7 " " "	10 " " "
12 " " "	15 " " "
24 " " "	30 " " "
90 " " "	\$2.00 Black & Green.
\$5.00 Black & Green,	\$10.00 " "
	\$20.00 Black and Green.

TREASURY. Issue of July, 1873.

1 Cent, Brown,	2 Cents, Brown.
3 " "	6 " "
7 " "	10 " "
12 " "	15 " "
24 " "	30 " "
90 " "	


WAR. Issue of July, 1873.

1 Cent, Claret,	2 Cent, Claret,
3 " "	6 " "
7 " "	10 " "
12 " "	15 " "
24 " "	30 " "
90 " "	

For The Collector's Companion.

Postal Cards and Envelopes.

By "X. Y. Z."

 I HAVE often wondered why it was that collectors pay so little attention to postal cards and envelopes. Are they not as much a part of a good collection as the adhesives? I think so, and if I am not mistaken, most Philatelists will agree with me. But at the same time, if you look over their collections, you will see but very few postal cards, or perhaps none, and so far as stamped envelopes are concerned, I think I am safe in saying that nine times out of ten, you will not find a single complete envelope. This appears more singular when you think on the subject a moment. Why do we collect stamps? Some one will say, "for recreation; to rest the mind." True; but the value of stamp collecting as a recreation must always consist in the fascination which attends it; the magnetism which everyone who has collected stamps feels in a more or less marked degree. But where does this fascination, this magnetism, come from? It must certainly come from the *history* of our specimens, else why all this hue and cry about counterfeits? Certainly if the *paper* was all we collected, a counterfeit would answer the purpose as well as a genuine stamp. But no; when a collector sees a "Connell," of New Brunswick, if he is lucky enough to get a glimpse of one, what reminiscences rush to his mind? If he is an intelligent collector, and takes the interest in his subject that it deserves,

he will at once recall the reasons why this stamp is so rare; the indignation of the British Government at seeing the portrait of a common mortal on a similar piece of paper as the Queen's profile was engraved on.

Now if an adhesive stamp is of such intense interest, how much more interesting must an entire, used postal card be? Here again I must digress. Why should a used postal be of more interest than one unused? For several reasons. In the first place, a card that has been used, and carries its message on its back, has more *history* than one which never left the Post Office except to be placed in a collection. Another reason for my preference is that the used card bears its guarantee of genuineness on its face. It carries its guarantee in two ways. Counterfeiters generally select adhesives for their "fine work," from the fact that they are easier to make. All there is to the adhesive is the *stamp*, while to the postal card there is the peculiar paper and the inscription on the card, aside from the stamp. But even should they assay to manufacture cards, which no doubt they would do if their collection became popular and more general, they could not make *used* postals. They might of course, cancel the *stamp*, as they now do the adhesive, but the *postmark* on a genuine card would attest the difference. Then too, turn it over and read the back. *There* is another proof, and taking all in all, the difficulties in the path of the postal card or envelope counterfeiter, are, I think, too great to make the business successful.

But leaving this subject, (which I confess is not a pleasant one to write of) entirely out of the question, is there not a great deal more fascination in collecting entire envelopes or postal cards than can be found in adhesives? The only detrimental point which can be urged against their collection is that they are more bulky than adhesives. This, however, in my opinion, is overbalanced by their greater interest. Do not think for a moment that I would discourage the collection of adhesives; on the contrary, I would encourage it, as I would any and every other form of

stamp collecting. I only wish to draw attention to the divisions of postal card and envelope collecting, in connection with adhesives. Every argument which can be brought forward in favor of collecting adhesives, will of course, apply to postals and envelopes, and in addition, in the postal card, you get a much clearer view of the manners and customs of the people of the country from which the card comes. You also see more perfectly the advancement made by the people, by the different postal cards issued from time to time.

Association News.

"United we stand; divided we fall."

C. S. C. U.

Chicago, Ill.

MEETING OF APRIL 1ST, 1885.

The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., with J. H. Raymond, President, in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Upon the favorable report of the Executive Committee, ten new members were admitted to the Union. After some minor business was attended to, the meeting adjourned, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to exchanging and inspecting oddities and rarities in the Philatelic line.

FRED. CONNETT, *Sec'y.*

MEETING OF APRIL 15TH, 1885.

Owing to a misunderstanding among the members as to the meeting of this date, so few members were present that all important business was postponed until the next regular meeting, which occurs May 6th, 1885.

FRED. CONNETT, *Sec'y.*

R. I. P. S.

Providence, R. I.

Meeting called to order by the Pres-

ident, John B. Calder. After accepting the recommendation of the Executive Committee on the admission of three gentlemen, and attending to some minor business, the remainder of the evening was spent in reviewing some gems from Trinidad, Switzerland, Mexico, Bolivia, and Buenos Ayres; some U. S. envelopes of 1870-4 were also exhibited, Mr. Hayes explaining the issues, dies and water marks.

ALFRED DAWSON, *Sec'y.*

F. P. S.

Fitchburg, Mass.

The meeting of April 10th, was called to order at 7:45 p. m., by Pres. Emory. The Constitution, which was adopted at the last meeting, was received, and copies ordered to be distributed according to the direction of the Board of Officers. Thanks were returned to the publishers of THE COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, and *Philatelic Advertiser*, who sent copies for distribution among the members. The Constitution of the Chicago Stamp Collector's Union was received and read at the meeting of March 27th; this was also referred to at the last meeting and commended by all present. One new member was proposed and his case referred to the Executive Committee. After some further conference the meeting was adjourned.

W. K. JEWETT, *Sec'y.*

C. N. J. P. A.

Bergen Point, N. J.

We have a small Society here; it is quite informal, and more for exchange than anything else. We meet as often as five members call a meeting. It is known as the "Central New Jersey Philatelic Association." G. O. Conover is *Sec'y.*, and T. M. Ten Broeck, Chairman.

W. H. MITCHELL.

Q. C. P. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

The second regular meeting was held at 1441 Dickenson St., Pres Durborow in the chair; after minutes of previous meeting were read, eleven applications for membership were presented and favorably acted upon. The President was authorized to appoint a committee of three with full power to act in regard to renting a suitable meeting room, and to fix the times of meeting. Cummunications were read from Messrs. Durbin, Jewett and Nicholson; the Cor. Sec'y, was empowered to answer in behalf of the society. Notice was given that a motion would be made at the next meeting to amend the Constitution in regard to Subscriptions. The Sec'y was authorized, on behalf of the Society, to accept Mr. Durbin's offer of the *Philatelic Monthly*, as the official organ of the Society, and to thank him for the same. The Cor. Sec'y was authorized to send copies of the minutes to such Philatelic papers as would agree to publish them. The meeting then adjourned.

THEO. SIDDALL, *Sec'y.*

E. P. N. S.

Erie, Pa.

At the meeting of the Erie Philatelic and Numismatic Society, held at the residence of Capt. Wm. F. Lentje, Wednesday evening, March 25th, the following business was transacted: meeting called to order with Capt. Lentje in the chair; the committee on Constitution reported, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President.—L. M. LITTLE,
Vice-President.—WM. F. LENTJE,
Sec'y.—JAMES H. MORTIMER,
Treasurer.—W. F. READER,
Corresponding Sec'y and Librarian.—
W. V. NICHOLSON.

It was concluded not to adopt the Constitution until our next meeting, which will be held Wednesday evening,

April 8th. The thanks of the Society are due to the following gentlemen for favors received: J. H. Raymond, of THE COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, A. Von Glahn, Cor. Sec'y C. S. C. U., H. S. Jeanes, Cor. Sec'y Q. C. P. S., and T. Coke Watkins, of the *Empire State Philatelist*.

W. V. NICHOLSON, *Cor. Sec'y.*

The meeting of April 8th, was called to order with Thos. B. Turrill presiding. On account of the absence of a number of the members, including the President and Vice-President, it was thought best to postpone the adoption of the Constitution, until next meeting. During the evening a number of corresponding members were elected, and the Cor. Sec'y authorized to notify them. After examining some choice stamps, shown by one of the members, the meeting adjourned.

W. V. NICHOLSON, *Cor. Sec'y.*

E. P. S.

Emporia, Kans.

The Emporia Philatelists met April 13th, at the residence of the Sec'y. The Committee on Constitution reported, and constitution was adopted without change. "The Emporia Philatelic Society" was chosen for a name, it being the name of a society organized in 1882, to which most of the present members belonged. It was decided to meet on Monday evenings, once a week. After an hour spent in looking over collections and exchanging, the meeting adjourned.

C. W. SPARR, *Sec'y.*

U. P. S. S.

Lancaster, Ohio.

This town has a Society, which rejoices in the name of "The Unicorn Philatelic Stamp Society." Its officers are: H. K. Beck, Pres.; E. L. Keene, Vice-Pres.; M. Effinger, Sec'y and Treas. It numbers thirteen members.

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J. H. RAYMOND, - - Editor and Publisher,

P. O. Box 419, Chicago.

How is the proposed "Philatelic League" getting on? We have heard very little concerning it the past month. The Corresponding Secretary of the C. S. C. U., has, or is supposed to have been corresponding with other societies relative to merging all the existing societies into one body, or at least, to form some sort of an arrangement, whereby all of the various societies could work in unison, co-operating with one another, so that their combined efforts might amount to something. While the numerous local organizations are benefiting their members greatly, we do not think Philatelists should stop at this point. Let us have a league, call it by what name you will, and in this way the cause of Philately will be greatly advanced, our numbers will be augmented, and the outside world will look upon us with less of pity and more of respect.

With this number we reduce our subscription price to its original level, not that we intend to give up the race for the foremost place in the literature of Philately, and relapse into a second or third class publication, but because we want every collector to receive the COMPANION regularly, that it may be mutually beneficial. Our paper will continue to be first-class in every respect, and at the present low price, there is no good reason why each and every Philatelist should not reap the benefit of our hard work. Send in your 25 cents and await developments.

As our readers will see, we publish this month the initial number of a series of biographies of eminent Philatelists, of which we intend to make a special feature hereafter. The subject of this first article, Mr. Chute, is probably better known to American Collectors, under his *nom de plume*, than any other Philatelic writer; and this sketch of his life will be appreciated by his many admirers.

Col. Lector, a Philatelist of long standing, paid our sanctum a visit a few days since, and we found him to be a very interesting, as well as affable gentleman. He has served in China, Egypt, the Soudan, and many other active campaigns, and his "yarns" are of the best. His album contains a great number of rarities, and is very valuable.

Mr. L. B. Raymond, an active and valuable member of the C. S. C. U., started for Europe last month, to be gone several years. He will continue with the Union during his travels as a corresponding member.

With the April number, the *Empire State Philatelist*, changes its name to the *Collector's Guide*. Mr. Watkins is laboring with might and main to place his paper in the first rank, and he is succeeding admirably.

A little more promptness and originality on the part of several of our contemporaries, would go a great ways towards remedying their other defects, if they have any.

The *Stamp World*, we are afraid, is traveling backwards. Up to going to press we have not received the April number. Have you had another fire, friend Mills?

A correspondent sends us a specimen of a counterfeit Naples stamp, cancelled with the monogram "S. A. T.," manufactured in Boston. Query; who made it?

Parties having U. S. or foreign revenue stamps to dispose of, will do well to correspond with R. R. Shuman & Bro. See ad. on last page of cover.

We are informed by Mr. Vickery, of Dover, N. H., that collectors in that city are about to form a Philatelic society.

The *International Collector's Guide*, 48 pages; devoted to Philately, twenty-five cents. W. G. Whilden, Jr., Pelzer, S. C.

Read C. S. F. M. U. A. S. O. S.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

BARBADOS.—Through the kindness of a correspondent, we learn that the 4d. adhesive has been changed to brown.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Lyndé has informed us that the 5c. is now printed in green instead of bistre, as formerly.

CANADA.—Mr. Curry writes us that he has seen specimens of the current 3c. printed in brown, and the 2c. registration stamp cut in two and each part used as a 1c. stamp.

CEYLON.—The following new surcharges have appeared: "Postage and Revenue, Five Cents" on the 8, 16, 32, 36, 48, 64 and 96c; 10c. on 24 and 64c.; 15c. on 16c.; 20c. on 32c.; 30c. on 36c.; 28c. on 48c.; 56c. on 96c.

ECUADOR.—The *Monthly* states that all values of the current set are surcharged "Official."

GUINEA.—The following post cards have been issued for this place; 10 reis blue; 20 reis carmine; 30 reis green.

HOLLAND.—From The *Stamp News* we learn that 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 fl. stamps for postal orders have been issued.

HONG KONG.—We are informed that the 2c current issue, is surcharged in black, "3 cents."

JAMAICA.—Mr. Gilmore informs us that he has received the 1d. printed in red, and the 2d. in slate. The *Philatelic World*, also states that the ½d. is now green.

JAPAN.—Mr. Thomas sends us a specimen of the current 5 sen stamp, printed in much paler ink than formerly; on comparing it with the 1883 5 sen stamp a great difference in appearance can be seen.

MONTSERRAT.—The 2½d. has been changed to blue, and the 4d. to lilac.

NATAL.—The 1d. has been surcharged "Half Penny," and ½d. brown and 1d. carmine wrappers have been issued.

MALTA.—Our correspondent advises us that in addition to the new stamps mentioned last month, a 6d. has been issued.

PERSIA.—An entirely new set of stamps has been issued. As yet we have not learned values.

PORTUGAL.—The 20r. is now carmine.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—The 6d. green has been surcharged 4d.

Correspondents' Column.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different stand points. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

No. 4 of your paper is before me, and presents a very pleasing appearance. Your paper proves to Philately, what has never been proven before, that it is possible to have a stamp paper containing *news*. In looking over it from the first issue, I find that, with the exception of the new issues, there is not a single clipping, everything being original, and what is more, interesting. This is a departure from the usual stamp paper, as I have as yet seen no stamp paper that could claim the same record. I am also greatly pleased with the independence displayed by the editor in exposing all kinds of fraud without reserve. The "*Fastidious Critic*" has some timely remarks about Philatelic papers, counterfeit stamps, albums as playthings, etc., with which all Philatelists will heartily agree, but when he as much as says that the chronicling of new issues is useless, in my estimation he makes a great mistake, for in the new issues lies a great part of the interest to collectors. To pay no attention to new issues, is about the same as studying a science as far as developed, up to a certain date and rejecting all subsequent discoveries as useless and superfluous. As far as that little episode about Freddie and his brothers is concerned, I think that stamps are as much out of place in children's hands, as would be chemicals or any other scientific apparatus. Would like to know what other Philatelists have to say on the subject. In addition to the information about the German stamps surcharged 1 pi., in your April No., would say, that the 20 pfennig stamp was used in the Constantinople P. O., as 1 piaster or about 18 pfennigs in

German money. The Turks, or more especially the Jews, bought up large quantities of these 20 pf. stamps, paying only 18 pf. or 1 piaster apiece for them. They then went over into Germany and bought up goods, paying for them in these stamps, at face value; thus making 2 pf. on each. This little scheme was stopped by the Constantinople Post Master, who surcharged them as stated by Mr. Heinsberger. Wishing success to your paper, I am, Yours, etc. Timothy Gates.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Noting W.H.P.'s remarks in your April number, would say; it is an undeniable fact that Mekeel has the plates of the Allen's Local Stamps. Furthermore, they can be bought here in Chicago, in unlimited quantities from an agent of Mekeel, at *five cents per hundred*. The gentleman (if I may so term him) who deals them out at this ridiculously low price, acknowledges them to be reprints. They can be procured unperforated also. Now Mr. Allen never handled an unperforated stamp. This does not sound well for the Garden City, but is nevertheless the void, empty truth. T. H. Burt.

Editor Collector's Companion:

To my certain knowledge, Mekeel, in order to force a market for the Allen's Locals, gave the publisher of the *International Album*, some 5000 of each variety, provided that he would provide spaces for them in the next edition, which, as you are aware, he did, ignoring all other locals issued that year; the *Ledger* of Brooklyn, Bayonne, Cincinnati and St. Louis; whose titles were as clear as the Allen's.

Henry W. Roslind.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In your April number, "Able can do it" inquires regarding the water mark. Tomlinson says that "the water mark in paper is produced by wires bent into the shape of the required letter or device, and sewed to the surface of the mould. A fool's cap and bells, employed as a water mark, gave the name to fool's-cap paper, a postman's horn, such as was formerly in use, gave the name to

post paper." The name given to these pieces of bent wire was "bits" They are but seldom used at present, a more recent invention known as the "dandy roll" having taken their place, this latter is a roller with the desired watermark in relief on its surface, which is run over the paper while in its pulpy state; the pressure made by the roller causes the paper, when ready for use, to be thinner in those parts over which it has passed, so that by holding the paper between the light and oneself the design can be readily perceived. As was said above, they were and still are used as trademarks, or as "*coats of arms de papier*," so to speak. They are also a great protection against counterfeits.

Pseudonyme.

Editor Collector's Companion :

Replying to "Able can do it," the art of water marking first originated in either Spain or Egypt during the 13th century, and proof of this is obtained by finding water marks on old M.S.S., of the 13th century. The water mark is impressed on the paper, by means of fine wires, just as the paper ceases to be pulp, thereby making it thinner. The use of the mark was to determine by whom the paper was manufactured, its quality, and perhaps into what sizes the paper was to be cut; as the names "fools-cap," "post" and "pot" paper, are all derived from water marks of the following designs:—a fool's cap, postman's horn and a tankard. As to the meaning of the word and why such designs were called water marks; I can give no correct information unless it is the fact, that the mark was given while the paper was yet saturated with water, and having just left a watery form.

Wm. Fisher Cornell.

Editor Collector's Companion :

In your No. 4, W. K. B., asks about some U. S. Dept. Stamps he has, which are unperforated, etc. I learned some time ago, from a son of one of our U. S. Senators, that these stamps are proof sets, printed on light card board, from the original dies, and are given to government officials, with the compliments of the Third Asst. Postmaster General. I do not think they are worth much.

C. W. S.

Editor Collector's Companion :

I have in my possession a r r l. Carlist Insurrection Stamp, head to left in oval, with mark over the *n* in *Espania*, the color is pink instead of blue. I have also an Allen's City Despatch, black instead of plum, both of which I think to be bogus. Can anyone give me any information on the subject?

Henry P. Bushman.

Editor Collector's Companion :

The attention of all Philatelists should be called to the fact, that Telegraph Stamps will some day perhaps, supersede the postage stamps of our time, when the telegraph will have come into more general use. The present telegraph stamps will then be as eagerly looked for by collectors as rare postage stamps are to day. Therefore I see no reason why telegraph stamps should not be collected at this juncture. Let collectors consider this proposition, and I am convinced that they will some day be grateful to

Curt.

Editor Collector's Companion :

I wish to know something about the Local Stamp for Bolivia, catalogued under the name of Antofogasta. Was it issued by the government or by private parties, what was its use and is it yet current?

W. K. Jewett.

Editor Collector's Companion :

Can your readers tell how and when the word "Philately" originated? I have been unable to find anything pertaining to it, in any dictionary or cyclopedia.

W. B.

For The Collector's Companion.

United States Match Stamps.

By "XEBEC."

The Match Stamps of the United States, consist of about 160 varieties, while by counting all the different kinds of paper on which they are printed, we about 275 or 280 varieties. The kinds of paper they are printed on are as follows: old, silk, pink and water mark. There are several varieties printed on two or three of the different styles of paper, but only four kinds are known

to exist that are printed on all four varieties of paper, and they are as follows:

Barber Match Co., 1c. blue.

James Eaton, 1c. black.

H. Stanton, 1c. black.

Star Match Corporation, 1c. black.

The pink paper was only used a short time, and therefore all kinds on pink paper are comparatively rare, being worth from 5c. to one or more dollars each. There are only 33 varieties on pink paper.

The rarest match stamps known to exist are the following:

Alexander's Matches, 1c. blue.

Am. Match Co. (Rock Island) 3c. green.

Bonsfield & Poole, 3c. brown.

Jock & Wilder, 1c. red.

John J. Macklin & Co., 1c. black,

Any one of which is worth at least \$25.

The Internal Revenue Tax on Matches having been abolished by law July 1st, 1883, all kinds of match stamps are growing scarcer each year, and anyone having a good collection of them may think himself fortunate.

JAMES M. CHUTE.

The subject of this sketch was born Oct. 19, 1846, and is descended from Lionel Chute, who removed from Taunton, Eng., in 1630 and settled at Ipswich, Mass. James M. Chute passed his early years at Salem, Mass., graduating from the Pickering Grammar School in 1861. He removed to Boston in 1865, where he has since resided. In 1878 he married the daughter of J. P. Pierce, Esq., of Cambridge, Mass. The fruit of this union, a lovely boy, was buried last August. While at school, Mr. Chute became interested in the study of stamps, and soon had one of the finest collections in America. It embraced many rare proofs of U. S. and French stamps, which are now almost impossible to obtain. The collection of stamps at this early date was done under difficulties; there were but few dealers, Kline, of Philadelphia; Brennan, of New York; Taylor, of Montreal, and a few others, only remembered by some of the older

collectors. The first collection of Mr. Chute was sold for a very handsome sum in 1870. The present collection was commenced in 1878, and now numbers over 9000 varieties; it embraces many rare stamps, including almost complete sets of Sydney views, old Spanish, Mexican, etc. Of single stamps contained in this collection, we may mention such rarities as the Bolivar 1cc. green; Bolivia 5c. lilac, and 50c. blue; Buenos Ayres, 3, 4 and 5 pesos, steamship; Canada, 12 pence; Cape, wood block 1 d. blue; Guadalupe, medio real, white; Tuscany 3 lire etc. In Philatelic literature Mr. Chute has had wide experience. His first production, of note was "Postage Stamps and Their Origin," which appeared in *Harper's Magazine* for Oct., 1871. In 1872 he wrote a long series of articles for a Boston weekly on the "Post and Its Origin," reviewing the history of the post office from the very earliest times. Under the name of "Correos" he has contributed to various philatelic publications. Mr. Chute is the Boston correspondent of the *New York Fireside Companion* and has charge of that portion of the query column devoted to coins, stamps, &c. In 1883, he was elected a life member of the Randolph Historical and Numismatic Society, of Charleston, S. C., for the best written article on American Colonial Coins.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings.

Venezuela postal cards, U. S. Official postal cards, stamps, etc., to exchange for entire postal cards of any country except Canada or England.

JEREMIAH RALSTON,
General Delivery, Chicago, Ill.

Stamps to exchange for Stamps, post cards, and Philatelic papers. Parties having Philatelic papers to exchange would confer a great favor by sending list giving name, volume, and number. S. DEWOLF,

Care Brown & Webb, Halifax, N. S.

U. S. cents of 1793, 1834, 1835, 1841 and 1849; a Chinese pen and case; a Chinese book wrapper; some mineral wool; 2 Indian arrow heads; \$25.00 in Confederate money; and a 10c fractional currency. I will give all of the above for 10 of the following U. S. Dept., or will trade separately: Any Executive; any State; any Navy, except 3 and 6c; 24c Treasury; any Justice except 3c; any P. O. above 6c; 7 or 90c War. J. C. WOODHULL,
15 Roseville Ave., Newark, N. J.

State Dept., 24c; Treasury, 24c; set of War; Agriculture, 12c, and others; also 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 96c and \$1.02 unused, 1875 issue of newspaper stamps, in exchange for any of the following: State, 90c and dollars; Justice, 90c; U. S., 1869 issue, 30c and 90c used or unused, and any old envelope above 3c or old locals. Send list of wants.

C. W. SPARR,
Box 1311, Emporia, Kan.

A Chinese coin, a Chinese stamp, 25 foreign stamps, 2 Cal. post-marks, and a Philatelic paper for every one of the following United States stamps:

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1863 " 15c.
1869 " 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 or 90c.
1870 " 7, 24 or 90c.

Or for any newspaper stamp.
A. T. STEWART,
914 8th St., Oakland, Cal.

9 var. War Dept., unused, (no 7 or 90c), for the 90c 1869, or 1857 unused. Rare stamps to exchange for old U. S. and Dept. Send list.
O. A. DALE, Box 261, Georgetown, Mass.

A bundle of stamp, coin and Amateur papers and 500 stamps for the best offer of printing material. JNO. M. GRAY, JR.,
113 S. Spruce St., Nashville, Tenn.

To anyone sending me 1000 well mixed U. S. stamps I will send in return 1000 well mixed foreign stamps. Not less than 100 will be accepted at above rates. LINCOLN RAPPLEYE,
Trumansburg, N. Y.

Stamps from Hong Kong, Japan, Phillipine Islands, Australia, Switzerland, and other countries, for others from Europe, South America, etc. A fine lot of the above for Scott's "Revised List" WILBUR W. THOMAS,
P. O. Box 2092, New York City.

Five hundred different post marks for the best offer of coins or stamps received within two weeks from the time of publication. South American or African preferred.

C. F. RICHARDS,
P. O. Box 2002, New York City.

I would be pleased to exchange, with reliable parties, Coins, Revenue, Match and Medicine, as well as Postage Stamps, Old Newspapers, rare Confederate Bills, Wild Cat and Fractional Currency, and Bric-a-brac in general, for rare Autographs, Old Documents, and Indian Relics. Please write before sending articles.

WILLIAM FISHER CORNELL,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

I will give my Premium Coin Book, showing price I pay for Coins, for 50 Tobacco Tags, or a V Nickle without "cents" for 4c, or a package of Ink Powder that will make a pint of good ink in ten seconds, for 30 tags, or will exchange Tag for Tag, or give 20c. per 100 cash.

C. E. MAKEPEACE,
Watertown, N. Y.

Will exchange the following for an International Album, 1884 edition; an Imperial album, new, (only 2 pages ever used). "The International Collector's Guide" with fine stamp-photo of Mr. L. W. Durbin, also stamps as follows: 25 U. S. Dept. all different, including 90c., or 50 U. S. stamps, all different, including 90c., and 10 Venezuela stamps unused. Write what you have to exchange and what you want for same. P. MCGINTY,
P. O. Box 404, Ishpeming, Mich.

25 varieties of Philatelic papers and 85 varieties of rare foreign stamps, for old newspapers printed before 1825 or coins not in my collection or relics. A Chinese coin for a 7 or 24c. U. S. 1870 issue, or 3 Chinese coins for 7c. War Dept. CLARENCE S. GEORGE,
Box 424, Independence, Iowa.

Will give any one of the following stamps, viz.: American Fusee match, white, Penn Match Co., blue, E. B. Eddy match, or D. Ransom, Son & Co., 1c. black or 2c. blue, for a February number of *The Collector's Companion* in good condition. Send postal with paper, stating which stamp you prefer. Only one copy of the paper wanted.

W. V. NICHOLSON,
2002 Sassafras St., Erie, Pa.

A hand scroll saw with a quantity of wood and designs, vol. V of *Harper's Young People* in good condition, 4 Nos. of the *Poultry World*, a yacht puzzle, two games (Old Maid and the Bee and Butterfly) with directions, and curiosities, to exchange for stamps not in my collection. CHARLES A. CURRY,
Horton Landing, Kings Co., N. S.

Amateur Cabinet Photograph Views of California Redwood Scenery made by myself, for any stamps of any country not in my collection. Send lists of exchange; priced. Refer to publisher of this paper for quality of my work.

H B PHILLIPS,
Caspar, Cal., U. S. A.

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By LIEUT. R. D. WAINWRIGHT.



MOST collectors think of Peruvian Surcharged Stamps as being so numerous as to be entirely uncollectable. For the purpose of simplifying this branch of collecting, the following list has been compiled from the writer's observation, and comprises stamps he possesses, or has seen in the hands of others, or which have been described to him. Those who are interested in these stamps will greatly oblige the writer, as well as further the interests of Philately, by correcting the list, if they deem it necessary, by adding the description of such stamps as he may have left out and by correcting those he may give by adding color of surcharge, etc., and also by adding the description of any newly issued.

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For The Collector's Companion.

The Peruvian Surcharges.

By LIEUT. R. D. WAINWRIGHT.

MOST collectors think of Peruvian Surcharged Stamps as being so numerous as to be entirely uncollectable. For the purpose of simplifying this branch of collecting, the following list has been compiled from the writer's observation, and comprises stamps he possesses, or has seen in the hands of others, or which have been described to him. Those who are interested in these stamps will greatly oblige the writer, as well as further the interests of Philately, by correcting the list, if they deem it necessary, by adding the description of such stamps as he may have left out and by correcting those he may give by adding color of surcharge, etc., and also by adding the description of any newly issued.

Any communications addressed to the writer in care of the editor of this paper, will be promptly forwarded and noted in subsequent numbers of the COMPANION.

Issue of 1880; Surcharge, "Union Postal Universal, Plata, Peru," in an oval.

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| 1 | Cent, Green, red surcharge. | |
| 2 | " Carmine, black " | |
| 2 | " " blue " | |
| 5 | " Blue, red " | |
| 20 | " Carmine, " | color? |
| 50 | " Green, " | " |
| 1 Sol. | " Pink, " | " |

Unpaid; Issue of 1880; no surcharge.

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| 1 | Cent, Brown. |
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Issue of 1881; Surcharge, "Union Postal Universal, Plata, Lima," in an oval.

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|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Cent, Green red surcharge, | |
| 2 | " Carmine, black " | |
| 2 | " Carmine, blue " | |
| 2 | " Violet, blue " | |
| 5 | " Blue, red " | |
| 5 | " Blue, black " | |
| 20 | " Red, blue " | |
| 50 | " Green, " | color? |
| 1 Sol. | " Pink, " | color? |

Unpaid; Issue of 1881; Surcharge, "Union Postal Universal, Plata, Peru," in an oval.

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| 1 | Cent, Bistre, red surcharge, | |
| 5 | " Red, " " | |
| 10 | " Yellow, " " | |
| 20 | " Blue, " " | |
| 50 | " Brown, " " | |

Unpaid; Issue of 1881; Surcharge, "Union Postal Universal, Plata, Lima," in an oval.

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|----|------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Cent, Bistre, red surcharge, | |
| 5 | " Red, " " | |
| 10 | " Yellow, " " | |
| 20 | " Blue, " " | |
| 50 | " Brown, " " | |

Unpaid; Issue of 1881; Surcharge, "Lima-Correos," in double lined circle.

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| 1 | Cent Bistre, red surcharge, | |
| 5 | " Red, " " | |
| 10 | " Yellow, " " | |
| 20 | " Blue, " " | |
| 50 | " Brown, " " | |

Issue of 1882; Surcharge, "Chilian Arms."

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| 1 | Cent, Orange, blue surcharge, | |
| 1 | " " red " | |
| 2 | " Violet, black " | |
| 2 | " " red " | |
| 2 | " " blue " | |
| 2 | " " yellow " | |
| 2 | " Carmine, black " | |
| 2 | " " blue " | |
| 5 | " Blue, red " | |
| 10 | " Green, red " | |
| 20 | " Carmine, blue " | |

Issue of 1882; Envelopes, Surcharged, with "Chilian Arms."

2 Cent,	Blue, green surcharge,	
5 "	Green, red "	
10 "	Red, "	color?
20 "	Purple, red "	
50 "	Rose, red "	

Issue of 1882; Surcharge, "Chilian Arms," within a horse shoe band, inscribed "Union Postal Universal, Peru."


1 Cent	Green, red and black surcharge,
5 "	Blue, red and black surcharge,
50 "	Carmine, blue and black surcharge,
1 Sol	Red, blue and black surcharge.

(To be Continued.)

For The Collector's Companion.

What is it?

By "RAPHAEL."

HE minds of Philatelists in general seem to be confused, or at least do not agree, as to whether their hobby is a science or merely a pastime.

One party asserts with a positiveness that is well-nigh sublime that it is a science, but with a vagueness that is equally sublime and wonderful. He does not tell us by what course of reasoning he has reached that elevated conclusion. Another, who is equally mysterious as to his reasons, tells us that it is all nonsense to call it a science. Now these two parties, diametrically opposed to each other, advance their theories with so much energy and positiveness that they leave Philatelists in the dark as to the real character of their pursuit. Webster's definition of a science is "knowledge classified, with reference to some fundamental principles." Philately comes partially under this head, as it is knowledge (of the various issues) classified according to some general principles, which are in this case, according to the date of issue and value of stamps, etc. However, Philately lacks some of the essential elements of a science, prominent among

which are:—

1st.—To be a science the knowledge in question must be pursued for itself alone.

2nd.—It lacks the comprehension and completeness which is usually accorded to science.

But when the other party derides the the idea of calling it a science, he too advances a theory which can hardly be sustained, when the matter is studied somewhat closer, for although it is a pastime and amusement, so also is Botany, and in fact, any science to its lover.

Although to call it a science is more nearly correct of the two, still it would be more proper to class it as an art. Again consulting Webster, we find that art is "the practical application of knowledge." In Philately we have the knowledge of the various emissions and changes made in the stamps of the different countries, and we apply that knowledge practically by arranging the stamps according to their issues, but we do not study these changes in stamps merely for the learning's sake, but with some practical purpose in view.

Thus we see that these two parties with opposite opinions, have each some ground, upon which to base their ideas, but they do not go far enough to find out, that just possibly the other side has some argument, as well as themselves. But what ever it may be called, Philately is fulfilling its mission of usefulness, and should therefore be encouraged by all well meaning people.

O. S. HELLWIG,

A young gentleman, at present residing in this city, has a Philatelic Collection of peculiar merit, containing about 7000 specimens, a large majority of which he collected in the countries where issued.

Amongst the rarities of this collection are one of the two stamps of the Reunion Islands, issued in 1852, of which there are less than half a dozen known to be in existence:—27 paras Roumanian Stamp, black print on faded pink verge paper, besides which

only one other is known to exist, and that in the possession of the Baronet Cooper, of England;—The postmasters' stamp of Providence, 1846;—James M. Buchanan, Baltimore, Md., 1846.—The complete issue of Egyptian stamps 1856:—The complete issue of the Argentine Republic 1858:—Natal, issue of 1857, 1 penny buff; 1 penny blue. (embossed) Russian stamps 5 kop. lake (envelopes) 5 kop, blue, arms, adhesive;—Saxony 3 kr. rose:—Naples $\frac{1}{2}$ T. blue, $\frac{1}{2}$ T. blue (cross) and Western Australia 6 penny bronze.

In his classification of varieties Mr. Hellwig recognizes stamps as unperforated, rouletted, or perforated and grilled or ungrilled, besides a distinct difference of shades in color. He also cherishes as specially valuable, all the known and observable errors and misprints, one of the finest specimens of which is the Norway 4 skilling blue of 1854 by error printed 2 skilling when it actually passed current for 4 skilling. Of many issues he holds cancelled and uncanceled specimens which are both hinged upon the same square of his album.

O. S. Hellwig, the subject of this little sketch, has been much of a traveler, having visited all the larger countries of Europe, many of Asia and some of the Pacific Islands, and it was in but few of these countries that he could not speak the language of the native. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. in 1854 where he resided until his tenth year, when he left his native land to join his parents, who in the meantime had gone to reside at Moscow, Russia. He was sent to be educated at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, in 1869, where he remained until 1876. Here it was that he formed the acquaintance of youths from all parts of the world and through these acquaintances a knowledge of their countries and language, and a strong determination possessed him to travel and see the world.

Having revisited his parents in Russia after leaving Geneva, he passed the next six years of his life in traveling from one country to another. The major portion of this time he was at sea,

where even in this short period, while traveling for pleasure and instruction, he became so familiar with the duties of a seaman that he was complimented with papers ranking him as mate of a sailing vessel. Of this achievement Mr Hellwig is almost as proud as of his collection of stamps which during all these years he was gradually increasing in number and making more complete in variety.

The Centres of Philately,

Philadelphia, Pa.

The collectors and dealers have organized a society here, and it is now in a flourishing condition, with about 18 or 20 members, about half of whom are dealers. At the meeting of April 24th, Mr. Durborow entertained the assembled Philatelic lights with a comic-sentimental-gymnastic essay on "Courtship," which "brought down the house." The Quaker City is not in favor of the League scheme. At a later meeting Mr. McAllister showed a very fine collection of rare locals, comprising about forty varieties on the original letters. Many of Blood's Phila. locals were represented in the collection. Dealers report trade dull here. Cyrus.

Providence, R. I.

The R. I. P. S. met May 11th, and the members spent a very pleasant evening. Mr. Hanes exhibited an essay of the Albany 5c. and N. Y. 5c. He also showed specimens of the Jackson die, U. S. 2c. envelopes from 1870 to 1883, explaining the different issues. A. Dawson produced a novelty in the shape of a 1c. No. 4 circular envelope—two envelopes in one, two shades of paper also two distinct one cent stamps, one under the other, but only showing the impression of one stamp on the inside envelope. Quite a number of late surcharges of Ceylon were also shown at this meeting. Philately is booming here, and renewed interest is being shown by collectors.

A. Dawson.

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J. H. RAYMOND, - - - Editor and Publisher,
P. O. Box 419, Chicago.

A gentleman who has long been interested in Philately, recently gave us a description of a manuscript catalogue he has compiled for his own use. He first obtained a large blank book, which he divided into numerous parts, one for each country, leaving ample space for each. He then sub-divided the space for each country or colony into four sections, Adhesives, Envelopes, Wrappers and Postal Cards. Under each of these headings, he put the date of issue, denomination, color and value of the proper stamps, together with notes of any little peculiarities he had observed or heard of, such as misprints, mistakes, variation of water-mark or perforation, etc. When this was finished, he had a really complete catalogue up to date, such a one, in fact, as it is impossible to purchase. As new issues or changes are announced, he copies them into his catalogue, which is thus at all times complete and reliable. While several of the standard catalogues are quite valuable, they do not go into details as a manuscript and continuous work of this kind does, with an interested and intel-

ligent Philatelist in charge. We think Philatelic Societies could materially increase their usefulness by appointing one of their members to keep a record of this kind, as by so doing they would possess an invaluable guide, which could be obtained in no other way.

Mr R. R. Shuman, of this city, assisted by several other advanced collectors, is at present compiling a Philatelic Cyclopedia, which, when finished, will be one of the most valuable works ever published on the subject of Philately. It will include a full list of Philatelic terms, with their significance, a list of words and phrases found on the stamps of the different countries, translated into English, short sketches of prominent Philatelists, location, size, etc. of every stamp issuing country or colony, and much that will interest the Collector. We have arranged to publish it in sections in the COMPANION, after which it will be published in book form. The September number will probably contain the initial chapter.

Not very long ago we were shown a sheet of six Allen's City Despatch stamps, still attached to each other, and having the gum on the back undisturbed, showing that they had never been used. The queer part of it, though, was the fact that they were all cancelled, ready for sale as "genuine, used originals." Upon making inquiry, we found they came from St. Louis; which let a flood of light in upon our mind.

From "*The Philatelist*," Oct. 1884:—"We would warn all publishers against inserting the advertisements of C. H. Mekeel & Co. without cash in advance. We inserted an advertisement on their written order, and for three months have been trying to collect for the same, unsuccessfully. We are told by a prominent stamp dealer that many other publishers are in the same boat with us."

To many of our readers it may be unknown that a very few 2c. wrappers

were printed with the Kellogg die in red ink. The envelope of this die, printed in red, is very rare, and we were never aware that any wrappers existed of this variety, until our attention was called to the specimen in Mr. Hellwig's collection.

With sincere sorrow, we announce the sudden death, on May 14th, at Lakewood, N. J., of Harry M. Craft, formerly editor of the *Bayonne Philatelist*, in his 21st year. In him Philately has lost a staunch supporter, and his many friends will feel his loss very keenly.

In our last, we stated that *The Empire State Philatelist* would change its name to *The Collector's Guide*. Mr. Watkins has since written us that he has changed his mind, and the name will continue the same.

Geo. L. Beam is now making a specialty of buying U. S. stamps. See adv.

See F. K. Rising's ad in this number.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

ANGOLA.—A 10 reis post card, blue, has appeared.

AZORES.—The 20 reis, red, recently issued by Portugal, has been surcharged for use in Azores, and also the 30 reis card.

BARBADOS.—The new 3d. violet, is in use.

BRAZIL.—We are informed that the color of the 10 reis has been changed to orange.

CAPE VERDE.—This colony has a new post card, 10 reis, blue, similar to Angola's.

CEYLON.—The surcharge $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. has appeared on the 8c. card, with the inscription, "The price is—Three Cents—Including the Card," in three lines. The 4c. rose has also been surcharged "Postage and Revenue, Five Cents."

CHILI.—A 2c. postal card, blue on yellow, is in use.

DENMARK.—A 10 ore, red, adhesive, and single and double 5 ore postal cards, have been issued.

GOLD COAST.—"The 2d. is gray." So says the *World*.

LUXEMBURG.—The current 5c. card has been changed to green.

MACAO.—The 25 reis has been surcharged "5 reis" and "10 reis." A postal card, 10 reis, blue, has been issued, similar to that of Angola.

MADIERA.—The 50 reis, blue, of January, 1881, has been surcharged "Madiera."

MALTA.—Our correspondent who notified us last month that a 6d. had been issued, writes under a later date that the decree authorizing the issue of this stamp was recalled before the stamp had been issued.

MEXICO.—Six official post cards, without stamps, have appeared; green, blue and red, single and double.

MOZAMBIQUE.—This place has also been favored with a 10 reis card, same as Angola

PUTTIALIA.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green, has been seen surcharged in two lines across the bottom.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—The 1d. rose has been used as a $\frac{1}{2}$ d., being cut diagonally and surcharged.

ST. THOMAS.—A 10 reis card, blue, same as Angola, is in use.

TIMOR.—The 20, 25, and 80 reis stamps of Macao have been surcharged "TIMOR" for use at this place.

VICTORIA.—The following is a list of the higher values of stamps inscribed "Stamp Duty," which have been in use since the first of the year: 1 sh., 1 sh. 6d., 3 sh., 4 sh., 5 sh., 6 sh., 10 sh., and 15 sh.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—A $\frac{1}{2}$ d. adhesive, green has been issued.

G. S. G. U.

Both meetings in May were very poorly attended, there being no quorum present at either of them, so that no business could be transacted. This was probably owing to the fact that the place of meeting was not generally known, as new quarters had been engaged, but so shortly before the evenings appointed for the meetings, that the members did not all receive notification in time.

We have now arranged for a permanent place of meeting, and we hope this second change will be the last for some time to come. The meetings will henceforth be held in Room 1, 93 Fifth Avenue, and a full attendance is desired at the next and subsequent meetings. Wednesday evening, June 3rd, is the date of the next regular meeting.

The ten or twelve collectors who attended the May meetings, however, spent very pleasant evenings, discussing stamps in their manifold phases. Most of them availed themselves of the opportunity for exchanging. Mr. Hellwig exhibited his collection, and the same was greatly admired by the members, not only on account of its completeness, but also from the manner of arranging the stamps, and the care which had evidently been bestowed on it.

FRED. CONNET, *Sec'y*.

Correspondents' Column.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different stand points. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion :

In answer to W. H. P., in the April number, I will say that I must agree with F. F. in his communication in relation to Mr. Mekeel, alias Carson Stamp Co. I have had sheets from them a number of times and from one sheet I

took five (5) U. S. locals, Hussey's (brown) Price's 2c (green), Allen's (red or carmine on white paper) Hussey's (blue) and Hussey's 15c. (gold on black.) These I sent, together with three others from Gambia, Iceland and Samoa, to Mr. Durbin of Philadelphia. His answer was "The Gambia, Iceland and Samoa are genuine; balance are humbugs." Then I wrote to the Carson Stamp Co., charging them with selling counterfeits. In answer they said "Some of the locals are reprints." Yet they put them on their sheets and advertise "all stamps genuine." Am sorry to disagree with W. H. P. but I know the stamps to be counterfeit.

B. F. N.

Editor Collector's Companion :

In answer to W. B., in No. 5, I would state that the word "Philately" is derived from the Greek words "Philos," a friend, and "Telso," a tax, meaning, Philatelic writers tell us "that they are free from further expense." It originated in France.

M. Junius.

Editor Collector's Companion :

I send the following slip from the columns of a New York Paper:

"H. P. D.—It is an offence against the law to buy or sell counterfeit postage stamps of foreign governments, whether cancelled or uncancelled. A man was convicted in the United States Court in Philadelphia, Nov. 29th, 1875, of selling cancelled counterfeit foreign stamps."

In the March number of this paper it says that there is no law against counterfeiting foreign stamps. Can any one give me any information on this subject?

H. H. R.

Editor Collector's Companion :

I have an Austrian newspaper stamp same design, and exactly like 1880 issue; only color is almost blue-black or plum, instead of violet. Can any of your readers give me any information concerning same?

C. E. Swope.

Editor Collector's Companion :

I should like to ask your readers if any of them ever saw a "Connell" stamp, of New Brunswick, or if any of them ever met any person who had ever seen one. I can ascertain nothing about it, and think possibly it is another "Humbug Dodge."

Verity.

New York, April 21st, 1885

Editor Collector's Companion:

I have in my collection the following stamps which I have not seen mentioned in any philatelic publication. I would be grateful for any information that your readers can give me in the 'Companion' regarding them.

Barbados, 1861, unperf., blue on white paper. Gt. Britain, 1841, 1d. unperf., red on blue paper, very small letters in lower corners. New So. Wales, 1864, 1d. and 2d. surcharged in upper corners O. S. in black. Peru, design of 1874, 10c. printed in dark purple. U. S. Columbia, 1881, 2c. red stamp, cut in half from corner to corner, and used as a 1c., stamp (this came on a letter with two 2c., stamps, I saw it on the original envelope before it came into my hands, but unfortunately, I have but a small part of envelope bearing cancellation marks, in my collection.)

All the above mentioned stamps are genuine, to certainty.

Wilbur W. Thomas.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Any information regarding the following individuals will oblige me: J. G. Dohme, Geo. J. Herman, F. O. Weboskey, E. A. Hernandez, W. Fondren. I should like to know the whereabouts of these gentlemen.

W. G. Whilden.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Can any of your readers tell me what color the new 10c. special stamp is to be?

H. A. M.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Are the Chilian Postage Stamps Surcharged "Y. C. A." "Pisco" or "Paíta," provisionals of Peru?

L. R. W.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings.

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Box 39, Greenland, Rockingham Co.,

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As I have decided to collect U. S. stamps only hereafter, I will exchange my collection of foreign stamps for them. Send me a list of the U. S. stamps which you have, and also a list of some of the stamps you want from foreign countries, and I will let you know whether I have them, Durbin's valuation of stamps used in exchanging.

FRANK BARKER,

62 W. Madison St., Baltimore, Md.

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C. E. SWOPE,

1013 Sixth St., Louisville Ky.

I have a number of good stamps, including many U. S. official, U. S. postal cards (1st, issue) and many rare foreign, which I would like to exchange for others not in my collection. Collectors please send list of what they have to exchange.

SPENCER COSBY,

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129 Mansfield St., Montreal, Canada.

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J. H. RAYMOND, P. O. Box 419, Chicago.

Wanted—Correspondents to exchange rare stamps, send lists. B. D. BUTLER,
11 E. 8th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

I will give 50 varieties of foreign stamps for a February number of THE COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, in good condition. Only one copy of the paper wanted. FRANK M. DOWNING,
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1012 South 4th St., Philadelphia, Penn.

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Shall We Collect Varieties?

By T. COKE.



At the present time the pursuit, which at a former epoch in the eventful history of Philately, its foes derisively termed a passing "fancy," has reached such a firm ground and attained to so established a position, that no diversity of opinion on the part of its supporters can seriously injure its existing status, or mar the brightness of its future prospects. Therefore there is no reason to lament existence of two great parties in our wide-spread world of Philately. But it is well that each vessel should sail under her own proper colors, and that the rival schools clearly understand for what they are fighting. And though words are but expressive of something deeper, yet on that account they are not to be despised. For which reason let one class of collectors be known as *stamp collectors* only, but the other ought to be called *Philatelists*. Thus a distinctive and unmistakable standard would be raised, around which Philatelists might rally, engaging in that wordy war which tends so greatly to the progress of truth and mutual advantage.

Those who are simply stamp collectors must not, however, look with contempt upon their brethren who go beyond them in the search for entertainment and recreation, and who add to the mere accumulation and arrangement of the impressions or stamps, the study of varieties, which, though minute, will prove interesting and amply repay observation. If once the ice is broken and the collector enters on the paths of

novelty, there remain no fresh obstacles save, indeed, the increased expense to restrain his new-found ardor.

It has been said that "Variety is the spice of life," and we believe it applies to Philately as to all other pursuits; for without *variety* the *science* of stamp collecting would lose all its charm. But we must not confine ourselves to varieties of designs, colors, etc., but go still deeper into its mysteries and make stamp collecting a *study*, and it is then that Philately becomes a science and the stamp collector becomes a true Philatelist. At present there seems to be a great difference of opinion among stamp collectors as to what Philately really is. Call it what you will—a science, art or pursuit—it simply remains *stamp collecting* until the collector chooses to make it a *study*, and thus it grows more interesting and absorbing, until he is wrapped up, so to speak, in his hobby, and it becomes to him a science.

But to return to our subject, stamp collecting may be divided into two distinct systems. It is the custom for some collectors to give very little, if any, attention to varieties, and then again others collect the slightest difference in watermark, paper, shade, perforation, etc., etc., and it is for this latter class our article is more particularly intended.

Now, there are many things to be said in favor of the accumulation of the various matters which are bound up with the gigantic system, which in our days has done, and is still doing, so great and increasing a work.

But all these matters admit of endless controversy; and amongst so numerous a body as the Philatelists of America it would be strange, indeed, to find perfect unanimity existing. Disunion on some points is not of necessi-

ty, weakness, though unity and strength at times are inseparable.

So long as investigation and discussion are conducted without acrimony, the final result is usually the triumph of truth; and to combat an opposing principle or opinion save by argument is the height of folly, and the favorite resort of the illiberal.

For The Collector's Companion.

The Peruvian Surcharges.

By LIEUT. R. D. WAINWRIGHT.

(Continued from page 54.)

Issue of 1882; Surcharge, "Arequipa," within a double lined circle.

1	Cent, Orange, red surcharge,
5	" Blue, " "
5	" " black "
20	" Carmine, red "
1	Sol Red, " ?

Issue of 1882; Arms in circle, "Departatos Del Sur," above "Timbres 1881-1882," below, "Peru;" at bottom, surcharged "Arequipa," in double lined circle.

10	Cent, Blue, violet surcharge,
10	" " " " inverted?

Issue of 1882; similar to above; surcharge "Arequipa," in double lined circle.

25 Cent, Carmine, red surcharge.

Issue of 1882; Surcharge, "Cuzco," in an oval frame.

10	Cent, Blue of 1882, violet surcharge,
10	" (on unpaid 1c. bistre), black.

Issue of 1882; Chilian stamps, used by Chilian army, while in Peru; Surcharged "Adn. de Correos," Callao in double lined circle.

1	Cent, Green, black surcharge,
2	" Rose, " "
5	" Lake, " "
10	" Blue, " "
20	" Green, " "
50	" Violet, " "

Issue of 1883; no surcharge.

10 Cent, Red.

Issue of 1883; Arms, "Franqueo," above, surcharged "Arequipa," in double lined circle.

10 Cent, Red surcharge, color?

Issue of 1883; Surcharge, horse-shoe band, inscribed, "Union Postal Universal," Peru.

1	Cent, Green, black surcharge,
2	" Red, " " color?
5	" Blue, " " "

Issue of 1883; Surcharge, double lined triangle, enclosing a star, and "Peru."

1	Cent, Orange, black surcharge,
1	" Green, " "
2	" Red, " "
2	" Purple, " "
5	" Blue, " "
10	" Green, " "
10	" " blue "
20	" Carmine, " " color?
50	" Green, black "
1	Sol. Lake, " "

Issue of 1883; Surcharge, "Moquea" in two lines, in double oval; all enclosed in octagonal frame.

1	Cent, Green, issue of '80, red & violet surch's.
2	" Red, " " " - blue "
5	" Blue, " " '74, - violet "
10	" " " " '82, - " "
20	" Carmine, " " - blue "

Issue of 1883; Surcharge, "Ohala" 5 Cent, blue; surcharge, color?

Issue of 1883; Surcharge, "Pima," in long oval.

2	Cent, Violet, black surcharge,
5	" Blue, red "
5	" " black "
10	" Green, " "
20	" Red, " "

(To be Continued.)

E. R. DURBOROW.

The subject of this sketch was born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 6, 1860.

He began collecting stamps in May, 1877, as an amusement and recreation, being induced to commence a collection by a lad much younger than himself. For a year he carried his collection in his pocket-book, so it is easy to imagine how it has grown since, for at the present time he has a collection numbering between 5,000 and 6,000 specimens, all

in good condition, and not a counterfeit in the entire family.

Mr. Durborow has been quite active in Philatelic circles in Philadelphia for some time. The fame of his collection having gone abroad to distant places, many collectors come long distances to see it. Any one passing his place of business any evening will always find five or six collectors there discussing Philately in all its branches.

This gentleman is the President of the Quaker City Philatelic Society, and only one member has a larger collection than his, and as that collection has never been on exhibition the owner's word has to be taken for it.

Mr. Durborow has made it a standing rule never to remove a stamp from his collection for any cause except to change it for a better specimen. This is a good rule, and all collectors ought to adopt it.

His greatest hobby is collecting surcharged stamps, many of which are quite rare. Of these he speaks as follows:

"In Peruvian surcharged stamps, I have forty-six varieties. I make it a specialty of taking them cancelled only," for which he gives the following reasons: "Ink and type are very handy in this country for unscrupulous dealers; many of the surcharged stamps that come to my notice have the surcharge printed on top of the cancellation. It is safe to say that there are none such in my collection, for as soon as I get a specimen I put it under a strong magnifying glass, which tells the story." He also advises all collectors to be on the sharp look-out for frauds in this line of stamps and to make it a rule never to buy uncanceled specimens of surcharges. He does not, of course, say that all such are made by dealers, but it is well to be on your guard.

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Heligoland—A large number of cancelled specimens.

India—6 annas, Revenue, used as Postage.

Mexico—A proof set of 1879.

New Zealand—2 sh. stamp duty, used as postage.

Nova Scotia—8½ cts. 1860 issue.

Peru—Here are a few varieties of the surcharges—1½ 10c. stamps, surcharged "Arequipa," used as 15 cts., on original envelope; 50 cts. horse shoe band and arms of Chili; 50 cts. and 1 sol., triangle; 5 and 10 cents, unpaid, triangle.

Trinidad—1 d. surcharged with pen and ink on 6 d., green.

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Tasmania—1 sh. 6 d., and 1 sh. stamp duty, used as postage.

By these we can give but a faint idea of the stamps possessed by this young gentleman, for many of the countries are complete with but few exceptions. The collection must be seen to be appreciated.

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The collector who desires to become proficient in detecting counterfeits, should study each stamp. The late Mr Pemberton, of London, England, spoke as follows on the subject: "Learn to examine stamps; learn their peculiarities, their styles of engraving, their watermarks, perforations. Study your specimens, and you will find an imperceptible sense come to you, by which you can at once reject an ordinary forgery, and which will make you suspect—and that instinctively—the best imitations."

There is one subject in connection with Philately that it would be well for collectors to give more thought to, and that is, literature. Every collector should carefully preserve each pamphlet, book or magazine that comes in his way, for some time they will be valuable, in fact, they are valuable now. Each item adds to our store of Philatelic knowledge, and it is much to be regretted that there are not more large libraries of Philatelic literature.

The Mexican Government made a fine exhibit of postage stamps at the New Orleans Exposition. The three issues of Port de Mar stamps appeared with the other Mexican labels. Some of these labels have been doubted, but the fact of their having been placed on exhibition by the Government sets at rest all doubts as to their genuine character.

Another Philatelic Society has been added to the constantly increasing list. This time it is San Francisco that comes to the front, with the California Philatelic Club, and from the circular sent out, we predict for it a prosperous career.

A reading room has been established in Eimira, N. Y., for the benefit of Philatelists in that city, under the management of Mr. J. M. Beers

Mr. I. B. Cohen, of Charleston, S. C., intends to make a tour of the Northern cities this summer.

Our thanks are due to Mr. W. C. Glenn, for the first sight of the new 1c newspaper stamp.

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ECUADOR—The 2 and 3c. cards have been printed on rose and brown.

GREAT BRITAIN—The surcharge "I. R. Official" has appeared on the 1 s. current.

JAPAN—Has issued an "officially sealed" stamp, after the pattern of the U. S.

MACAO—The 50 r. green has been surcharged 20 r. in black.

PERSIA—The new set, mentioned in the May COMPANION, is as follows: 1 s. green; 2 s. red; 5 s. slate; 10 s. brown; 1 k. gray.

PORTUGAL—The 5 cent has been changed to brown.

ROUMANIA—A 3b. olive is announced, with portrait of the King.

ST. LUCIA—A 4 d. brown has been issued.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON—The 2c. French Colonies has been surcharged 5c., and the 1 f. has been surcharged 25c. for use in these islands.

SIMOOD—Four new stamps are out, bearing the portrait of the Rajah, as follows: 3 p. brown; 6 p. green; 1 a. blue and 2 a. rose.

TRANSVAAL—The new set is as follows: ½d. gray; 1d. red; 3d. violet; 4d. green; 6d. violet; 1 s. green.

TURKEY—A 5 p. newspaper stamp is out.

UNITED STATES—A 10c. newspaper, black, and a 10c. "special delivery" stamp, green, will be issued this month.

We are also informed by *Mr. Thomas* that he has seen a new variety of the 2c. envelope stamp. The stamp is a narrow oval, with double lines around, and is printed in light, creamy chocolate.

C. S. C. U.

Chicago, Ill.

MEETING OF JUNE 3D, 1885.

The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., with R. R. Shuman, Vice President, in the chair, but as a quorum was not present no business was transacted. Nevertheless the evening was pleasantly and profitably spent by exchanging duplicates and the discussion of points of interest.

FRED. CONNETT, *Sec'y.*

MEETING OF JUNE 17TH, 1885.

Our President called the meeting to order at 8 p. m., and Mr. Connett being absent, R. R. Shuman was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved; one new mem-

ber admitted, and the following amendments to the constitution were proposed:

Amendment 1. Membership dues for corresponding members shall be reduced from two dollars per year to one dollar, payable quarterly in advance.

Amendment 2. A quorum shall consist of one-third instead of two-thirds of the active members enrolled.

A motion was made and carried to the effect that a bulletin or special letter be mailed after each meeting to each corresponding member, said bulletin to contain the proceedings in full of each meeting, and also such news as may be interesting to collectors.

A motion made to adjourn until September 2 called out a very spirited debate, which lasted for a half hour or more, but finally, on the second ballot the motion was defeated, and meetings will be held as usual.

Corresponding members are invited to send in a list of stamps which they particularly want; these lists will be consolidated and sent to wholesale dealers to fill out. In that way the members will get the advantage of a liberal discount from current prices, such lists to be sent to A. von Glahn, corresponding Secretary, 547 N. Clark street, Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. SHUMAN,
Sec'y Pro Tem.

Correspondents' Column.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different stand points. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's companion:

In the last number of the COMPANION "M. Junius" replies to a query by "W. B." in the May issue, relating to the origin of the word *Philately*, in which he makes several errors.

"M. Junius" has unfortunately adopt-

ed the derivation generally found in our journals prepared by persons who have not given the subject upon which they write sufficient thought.

If "M. Junius" had devoted a portion of the time which he used in preparing his answer in looking up the word in question, in the 1880 edition of "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary," he would have found in "Supplement of New Words" the following:

Philately, n. Gr. *philos*, dear, and *ateleia*, exemption from tax.

His statement that the word originated in France is false, for the termination of the word forbids it.

It was first known of in the year 1860 in England, from whence it was a few years later imported into this country, and brought into use by the "New York Philatelic Society," an association now extinct.

The first mention of its derivation in any American journal was in the *American Journal of Philately*, in 1875 or 1876, and was the same as that of "M. Junius."

Shortly after the appearance of the new "Webster," a Mr. E. P. Reynolds, Jr., seeing the difference between the derivation of Mr. Scott and that of the dictionary, wrote to Dr. N. Porter, one of the faculty of Yale College, asking why the derivation was given in "Webster" as *ateleia* instead of *telos*.

Dr. Porter very kindly replied to his letter as follows:

YALE COLLEGE, NEW HAVEN, CT., }
May 10, 1881.

DEAR SIR:—The reason why *ateleia* is given not *telos* is that the spelling requires it. Otherwise *a* and *y* in *Philately* are not accounted for. The word itself is clearly a deliberated and somewhat violently manufactured word. But the manufacturer must have made it in part from *ateleia*

Very respectfully,

[Signed] N. PORTER.

This, coming from where it does, should settle the desire to cling to the old but faulty derivation.

John G. L. Dohme.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In your June number H. H. R. makes some remarks about the law on counterfeiting stamps. Now, this question I think is misunderstood among collec-

tors generally. The way I understand it, the law does not apply to those who forge stamps for the benefit of collectors, but is simply intended to protect foreign governments. The man referred to by H. H. R. as being convicted in Philadelphia in 1875 was probably Patroni, but although he was convicted of making stamps *with intent to defraud foreign governments*, the court did not consider it a crime to cheat collectors by selling them counterfeit stamps as genuine ones. The only way, I think, that a person can get satisfaction, at present, from anyone who has sold him counterfeit stamps, is to prosecute him for obtaining money under false pretences. But as the amount is generally small, this mode of dealing with forgers is seldom or never resorted to. Let us look forward to a law that will protect us. Phil. Atelist.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In answer to "Verity" regarding the "Connell" stamp, I would say that in the latter part of 1860 Charles Connell, Postmaster General of New Brunswick, ordered a new set of stamps from the American Bank Note Company, one value of which was to bear his portrait. The fact of Mr. Connell's portrait being placed upon the five cent gave umbrage to the Government, which requested that gentleman not to issue them. He declared that if the demand was enforced he would resign. It was, and he did. Their use was forbidden by official circular, and the stamps—5,000 copies—were destroyed upon their arrival. None ever passed the post. Genuine perforated copies are exceedingly scarce, but "specimen" copies in chocolate and orange exist. The die of this famous issue is still in the possession of the American Bank Note Company. J. M. Chute.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Mr. Thomas inquires in your No. 6 regarding some stamps he has, which he thinks are novelties. The Barbados, 1861, is a regular issue, and space is prepared for it in the International album. The Great Britain is also a regular issue. Of this stamp (the 1 d. red) I have five varieties in my collection,

viz: unperforated, red on blue paper, letters in lower corners; unperforated, red on white paper, letters in lower corners; perforated, red on white paper, letters in all corners; perforated, red on white paper, letters in lower corners only, and perforated, red on blue paper, with letters in lower corners.

The New South Wales surcharge I am not acquainted with. It is probably an official surcharge. The Peru printed in purple must be a misprint, or else is a new issue of which I have not heard. Peruvian stamps are rather uncertain now, any way. The Colombia half stamp is new to me; it must be quite rare.

Hamilton De Vries.

Editor Collector's Companion:

As Mr. Whilden wishes to know where John G. Dohme is at present, he may be pleased to learn that Mr. Dohme is still in New York, but has changed his address, which at present is 65 Bible House. At last accounts Geo. J. Herman was located at No. 137 Saratoga street, Baltimore; E. A. Hernandez at 251 Grand avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., and W. Fondren at Langston, Ala. Have these gentlemen cheated Mr. Whilden, or why did he take this method of getting their addresses, which in most cases, I believe, are published in the stamp papers? A Subscriber.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Can any of your readers inform me why so many of the Spanish stamps have holes punched in them?

F. M. D.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper and must not contain over 35 words.

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For The Collector's Companion.

The Facts of the Case.

By FRANCES H.



There seems to be a general opinion among Philatelists that the albums at present before the public are not what they should be. The majority of American collectors keep their stamps in an International Album, but few, if any, are really satisfied with this album. Its blemishes have been so often described that we need not rehearse them here. This is practically the only American album, although there are several small albums for young collectors of more or less merit.

In foreign albums, we have the Imperial and Zschiesche's, which are very good in many respects, but for several reasons they have not had a large sale in this country, that is, in comparison with the International.

Now, in our opinion, a collector can more readily attain the ends for which he collects stamps by using for an album simply a blank book. The first advantage which a blank book has over a regular album is that it can be obtained at any price. The size, quality of binding, decorations, etc., can all be determined according to the individual taste of the collector and the state of his finances. Next point in its favor is that it requires more thought and study to arrange the stamps in a blank book, and hence affords more satisfaction to the collector, not only in arranging the stamps after his own ideas, but also in the thought when the stamps are inserted in their places, that the result has been brought

about by his own care and research. There is an immense amount of satisfaction in feeling that a person has accomplished anything by his own efforts. With the aid of a good catalogue the collector need have no fear of difficulty in arranging his stamps.

Then, again, when a person has a blank book for an album, if it is large enough, it will be permanent, and the album need not be disfigured by new issues on the margin; neither need the collection be divided, as so many are, by having the novelties and late emissions in a separate book.

Another, and perhaps the greatest point, is that the possessor of a blank book album can collect whatever he likes. He will not be continually regretting the fact that his album is an old issue, and hence has no space for this or that stamp. His album is the only one that has space for every stamp ever issued, or for that matter, if large enough, for every stamp that ever will be issued. He can collect fiscals, provisionals, surcharges, minute varieties of perforation, shades, grilles, etc., etc., and what is more, he can either place them side by side for the purpose of comparison, or under different headings, to suit his fancy. And again, he need never blush to know that his album contains spaces for stamps, the originals of which never existed.

The above are a few of the principal arguments in favor of blank books for albums, although to fully realize their superiority over the printed advertisements which we pay high prices for, called "stamp albums," a collector must make a trial of them, and if he does this we can assure him that he will never go back to the old way of following the guidance of some one who is interested in stamps only from a financial point of view.

For The Collector's Companion.

The Peruvian Surcharges.

By LIEUT. R. D. WAINWRIGHT.

(Continued from page 62.)

Issue of 1884. Surcharge; Horse shoe band, inscribed "Union Postal Universal Peru, and double lined triangle enclosing a star and "Peru."

	1 Cent, Green, Black	Surcharge.
1	" " " Red	" "
2	" " Red, Black	" "
2	" " " Blue	" "
5	" " Blue, "	" "
10	" " Green, "	" "

Issue of 1884. Surcharge; "Union Postal Universal," "Plata" Lima, and triangle, enclosing a star and "Peru."

	1 Cent, Green, Blue, Red	Surcharge.
2	" " Red, " Black,	" "
5	" " Green, Red, "	" "
5	" " Blue	" "
20	" " Carmine, Blue, Black,	" "
50	" " Green " " "	" "
1 Sol.	" " Red, " " "	" "

Issue of 1884. Surcharge; "Union Postal Universal," "Plata," "Peru," and triangle, enclosing a star and "Peru."

	1 Cent, Green, Black Red	Surcharge
2	" " Carmine, " " Blue,	" "
50	" " Green, " " "	" "
1 Sol.	" " Blue, Black,	" "

Issue of 1884. Unpaid "Union Postal Universal," "Plata." Lima and triangle, enclosing a star and "Peru."

	1 Cent, Bistre, Blue, Black	Surcharge.
2	" " Red; " " "	" "
10	" " Yellow " " "	" "
20	" " Orange, Red " " "	" "
50	" " Brown, Blue, " " "	" "
50	" " " Red, " " "	" "

Issue of 1884. Unpaid, Surcharge; Triangle enclosing a star, and "Peru."

	1 Cent, Bistre, Black	Surcharge.
5	" " Red, " " "	" "
10	" " Yellow, " " "	" "
20	" " Blue, " " "	" "
50	" " Brown, " " "	" "

Issue of 1884. Surcharge; Lima-Correos, in double lined circle.

1	Cent, Orange, Surcharge, Color?
1	" " Green, " " "
2	" " Purple-Red, " " "

(To be Continued.)

THOS. C. WATKINS.

The name at the head of this sketch is familiar to all our readers.

The place of his birth was Brooklyn, N. Y.; where, on Oct. 18, 1865 he was ushered into this world of woe. His father, the Rev. W. F. Watkins is a well-known clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Although Mr. Watkins, better known as "T. Coke," from his numerous writings, is still young in years, by his contributions to stamp journals he has made for himself an enviable reputation. As editor and publisher of *The Empire State Philatelist*, he has also won a place of honor and distinction in our ranks. In the spring of '76 he moved to Baltimore, where he first became interested in stamp collecting. His taste rapidly developed, and he soon began to write for the press, and now is an undisputed authority on matters pertaining to Philately.

His collection was begun some twenty years ago by an uncle, who had traveled extensively and thus was able to add many rare specimens to his collection. After this gentleman, (Paymaster Geo. R. Watkins, U. S. N.) had devoted years of study to it, it became "T. Coke's" good fortune to fall into possession of it, with whom it has remained for the past eight years. Of course this increased Mr. Watkins' interest in Philately, and since that time he has been constantly adding to his collection, which now consists of some 8,000 varieties, and is probably one of the most valuable in this country. Regarding it he says: "My album is not one of the manufactured kind, (and I might add that these albums in the market are worthless to the true Philatelist) but it was made to order after an original idea of my uncle's. The stamps are systematically arranged on sheets of plain,

dark gray card board, about 8x10 inches in size. These are alphabetically arranged in 3 draws in a neat walnut cabinet about 18 inches high, 12 wide and 10 inches long."

Among the most noticeable specimens in this collection are the 1850 issue of British Guiana; rd. blue and red Cape of Good Hope, 1860 issue; the early issues of New Granadas; a New Brunswick "Connell" stamp of 1861; two specimens of the first stamps issued for Schleswig in 1850; "James M. Buchanan" stamp of 1846; the complete 1857 issue of embossed Natal's etc.

In his classification of specimens, Mr. Watkins recognizes stamps of the slightest variation, whether in perforation, ink, die, paper, water-mark, etc. All his stamps are hinged and arranged in the neatest possible manner.

Mr. Watkins, who returned to New York city early in 1881, and who is a member in good standing of the National Philatelic Society of that city, has given special attention to the collection of U. S. stamps. One great beauty and attraction of his collection lies in the fact that the majority of the specimens are uncanceled, which, added to its many other excellent points, makes it such a collection as is not frequently met with.

The Centres Of Philately.

Providence, R. I.

The last meeting of the R. I. P. S. was held on June 8, when four honorary members were elected. After the regular business was transacted the evening was spent in examining a very large and valuable collection of envelopes and newsbands; and the question was brought up as to why the present issue is called the Kellogg die, when they do not make any stamped envelopes; they print none but official envelopes. Plimpton & Morgan are the parties who make the stamps. A letter from the P. O. Dept. of Printed Envelopes was read on the subject. We do not meet again

until September, but since the meeting Mr. E. B. Hanes presented for inspection a brown stamp of the October issue which had been sent him to examine. The party owning this stamp will not sell at any price, and I suppose, without doubt, it is the rarest U. S. envelope in existence at the present time.

A. Dawson.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Everything seems to be done in spurts. All the Societies, except one, in this country, sprang up simultaneously; there has been a regular stonem of resignations of various officers throughout the land, and even the Q. C. Society did not escape. During its four months' existence four resignations have been given, three of whom were officers, only one member leaving for good. One of the largest dealers in stamps and curiosities, Mr. Hazeltine, lately left the city and his creditors, who sold out his stock, etc., by the sheriff, but it is doubtful if they got 25 per cent.

The Q. C. P. Society, while anxious to encourage home manufacturers in the way of stamp albums, draws the line at "Humbug Locals." and consequently got a blank album instead of an International, for its collection.

There was a project on foot, about two months ago, to start an incorporated company to deal in stamps, 200 shares at \$10 a share being the capital, but as only a few shares were taken the idea was abandoned.

Mr. George A. Lowe, of Toronto, was here on a visit last week and paid the Society a visit at its last meeting, joining as a corresponding member. He favored the party with some interesting remarks on Philately in Canada, and was very much pleased.

Messrs. Mann and Kendig, of Altoona, Pa., and Mr. J. W. Scott, of New York, also visited the city within the past two weeks.

The Society has adjourned for the summer, which is precisely what "Cyrus" intends doing. Cyrus.

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P. O. Box 419, Chicago.

There is a certain class of stamp collectors who catch the "fever," as it is truly called in their case, at the sight of a collection in the possession of an acquaintance, and who, perhaps, gather up some hundred or so varieties and then their ardor suddenly abates. For these people our pity is exceedingly great. They do not know what they are missing, by throwing aside or disposing of their collection at this early stage in its history. The amount of satisfaction and real, downright pleasure that even a moderately advanced collector obtains from his collection can not be imagined by anyone who has not had the experience. The more a person learns about Philately, the more fascinated he becomes with it. So let us urge all young collectors to persevere in their collecting, and in after years they will reap the benefit of their early loyalty to the cause.

Philatelists would do well to assure themselves before they invest in any of the numerous surcharged stamps of Peru, India, Ceylon, etc. etc., that the

stamps they propose purchasing are genuine. It is a very easy matter to print an outlandish name on current Indian stamps and announce a new stamp-issuing country, or to surcharge a different value on a stamp of Peru or Ceylon and announce it as a new surcharge, and unscrupulous dealers are prone to take advantage of such opportunities to make money at the expense of collectors.

The editor is willing to be held responsible for all matter that appears in this paper in the editorial columns or under his signature, but he can not consent to be held accountable for everything that appears in the correspondents' column, although it is presumed that all the information contained therein is accurate, at the same time, however, errors will creep in, and the editor does not desire to assume all such responsibility.

Correspondents will oblige us very much by writing advertisements, exchange notices and all items for publication, on separate sheets of paper. They should not get impatient if exchanges are not inserted in issue following their receipt. Each notice is inserted in the order of its receipt. Exchangers will please notice new regulation that all notices must consist of less than 35 words.

The *Political Windbag of St. Louis*, facetiously called by some the *Philatelic Journal of America*, must be taking its summer vacation, or,—horrid thought—can it be that it has departed forevermore? No. 3 (May) was the last to appear up to going to press. Where, oh where can it be!

The *Southern Collector*, formerly published at Nashville, Tenn., has been turned over to us and will be merged into the COMPANION. All subscriptions and advertising contracts will be filled by this paper.

The kingdom of Siam entered the postal union on the first of July.

A recent letter from Mr. Batchelder conveys the information that "Our American Youth" has finished its pilgrimage and will now take its place with the literature of the past. Insufficient support was the cause.

Mr. Clarence W. Hart, an ardent Philatelist of Halifax, N. S. died suddenly and unexpectedly in the early part of July. His friends have our deepest sympathy.

See F. K. Rising's ad. in this number.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

ANGOLA.—New 20 and 30 reis postal cards have appeared.

BERMUDA.—A $\frac{1}{4}$ d card is in use.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The 6d is yellow.

CABE VERDE.—This place, like other Portuguese colonies, now has 20 and 30 reis cards.

FRENCH COLONIES.—From the *Ph. World* we gather that single and double 10c. cards have been issued, resembling those of France; the 30c adhesive has been seen printed in brown.

FINLAND.—The 20p. envelope stamp has been changed to orange, and 25p. to blue, while the stamp on the card is now red.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. black, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. lilac, 5sh. carmine, 10sh. blue, and £1 brown, have been surcharged "I. R. Official."

GUINEA.—Three new stamps have appeared, viz: 20r. brown, 25r. lilac, and 40r. yellow.

GWALIOR.—This is a new stamp issuing state of India. British Indian stamps have been surcharged for it as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 annas, and 1 rupee. Single and double $\frac{1}{4}$ anna cards, and $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 and $4\frac{1}{2}$ anna envelopes

JAPAN.—Mr. Thomas informs us that Japanese department stamps are shortly to be issued.

LAGOS.—The 4d. has been changed to lilac and the 6d. to olive.

MACAO.—The regulation cards, 20 and 30 reis.

MOZAMBIQUE.—20 and 30 reis cards.

NATAL.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ d is now yellow.

PORTO RICO.—The 3c. card is brown on white.

ROUMANIA.—A $1\frac{1}{2}$ b. black has appeared; the 3cb. unpaid has been changed to red brown.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON.—The 4c. has been surcharged 5.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE.—20 and 30 reis cards.

ST. VINCENT.—The 1d. has been changed to lake, and the 4d. to Claret.

TOLIMA.—A 5p. yellow-brown on blue has appeared.

TURK'S ISLAND.—A double $\frac{1}{2}$ d. card has been issued.

G. S. G. U

Chicago, Ill.

MEETING OF JULY 15TH, 1885.

Meeting called to order by the President, J. H. Raymond; Secretary's report was read and approved. Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 mentioned in the July COMPANION were formally adopted, and amendment No. 3 also. This amendment was proposed at the meeting of June 17, but through some oversight was not published with the others. It is as follows: Any member being absent from three consecutive meetings without sufficient cause, shall be fined 10 cents for the third and each meeting thereafter, until the sixth, when he shall cease to be a member.

Any officer being absent from three consecutive meetings without sufficient excuse, shall thereby forfeit his office.

A motion was made and carried that at each meeting a topic be adopted for discussion at the next. Outside members are invited to take part in these investigations by sending to the Corresponding Secretary such items of knowledge as they may possess regarding the stated topic. "Austrian-Italy" is our next subject for investigation. As a token of our appreciation of the services rendered to Philately by Thos. Coke Watkins, he was unanimously elected an honorary member of our society.

R. R. SHUMAN,
Sec'y pro tem.

Correspondents' Column.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different stand points. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In reply to F. M. D. regarding the Spanish stamps, I would say that there have been large quantities of 1870 and 1873 Spanish stamps offered to the public, each specimen having a round hole punched through it. The postage stamps of those two years were equally employed for telegrams; but in the latter case they were obliterated by these holes punched through, so that such specimens are virtually nothing more than telegraph stamps. The 4 and 10 pesetas were seldom employed for postage, the latter indeed may be regarded as specially intended for telegrams, though it was of course available for postage if needful. The same remark holds good for all succeeding stamps of 10 pesetas, postmarked specimens of which, I may safely say, are not to be obtained.

T. Coke.

Editor Collector's Companion:

M. Junius, in No. 6, is wrong in giving the definition of "Philately." The word is derived from "Philos," a friend,

and "ateleia," exempt from taxation. Taxes at the time it derived its name represented the issuing of a small piece of printed paper, doing the service of our present postage stamp.

To "Verity," I will say that the "Connell" stamp has been once issued, but was in use only one day, being discontinued by British authorities.

"H. H. R." wishes to know whether there is a law against counterfeiting foreign stamps. There is one, but it is more of a protection for the U. S. Government than collectors, and as it is, needs only enforcement.

To H. P. Bushman, in No. 5, I will say there are two varieties of the 1 rl. Carlist Insurrection stamp, one having a mark over the "n" in Espana, but have never heard of it being anything except blue.

R. S. Cross.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In my collection are a number of stamps which I obtained from Virginia, including a complete set of all the regular issue (not local) Confederate States stamps, and also a 10 cent stamp, printed in blue on yellowish paper, bearing the Confederate flag, about the size of the 1861 issue. In this lot, also, I found the one dollar blockade stamp, postage to Europe. Perhaps some of your readers can tell me something about these stamps.

A. F. Von Braun.

Editor Collector's Companion:

For the purpose of comparison with M. Junius' answer to W. B., as to the word "Philately," I send you the following clipping from the "Pine and Palmetto:"

"The word "Philately" was Anglicized from the French word "Philatelic," which was derived from the Greek words "Philos," meaning dear, and "Ateleia," which meant exemption from tax.

L. A. H.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I have a 3s stamp of the first issue Prussia, printed in black on a greenish-drab paper, also a 7½ Hamburg of a very light gray 1864 issue. Can any reader give information concerning them?

Phranque.

Philately in Hot Weather.

BY RAPHAEL.



SOME persons in the business have the idea that during the hot months all Philatelic efforts are entirely abandoned. In the same way we hear the expression that "all Chicago has gone to the seaside," nevertheless, there seem to be quite a number of people in Chicago who have never entertained the remotest idea of the seaside but manfully work on through heat and dust; these people are *in earnest* and do not allow such a trifle as the discomfort attending the heat of the summer, to turn them from their line of action.

If it is the heat that collectors are afraid of, why then do those who drop Philately invariably take up something more active and less suited to the season? The trouble is not the heat, it is their lack of interest, enthusiasm and perseverance.

Those persons who drop Philately in summer are not *Philatelists*, they merely chase the phantom of stamp collecting during part of the year to kill time. No true Philatelist suffers the heat of summer to separate him from his darling bride, Philately, for behold! what a fair creature she is to look upon, so young, so fresh, so blooming, and withal, what a power does she possess! she holds her admirer spell bound, her strange fascination mingles with his thoughts by day and his dreams by night. Shall we disgrace her fair name by deserting her through the long summer, to be uncared for and alone? No! No! a thousand times No! Were we to be so cowardly as to do a deed like that, we should always have to hide our faces for very shame.

Philatelic papers; don't crowd two issues into one and then excuse yourselves by saying it was too hot to work. Don't do it—it is not manly.

Philatelic societies; don't adjourn for the summer. It is not proper nor in accordance with the interest for Philately which you claim to possess.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers.) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper and must not contain over 35 words.

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For The Collectors' Companion.

Surcharged Stamps.

By O. S. HELLWIG.

ON the Philippine Islands a new plague has been lately invented and successfully manufactured. The wise heads who rule this insignificant and forgotten corner of our globe, have deemed it necessary to increase the ever growing army of short-lived provisionals in a novel way.

Not enough that regular postage stamps are constantly being surcharged to the grievance of philatelists, the government of the Philippine Islands now begins to transform their revenue and tax stamps into provisional postage stamps by surcharging them with new values, as, for instance, the Derecho-Judicial stamp now appears surcharged "Habilitado Pa. Correos 6 2-8 cens." The stamp is lilac and the surcharge red.

If this rage of creating new surcharges with every change of the moon is kept up much longer, this host of provisionals will become more powerful and numerous than the regular issues and finally wipe them out of existence. This malpractice will swell our albums to impossible dimensions, and render the pleasure of collecting stamps a burden from which many a collector will shrink in despair. But those who have courage enough to remain faithful to our goddess—where will their collections be? To my knowledge there is no collector who can boast of having a complete collection even up to the year 1870, which date is before the rage of surcharging became a general practice; but how will the albums appear after four or five years?—Blank— Who will have the courage to endeavor to fill these in-

numerable blanks without the aid of a purse like Vanderbilt's—(kept less close than it is now)?

Why are postage stamps surcharged? This is a question which, strictly, has two answers; one needs no repetition in this place as philatelists are more or less acquainted with it; the other one might prove novel and be of some interest.

THE SURCHARGING OF POSTAGE STAMPS IS A MONEY MAKING SCHEME.

This might seem to be a broad assertion and meet with many antagonists, but it can be proven. Any collector who will take the trouble to look at his album can easily convince himself that the countries, which make the largest practice of issuing provisionals, are Luxembourg, Venezuela and the British colonies. The primar are small, thinly populated countries that were drained and exhausted, and almost reduced to their last, incapable to collect from their inhabitants a sufficient amount of taxes to support their government. The others are ruled by a shrewd class of business men, who correctly judged that these provisional stamps would find a ready market among the dealers. These people buy large quantities of every newly issued provisional stamp for the purpose of retailing them, without passing them through the mails. I hardly think this last statement will be doubted if those of my readers who hesitate to admit it, will simply look at the provisionals in their own, or their friends' collections.

How many canceled specimens will they meet and how many uncanceled ones? Now the question might arise: What is the reason that canceled specimens are so much harder to obtain than new ones? My impression is that they are simply made for sale and not in-

tended to be used for mail purposes, as the most of them vanish, as soon as the market is supplied, without ever being substituted by a regular issue, and in many cases where this is done the watermark or the color of these new issues is changed after a very short time, thus making them no more than a different kind of provisionals. This is an evil we can not avoid, and need not fear, as the issue of a new line of stamps involves a greater expense than the mere surcharging of a few stamps belonging to the current issues.

What leads me to accuse these provisionals of being no more and no less than a malpractice and an imposition on the good will of philatelists is the following little incident :

In the year 1883 St. Vincent issued a red 1 penny stamp. Two or three months later, this stamp appeared bearing the surcharge "2½ pence." Some time after this, I met with it again, this time bearing in addition to the first surcharge, which was crossed by two lines, a new one, viz., "1d." Now then who can explain what this stamp is? It was issued and used as a 1 penny stamp, and after suffering two mutilations, was brought back to its original value and purpose. Is it a "provisional" or a cut-throat scheme to coax the money for some thousands of these stamps from the pockets of too ardent collectors who wish to be up to date?

Some of my readers will exclaim, "It is impossible that the government of a nation like England could stoop so low and make use of such a petty little thing!" It is not a petty little thing; this dealing in postage stamps must net a considerable profit considering there are more than 15,000 collectors in the city of New York alone.

Every larger collector will remember that the market was swamped with the large line of provisionals issued by Mauritius, and also the comparatively high prices that were paid for these stamps because they were provisionals. Some of them were substituted by new stamps of corresponding values, others simply vanished to make room for new provisionals because the sale of

these dropped off, as every dealer was supplied, and the surcharging of another stamp brought new money.

Now the question arises, shall an intelligent class of people allow themselves to be misused in such a manner? Shall we fold our arms in dumb resignation, bend our heads and sigh in despair every time we hear of a dozen or two newly created provisionals that are very likely to be beyond the reach of the average collector and create new vacancies in his album, or shall we unitedly treat these intruders with contempt as they deserve?

(To be continued.)

For The Collector's Companion.

The Peruvian Surcharges.

By LIEUT. R. D. WAINWRIGHT.

(Continued from page 70.)

Issue of 1884; Envelope, Arms, "Peru" above—"1883" at sides.

10c Cent, blue; no surcharge.

Issue of 1884; no surcharge.

2 Cent Blue,
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25 " Blue,
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Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Lima-Correos" in double lined circle, horse-shoe, inscribed "Union Postal Universal" star and "Peru."

1 Cent, Green, surcharged color?

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Correos-Lima," and Sun.

1 Cent, Orange, red and black surcharge,
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2 " Purple, " " "
2 " Carmine, " " "

Issue of 1884; Unpaid; Triangle, star and "Peru;" also circular red surcharge.

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5 " Vermilion " "
10 " Orange, " "
20 " Blue, " "
50 " Brown, " "

Issue of 1884; Unpaid; Surcharge, "Correos-Lima," and sun.

1	Cent, Bistre, black surcharge,
5	“ Vermilion, “
10	“ Orange, “
20	“ Blue, “
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Issue of 1884; Surcharged, “Cuzco.”
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Issue of 1884; Surcharged, “Pasco,”
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line.

5	Cent, Blue, red surcharge,
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Issue of 1884; Envelope, Surcharged,
“Piura.”

5	Cent, Green, black surcharge,
10	“ Red, “
20	“ Violet, “

Envelope, Surcharged “Puno.”
10 Cent, Violet, red surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Envelope, surcharge,
“Moquequa” in two lines in double
circle, all enclosed in octagonal frame.
10 Cent, Red, white paper, violet surcharge.

For The Collector's Companion.

DR. WM. H. MITCHELL.

This gentleman, prominent in Philatelic affairs in this country for some time past, was born in New York, on March 26th, 1860. In 1870 his parents moved to Bergen Point, N. J., where he now resides. Dr. Mitchell is a graduate of the N. Y. College of Dentistry, and is a member of numerous Dental Associations, as well as being the Secretary of the National Philatelic Society of New York. His contributions are sought for by all philatelic publishers, and are read with interest by all collectors, from the fact that he has the happy faculty of not only writing on subjects which are adapted to the times, but he handles his pen in such a masterly manner that his sketches are at once entertaining and instructive. He has done, in fact, and is doing, as much, perhaps, as any American Philatelist, for the advancement of the cause.

While at school, in 1873, he commenced collecting stamps, and in 1883, in connection with the late Mr. Craft, started the *Bayonne* now *Independent Philatelist*. His collection now numbers somewhat over 5,000 varieties, and

is kept in two large blank books, which he considers far better than any prepared album. He is especially interested in U. S. Locals, and his collection comprises many of Bloods City Despatch, Penny Post, Envelopes, etc., etc., Carriers' Despatch, Floyd's Despatch, a genuine Spencer & Brown's (different design altogether from the well-known counterfeit), Swart's complete, U. S. P. O. 1c., New Haven, Newark Despatch, Wells, Fargo & Co., Wynans City Post, Eagle Despatch, New York postage, several of the Charleston, Memphis, Petersburg and other provisional Confederate stamps, etc.

In foreign stamps he has the 1849—1 k. Bavaria; 5c. Bolivia, Condor in circle; 300 r. Brazil 1845; the complete set of British Guiana Provisionals (1882); 7½ p., 10p., and 12p., Canada, 1851; ½p. 1883 Dominica, violet, used provisionally; Falkland Islands, hand stamped, black on white and buff; Germany, surcharged for use in Turkey, complete; Guatemala, ¼ r., error 1 centavo, 1878, complete; Nova Scotia. 1867, 5c. blue on 3p. blue 1851, and 5c. green 1867 on 6p. 1851; “specimen” of the famous Connell stamp, etc., etc.

G. S. G. U.

The meeting of August 5th was called to order by J. H. Raymond, Pres., at 8 p. m. After the usual routine Mr. Hellwig proposed that the Union present a rare stamp to each member present at each meeting, and kindly offered to furnish these stamps gratuitously, which offer was accepted with thanks.

The stamps of Austrian Italy were fully discussed, and many interesting points were brought to light.

The Union was then treated to a very able discourse on surcharged stamps by Mr. Hellwig, in favor of ignoring all surcharges, with a few exceptions, for reasons given elsewhere in the COMPANION, and before the meeting broke up, every member present was brought over to his way of thinking.

FRED. CONNETT,

Secretary.

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P. O. Box 419, Chicago.

The U. S. Periodical stamps are sought by all collectors, and are very interesting, but unfortunately, they are quite rare. They are met with much oftener, however, than one would suppose when we remember that in their legitimate use, they never leave the Postoffice. When a publisher or news agent pays the postage on any publication which is entered as second class mail matter, the name is written in a large book, together with sundry details, and after the name, Periodical stamps, to the amount of postage paid, are affixed. When this book is filled, it is sent to Washington, where it is carefully preserved. Most of these stamps in collections are smuggled out of the Postoffices by employees.

Chas. Stanley, of State Line, Ind., is another of the "gay Mr. Warner" style. He gives the Bank of Powers & Draper as references, who are entirely mythical personages, there being no such bank there, but the enquirer receives a reply highly complimentary to Mr. Stanley,

signed "Powers & Draper," written probably, by the gentleman himself or an accomplice. Look out for him.

It is now the season of the year for collectors to bestir themselves, organize new societies, and bring those already established, to the front. The prospects are very flattering for Philately during the coming winter, and a great deal rests with the societies as to whether these prospects will be realized.

We see the *Empire State Philatelist* has discarded its cover. It is not polite to appear in public in your shirt sleeves, friend Watkins; you should have kept your coat on, even if it is hot weather.

Mr. Durbin's new catalogue (fourteenth edition) has appeared, and is even more complete and exhaustive than usual.

Our American Youth, we are informed, will continue in the ranks, but in a smaller form and under new management.

A large and valuable collection of stamps is to be sold at auction on Sept. 24-25, by Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., New York.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

BAHAMAS.—A ½d. green, 2½d. blue and 1sh. violet may be expected soon.

BARBADOS.—Mr. Simmons informs us that a new adhesive, 3d. mauve of the usual De La Rue type, has appeared.

BERMUDA.—From the same source we learn of two new cards of Bermuda; ½d. (provisional) carmine inscriptions on buff card, and ½d. blue on buff.

CHINA.—The P. W. informs collectors that a new issue is expected shortly.

DENMARK.—2 and 4 ore, official cards have been issued.

INDIA.—The 4 anna, inscribed "India Postage," and two varieties of the ¼ anna official card, have appeared.

MAURITIUS.—A 16c. yellow brown is out; the colors of the 2 and 4c. have been changed to green and carmine respectively. The 38c. is surcharged 2c. and the 8c. card 2c.

MONACO—Which has hitherto used French stamps, has issued a set of stamps of its own, bearing the portrait of Chas. III. as follows: 5c. blue, 15c. pink, and 25c. green.

PERSIA.—According to Mr. Bogert, the new 5s. is lilac, instead as of announced.

PORTUGAL.—The 50r. envelope is now violet.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—A West Indian correspondent writes that the latest provisional consists of the 1d. cut in two obliquely, and each half surcharged in small type "half penny."

TOBAGO.—The 4d. is gray.

UNITED STATES.—A new postal card will soon make its appearance.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—The surcharge 1d. appears on the 3d. adhesive.

C. S. P. S.

MEETING OF JULY 23.

The Philatelists of Denver, Col., held a meeting on this date, and organized the Centennial State Philatelic Society, with the following officers: J. C. Feldwisch, Pres.; J. T. Drysdale, Vice Pres.; F. W. Feldwisch, Sec'y, and D. W. Os-good, Jr., Treas. and Librarian. The *Collector's Companion* was made the official organ, and Durbin's catalogue the standard for prices. A committee on Constitution was appointed to report at next meeting.

MEETING OF AUG. 5.

Preliminary business being attended to, the Committee on Constitution reported. The Constitution of C. S. C. U. was altered where necessary and adopted. Two active members were admitted. Mr. J. H. Raymond, of Chicago, and Mr. L. W. Durbin, of Philadelphia, were elected honorary members.

MEETING OF AUG. 20.

Meeting was called to order by the President at 7:30. Minutes of last

meeting were read and adopted. Secretary was instructed to furnish each member with a copy of the Constitution. It was moved and seconded that each member receive a copy of the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION gratis, as long as he remained a member of the Society. Secretary was instructed to remit the necessary amount with list of names to the publisher. One new member was elected.

F. W. FELDWISCH, Sec'y.

Collectors desiring to join, address the Secretary, Box 2922, Denver.

Correspondents' Column

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different standpoints. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Replying to "Phranque," in your No. 8, would say: He has evidently met with some some specimens of the manufacturer's art. In other words, the stamps mentioned are bogus, and I would advise him to give the party of whom he obtained them, a wide berth in the future.

X. Y. Z.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Some months back I noticed in your columns something about a supposed 5 cent stamp of Brigham Young. I recently saw a specimen of it. It was octagonal in shape and was printed in green. Around the frame were the words "PAID—UTAH—FIVE CENTS." In the centre was a portrait, presumably that of Brigham Young, though it bore not the slightest resemblance to the illustrious prophet. The stamp was unused, gummed and unperforated. Its owner told me that it was an old, exploded swindle but he kept it merely as a curiosity.

TOPAZ.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Is there any difference between unpaid and due stamps? Between counterfeit and bogus? Authentic and genuine?

Fac simile and bogus? Journal and newspaper stamps? Emission and issue?

Are Telegraph stamps used exclusively as complimentary frank stamps? Also are they exclusively used for the transmission of matter by the electric telegraph? Are stamps issued by governments ever properly called "Locals" or are they "provisionals." Is there any real difference between the two terms?

DENSITY.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I would like some information in regard to the number of varieties, colors, etc., of the United States postal service stamps.

A READER.

For The Collector's Companion.

To Chas. Warner, Esq.,

ALIAS HENRY W. DAVIS.

By C. E. SWOPE.

My gay Mr. Warner
You're caught in a corner,
And won't get out in a hurry,
So the best you do
Is, remit what is due
And free us from all of our worry.

You've played a bold game,
But are caught just the same,
And, while we've got you, we'll hold you;
So all we can say
Is that you'd best pay
For those stamps, which each of us sold you.

And now *entre nous*,
We will kindly give you,
Some points for our future protection.
Don't be quite so *non est*
But try to be honest
Next time you want stamps for selection.

Louisville, Aug. 9, 1885.

The young man to whom the above ode is dedicated has been very active of late, in swindling dealers out of stamps sent on approval, and has attracted considerable comment from the press. He lives (or did live) in Norvell, Mich., and will probably be prosecuted, as he richly deserves.

This case, however, brings to light the loose manner in which some dealers conduct their business. A youngster sent to a score of dealers for sheets on

approval, giving as reference well-known dealers, who by the way had never heard of him. Several of the dealers, however, made no inquiries, but sent the stamps without further ado, and it is needless to say, received neither payment nor the stamps.—[Ed.]

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper and must not contain over 35 words.

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For The Collectors' Companion.

Surcharged Stamps.

By O. S. HELLWIG.

(Continued from page 80.)

BEFORE I say anything farther regarding surcharged stamps, I would like to have it thoroughly understood that I do, by no means, wish to compel any collector to stop collecting provisionals, fiscals, or any and every other kind of stamps. But as they have the right to do as they please, those who think as I do, should also have an equal right to do as they please; that is, they should not be compelled, indirectly, by their albums, to collect what they do not wish. This they will be as long as the albums contain spaces provided for these provisionals.

Now, let us return to our subject. Can we stop this malpractice of creating provisionals or not? No; stop it we can not, at least not at once, but check it we can. If every collector who thinks as I do, will stop investing his money in provisionals, be they ever so cheap, and instead of buying two or three of them, procure but one stamp of an earlier issue, he will make a better investment and have a more valuable collection which, if he wishes to dispose of, he can more easily do, as the surcharged stamps are always looked upon with a certain amount of doubt. I can not help thinking of S. Allan Taylor, every time I meet with an uncanceled specimen of a provisional. In fact, what could be easier for this enterprising gentleman, than the reproduction, and even invention of new surcharges which are almost sure to bring good prices, and as matters stand now, a ready market. Collectors are not sufficiently protected against this fraud by not buying directly from him, as his productions are sold by other

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This most profitable and easiest branch of S. A. T.'s business would be totally destroyed by banishing surcharged stamps, and would necessarily cut off his widest field of action.

Collectors, let us consolidate and banish the provisionals from the first of next year, and we shall soon see the effect it has. The governments who have made their provisional stamps a branch of business and extra income, will stop producing them, when they find the article is not called for. Provisional stamps are humbugs; they are not called for in the regular course of postal business—Uncle Sam has never produced any; he is always amply supplied with what he needs, and scorns the idea of begging and using beggarly means to fill his treasury. Combining art and skillful workmanship, he has, regardless of cost, issued the most beautiful stamps that ever circulated in any part of the world (1869 issue).

Let us get an album that does not provide spaces for any provisionals, and another one that only contains provisionals; those who wish to collect the latter can and willingly will pay the extra price for such a book. Mr. J. Walter Scott will have to issue a new edition of his album before long, as the recent one is inefficient; he omitted several stamp issuing countries of comparatively long standing. This has to be rectified and hundreds of new issues must be provided for. So if this gentleman wishes to keep up his reputation he will have to procure a new book for his patrons. If, then, Mr. Scott will agree to divide his albums, hereafter, into two parts, one for regular issues and one for provisionals, he will furnish a book that certainly will be more welcome to the average collector than one he never will be able to fill. Scott's

book is good, and if he will only increase the statistical information given at the top of each page, and supply the book with a better map, it would be as good as the productions of any of his competitors, and on account of the alphabetical order in which it is arranged, certainly more convenient.

[CONCLUDED.]

For The Collector's Companion.

The Peruvian Surcharges.

By LIEUT. R. D. WAINWRIGHT.

(Continued from page 81.)

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Arequipa,"
5 Soles, orange, surcharged color?

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Arequipa,"
in circle and triangle, star and "Peru."
5c. blue, black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, Horseshoe,
band inscribed "Union Postal Univer-
sal," star and "Peru" and "Correos-
Lima" and sun.
1c. orange, black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Lima-
Correos," crosswise, and triangle star
and "Peru."

1c. green; red and black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Unpaid, Surcharge,
"Lima-Correos" crosswise, triangle, star
and "Peru."

1 Cent Bistre, red and black surcharge.

5 " Vermilion, " "

10 " Orange, " "

20 " Blue, " "

50 " Brown, " "

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Arequipa"
crosswise.

5 Cent, blue, red and black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, Horseshoe
Band and inscribed "Union Postal Univer-
sal," star and "Peru," and "Lima
Correos" crosswise and triangle, star,
and "Peru."

1 Cent, green, black, red and black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Union
Postal Universal," "Plata," "Peru," and
"Piura," 6m, high.

5 Cent, blue, red and black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "18° Dis-
trito."

10 Cent, red, black surcharge.

C. S. C. U.

MEETING OF SEPT. 3D.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock, J. H. Raymond, Pres., in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Suggestion made to have an album of counterfeit stamps, to be kept at the rooms of the Society, in which to put such counterfeit stamps as may fall into the hands of the members, such album to be kept for the purpose of comparison, and to show what the "gang" of counterfeiters are doing. Mr. O. S. Hellwig was authorized to keep such album for the Union. The subject of Suez Canal stamps was fully discussed and Mr. Hellwig produced a genuine specimen and pointed out the distinction between it and the counterfeits.

A motion was made and carried, electing Mr. Jas. M. Chute ("Correos") of Boston, an honorary member of this Society. FRED CONNETT, Sec'y.

MEETING OF SEPT. 16TH.

Meeting was called to order by the President, J. H. Raymond, at 8 P. M.

In the absence of Mr. Connett, R. R. Shuman was appointed Sec'y, *pro tem*.

Executive Committee reported favorably on the application of John Lyons and Julius Zielensky, both of Chicago. Their names were formally balloted upon and the gentlemen were unanimously elected. A number of rarities were exhibited, among which was a genuine specimen of the 3 cent green New York local. A number of visitors graced our meeting with their presence, among whom, was Mr. S. Spencer Cosby, of Washington, D. C., who favored us with an interesting account of things philatelic and otherwise, at the National Capital.

The subject being introduced, a lively discussion was held upon the American stamp albums, their defects and how to be improved. Also the feasibility of the compilation and publication of an album nearly perfect in every respect.

The International, claiming to be the best American album, was investigated, its merits and defects fully discussed. The system of having the countries arranged alphabetically throughout was

commended. The principal defects of this album were shown to be as follows: 1. The statistical information given is insufficient, incomplete and unreliable. 2. Spaces are given for stamps which never existed, and important stamps which were issued years before the album was published, are entirely omitted. The information given under the heading of Labuan was cited as an instance. It runs as follows: "Labuan," what? doesn't matter. Where? not important. But that *it has been a "British colony since 1847"* is very important. Also, "Standard coin same as Great Britain," when all the values on the stamps are cents and not pence.

It was suggested by Mr. Hellwig, that if the Provisional and surcharged stamps be omitted from the next issue of Scott's albums it would be an improvement; that these are so vast in number as to make another volume.

R. R. SHUMAN, Sec'y pro tem.

C. S. P. S.

MEETING OF SEPT. 18TH.

Moved and seconded that the Society send a vote of thanks to Mr. Durbin for his kindness in presenting them with a copy of his catalogue for 1885. Carried. The Secretary reported two new applicants for membership. Referred to Executive Committee. No other business coming up the Society adjourned.

F. W. FELDWISCH, Sec'y.

Correspondents' Column

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different standpoints. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In reply to "A Reader:" Postal service stamps are printed in two colors, viz.: Black and blue; but they are printed on three different colors of paper, viz., blue, yellow and white. These six vari-

eties (excluding the size of envelopes) are the only ones I ever saw. O. S. H.

Editor Collector's Companion:

We wish to call your attention to the cool swindle which is being perpetrated on the advertisers in the *Philatelic Journal of America*. We have advertised in it, and from our own experience know that it has no such circulation as claimed. The publisher claimed that 10,000 copies were issued of the first three numbers. We asked him to prove this statement, by going to some attorney's office, and taking solemn oath that his circulation was as represented; he refused to do so. Probably if he were compelled to prove his circulation for any one issue, it would not exceed 1,000 copies (probably less). If he is telling the truth, he can prove it (by oath) for nothing.

We have also noticed the statements of several papers as to Mekeel making reprints of Allen's Locals, and his denials, and would ask, if Mekeel *does not* make reprints of these stamps, why does he not prove it by sworn affidavit, instead of trying to bluster and bluff it out by saying other papers lie about him?

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Editor Collector's Companion:

I have a French stamp 25c. yellow, which is post-marked, and is said to have come on a letter from Shanghai. It is post-marked Shanghai, May 21-85. Can any of your readers give me any information concerning it? A. B. C.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I am a young collector, and some of the words and expressions used by Philatelists bother me a great deal. For instance, grilled, watermarked and silk thread. Will some one kindly tell me what they mean, and how to detect them? R. F. H. W. T.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I have a Portuguese stamp, 80 reis orange, 1871 issue, with "3 LANDY" in perforated letters running lengthwise the stamp. Can any one give me any information regarding it? F. M. D.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I have a "20 Centavos," green stamp, from "Magdalena," U. S. of Colombia. Would like information of it. J. C. P.

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St. Louis has always been noted for stealing ideas from Chicago, and recent instances, in Philatelic affairs, of this faculty of the drowsy hamlet, are not lacking. "Our American Youth" has come out in a new dress, copied entirely from the COMPANION, and "Hizzoner," Mekeel, of the P. J. of A., announces a "Guide," to be on exactly the same plan as the Cyclopaedia announced by us some time ago. Verily! verily! should not such a model journal (if we are to believe its editor) be able to originate ideas of its own, without pilfering from its contemporaries?

The *Capital City Philatelist* for August, contains nearly three pages copied from the COMPANION, *verbatim et literatim*, but not the semblance of a credit is given. The *Queen City Philatelist* and *Philatelic Herald* have also been helping themselves liberally from our paper without anything like credit being given. If there is anything mean and contemptible, it is plagiarism, and the publishers of these papers should learn the first elements of journalism before they start in as full fledged journalists.

It would appear that Philately is "booming," from the numerous announcements of new publications that are made. Messrs. A. E. Southworth & Co.'s "Standard Directory" gives promise of being one of the most important features of the season, and close in its wake are announced the "Collectors' Directory" and "Philatelists' Directory." The *Long Island Collector*, *Michigan Philatelist*, *Philatelic Times*, and various other periodicals, are also announced.

The Philatelic Cyclopaedia is progressing rapidly, but the compilers have found the subject so much broader and more complicated than they had anticipated, that the first installment will not appear until the January number of the COMPANION. Mr. R. R. Shuman, 179 Ontario St., Chicago, who has it in charge, will be glad to hear from anyone wishing to learn more concerning it, or who feels that he can aid in its compilation in any way.

We are informed of the death of Mr. Wm. Nicholson, of Erie, Pa., a well known collector of autographs and curiosities, at the age of 85 years. His collection comprises autograph letters of most of the Presidents from Washington down, as well as of other distinguished men.

Mr. J. M. Hubbard writes us that he will publish "The Stamp Dealers of the World," about Dec. 1st, to contain the addresses of dealers in all parts of the world.

Messrs. Dixon & McCarthy complain of one Chas. M. Woodworth, of Cazenovia, N. Y., who owes them \$1.87, and manifests a disposition to continue to owe it.

The *New England Philatelist* has been sold to Dr. Chas. P. Henry, of Fitchburg, Mass., who will hereafter publish it, with Mr. W. K. Jewett as editor.

Mr. W. G. Whilden, Jr., informs us that he has moved to Atlanta, Ga., where he will use his influence to organize a Philatelic Society.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The 6d. is now printed in yellow.

CANADA.—The envelopes 1c. blue and 3c. red, have been surcharged SERVICE.

CEYLON.—Surcharges: 4c. envelopes surcharged five cents, and 8c. postal surcharged 10 cents.

GREAT BRITAIN.—2½d. stamp surcharged 40 paras, for use in Turkey.

HONG KONG.—The 30c. orange, 48c. brown and 96c. slate, have been surcharged respectively 20 cents, 50 cents, and one dollar.

JAMAICA.—The 1d. is now carmine.

JAPAN.—The 1 and 2 sen postals are now printed in red. A correspondent at Kobe, writes as follows: "The Mainichi Shimbun states that stamped wrappers for sending papers, magazines, etc., through the post will shortly be issued, and that a specimen of a 5m. wrapper has been submitted to the government by the postal authorities. The following is a list of the new telegraph stamps issued July 1st: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50 sen and 1 yen, all of different types."

JHIND.—The ½ anna is now orange.

LABUAN.—The 16c. blue has been surcharged 2c.

MAURITIUS.—The 6c. green is surcharged 2c.

NICARAGUA.—A double postal has been issued. 2 & 2c. red brown.

PHILLIPINE ISLANDS.—Passport and telegraph stamps, have been transformed into postage stamps, 20 & 25c respectively.

PORTO RICO.—A strange error has occurred in printing the 3c. orange stamps, viz: In fixing the plate for printing these stamps, a block of the 8c. de p. stamp was erroneously inserted, and this dark brown stamp received the orange color of its companions.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The ½d. has changed its dress and now appears in green.

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For The Collector's Companion.

OUR SCIENCE.

C. F. WOPE.

Our science I consider best
 'Mongst all of those I know,
 And hope that her good influence,
 Still steadily will grow;
 She always keeps me busy,
 As busy as can be,
 For she is always my delight,
 My dear Philately.

I think of her when I'm awake,
 I dream of her when sleeping,
 And in the mirror of my brain,
 Her face I'm ever keeping;
 The portals of my heart are locked,
 She only has the key,
 My dear old chum and comrade,
 My friend—Philately.

Your image haunts me when at work,
 And also when at leisure,
 You're much to me of hope and joy,
 Of happiness and pleasure;
 I think of you continuously,
 And trust that you may be
 A constant joy to every one,
 My blest Philately.

And now to close the subject
 (But not that it's a bore,
 For I'm never tired of praising
 The science I adore,)
 I'll say to you with all my heart,
 In the words of "Nancy Lee,"
 The best of all the friends I know,
 Is kind Philately.

Louisville, Oct. 10, 1885.

For The Collector's Companion.

Locals.

By DR. W. H. MITCHELL.

AMONG the various fields in which the Philatelist pursues his investigation and researches there is none so interesting, so full of romance and mystery, so baffling to his best efforts to unravel their history, nor yet so fascinating and instructive, as the study of U. S. Locals.

From the earliest dates at which local delivery companies came into existence and began to convey mail matter for the public, up to the beginning of the war, locals were as valuable as any government issue; a most treasured portion of the collection and one of the most interesting departments of Philately.

But at the present day the great majority of collectors have, to all appearances, adopted for their motto, "Abhor all locals." To quote from an article on this subject: "A local is supposed to be a stamp of some private individual or company, who carries mail matter in opposition to the government post, or in places where their routes did not extend, and their very name conveys to our minds the idea that we have secured some rare specimen, or at least something of respectable age."

But now this is changed, and the evil that has brought about this result should be sought out and obliterated, and all who sincerely desire the progress of our study should lend their aid to accomplish this.

But what is this evil? To quote again from the article before mentioned, its title, and you have the answer, "Recent Locals."

Locals are now a thing of the past, the relics of days gone by.

But those with which we have to deal are of recent origin; they are not recent issues of some long-standing company that has been in existence for years—(would that they were.) No! the expiring year of 1882 saw them in existence and the new year of 1883 was as yet young in days when the "places that once knew them, knew them no more forever," and the only legacy they left to perpetuate their names was the few miserable labels that Philatelists did not know anything about; nor could the most persistent and searching investigation develop any information. This was the strangest part of the whole pro-

ceeding. New York, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, were full of collectors, and it was certainly to be expected that they should be able to obtain some reliable information, or at least some data upon which to base an investigation.

Hence the only thing collectors could do was to secure and lay aside specimens, and then to await developments that time, and time only, would make, with what results will be seen later.

In order to come to a somewhat reliable conclusion, a brief synopsis of the histories of these posts, with a few notes and facts will be of interest. The stamps of which we speak are those of the Ledger Despatch of Brooklyn, N. Y., St. Louis-Cincinnati Delivery Co., Allan's Despatch of Chicago, Ill.

The first knowledge we have of the "Ledger" was early in 1883, when a fellow collector stepped into our office and exhibited a specimen canceled, asking us, "what is this?" We asked him where he got it, and what he knew about it. The reply was that it came off a wrapper that contained price-lists and circulars relating to the lumber trade from Brooklyn, thus showing that Mr. Pidgeon conveyed letters to New York City and delivered them there at least in the lower or business portion of the city.

It then took but a short time for the information to spread that a New Local Post was in existence, but inquiry at "419 Fulton Street, Brooklyn," failed to elicit any information, and to Mr. Philip La Tourette is due great credit for ferreting out its history, and the stamps of this post are a valuable addition to the collection, and it seems to us very remarkable that they are not catalogued by Mr. Scott, especially so after having been sold at his sales in New York.

In July 1884, after much correspondence, we succeeded in obtaining the history of St. Louis-Cincinnati Delivery Company.* And when this was published, it did not attract enough attention to excite criticism; and there the matter rested until the June number (1885), of *Our American Youth*.

Now "consistency is a jewel" and we will look into this from existing facts.

* August, 1883, Bayonne Philatelist.

How is it that the Cincinnati's were noted by the press previous to the St. Louis' and at last, after all this time, *Our American Youth* discovers the fact, appalling as it may seem, that stamps of like design were prepared for New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Baltimore, and nobody knows how many more of our larger cities. Verily, this is enterprise. But what effect has this announcement on the St. Louis-Cincinnati Locals? It is certainly disastrous. Collectors cannot have the same reliance in them that they once had, and it is evident to all that somebody has over-reached himself.

(To be continued.)

For The Collector's Companion.

The Peruvian Surcharges.

By LIEUT. R. D. WAINWRIGHT.

(Continued from page 88.)

Issue of 1884; Unpaid, Surcharge, "Piura" 6m high.

10 Cent, orange, black surcharge.
20 " blue, " "

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Arequipa," crosswise and triangle, star and "Peru."

5 Cent, blue, black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Franca," in oval.

5 Cent, blue, black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Union Postal Universal" and triangle, star and "Peru."

5 Cent (green?) red and black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Ancon."

2 Cent, violet, black surcharge.
5 " blue, " "

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "YCA" in oval.

5 Cent blue, black surcharge.

10 " green, " "
20 " carmine, " "

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Moquequa."

5 Cent, blue, dark red surcharge.
10 " green, " " "

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, horseshoe, inscribed Union Postal Universal, star and "Peru" and red Chilean coat of arms and "YCA" in oval.

1 Cent, green, black, red and black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, triangle, star, and "Peru," and "Piura" in oval.

5 Cent, blue, black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, Chilian coat of arms, and "Pisco" in oval.

1 Cent, green, red and black surcharge.

10 " " " " " "

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Paita," in straight line.

5 Cent, blue, black surcharge.

(To be continued.)

For The Collector's Companion.

EDWARD B. HANES.

This gentleman, who has long marched in the veteran corps of Philatelists, was born on August 28th, 1851, at Providence, R. I., which place he has always made his home. He commenced collecting in 1861, and, in his own words, his "love of the pursuit and enthusiasm in the study never lag." His first album was a small pass book, in which the stamps were placed regardless of country or issue. When he had secured twenty-five varieties, it was considered a fine collection, and a curiosity in its way. In 1862, his father was appointed military post-master at the south, which assisted him very much with his collection. The fact that his father never lived to return, lends a sad interest to the stamps that came from him.

For several years past, Mr. Hanes has followed the occupation of commercial traveler, visiting several foreign countries, which has given him a personal acquaintance with many prominent Philatelists, and unusual opportunities to enrich his albums.

Everyone who has read any of his writings has admired the clear and concise style of his composition, as well as the exhaustiveness and thoroughness with which he treats his subjects. He is universally esteemed among collectors, and justly considered one of the best authorities on Philatelic matters to be found.

His collection is mounted in four volumes of hinged card-board. Vol. 1 contains the United States stamps, consisting of 323 adhesives, 224 envelopes cut square, and over 600 entire envelopes.

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Vol. 3, Foreign stamps M to Z, 3,100.
Vol. 4, Proofs and essays, 400. Making a total of very nearly 7,000 varieties, of which more than 4,000 are unused, and all of them are selected specimens. The following countries are some of the more difficult ones that are complete, including varieties of perforation: Austria, Bavaria, Belgium, Bergedorf, British Columbia, Canada, Chili, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Fernando Poo, Great Britain, Guatemala, Hamburg, Hanover, Hong Kong, Mecklenburg, Holland, Hungary, New Caledonia, Portugal, Servia, Sweden, Tasmania, Western Australia. Spain is complete but six stamps, United States of Colombia lacks two, France one, Italy two, Barbadoes one, New Zealand two, Oldenburg one, Porto Rico two, Uruguay one. Mr. Hanes has also a Philatelic Library of more than one hundred handsome bound volumes.

For The Collector's Companion.

Chicago Notes.

The stamp collectors of Chicago are anticipating a very lively winter and are doing everything in their power to help its coming.

At a meeting of the C. S. C. U. held October 17th, two new members were initiated, and several rarities exhibited, among which were two rare and interesting envelopes.

At the next meeting held October 21st, two more members were admitted, making a total enrollment of nearly fifty members.

A committee was appointed to select a new and permanent room, as the room now met in is too small for the increasing number of our society.

An amendment was carried changing the day of meeting from the first and third Wednesdays to first and third Fridays in each month. This was done as a measure to increase our attendance, as a number of our members cannot attend on Wednesday evenings. Notwithstanding some "tall kicking," a measure was passed, by which an original essay was to be read by a member at each meeting, in alphabetical order. *Secretary.*

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Almost without exception, when an approval-sheet fraud is exposed, scores of complaints are at once filed, by people who have been cheated by the same rogue. A gentleman intimately connected with Philately in this city, has spoken to us of a plan he has in mind to protect not only dealers, but collectors as well. His idea is to organize a mammoth Association of Philatelists, the only expense to members being some such nominal sum as five or ten cents whenever a Philatelic rogue is unearthed; the amount obtained in this way to be used in capturing the miscreant, who would then be arrested for fraudulent use of the mails and sent to prison. Ten cents each from 100 members would amount to \$10, for which sum, or less, an officer could be hired to arrest the rogue from which operation several benefits would accrue:

1st, The benefit to the party cheated, who would, in most cases, receive back the articles in question, besides having the satisfaction of knowing that the offender would be punished.

2d, The benefit to Philatelists at large, who would not only be rid of the fraud

arrested, but would benefit by the wholesome lesson to other parties inclined towards wrong-doing, who would be restrained by the example.

3d, The benefit to the culprit himself, who, it is safe to say, would take the lesson to heart, that, all things considered, "honesty is the best policy."

This idea is certainly worthy of consideration, and we should like to see it carried out.

As our readers will notice, a change has taken place in the management of the COMPANION during the last month. W. E. Cowles will henceforth have charge of all business matters relating to the COMPANION, while J. H. Raymond will devote his time to the editorial management, with no fear of the monthly printer's bills. Mr. Cowles will have the pleasure of pacifying the printers, while the editor will sit at his desk, "serene as a summer's morn" deciding, to the best of his ability, which items and articles at hand, will best grace the editorial waste basket. Everything intended for the editor's sanctum should be addressed to him; while those who have business to transact, will please address Mr. Cowles. By this arrangement, we hope to give our friends a better paper, and with Volume II., will introduce several new features and improvements, as well as enlarging the COMPANION, and issuing considerably larger editions. The next number, the last of Volume I., will consist of sixteen or twenty pages, and an edition of 3,000 will be issued and distributed, and an advertisement in that number cannot fail to bring in splendid returns.

The *P. J. of A.* seems to think it has done something to be proud of, in copying a very poor report of one of the C. S. C. U. meetings from a morning paper of this city. Our contemporary seems to have entirely overlooked the fact that newspaper men generally report occurrences of all kinds to suit their fancy, and take special delight in misrepresenting stamp collectors. The *Journal* also seems to have overlooked the article published the next morning in the same paper, which gave a stamp collector's views of the meeting in question

and of the C. S. C. U. in general. If our space permitted, we would be glad to place this second article before our readers, but will suffice by saying that it placed a very different aspect on the question from the inferences naturally drawn from the first article, which the *P. J. of A.* copied.

The Warner-Davis fraud turns out to be Edward M. Pierce, a young man of twenty-one, who sported the following *nom de plumes*: Henry W. Davis, Chas. Warner, Wolverine Stamp Co., Frank Simmons, Henry Trolz, J. Erwin Clark, Mrs. Henrietta Warner, — Adams, Will Ferguson and no one knows how many more. His present headquarters are at Detroit, Mich. There he uses the name Will Ferguson, and occasionally slips across the river to Windsor, Can., getting mail under the name of Adams and Mrs. Henrietta Warner. We understand he has lately become penitent, and is settling up his debts under the names of Mrs. Henrietta Warner and Mrs. Peter Mulvany.

The Philatelic Press Association has been formed, having for its object the protection of Philatelic publishers and the reform of the numerous evils now existing in the literary part of Philately. Its prospects at present are very bright.

The Atlanta, (Ga.), collectors have organized a society and have honored the COMPANION by appointing it official organ.

Rubber stamps! Read Frank K. Rising's advertisement in last four issues.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

ANGOLA.—Red and violet respectively are now the colors of the 20 and 25 reis.

AZORES.—The 2 reis Portugal has been surcharged for use in this colony.

CAPE VERDE.—The 20 and 25 reis are now red and violet.

MACAO.—"The Monthly" mentioned 4 new provisionals, viz.—10 reis ore 40 reis blue; 10 reis ore 50 reis green; 20 reis

ore 80 reis gray; 40 reis ore 50 reis green, and the colors of 20 and 25 reis are red and violet.

MOZAMBIQUE.—20 and 25 reis have been changed to red and violet respectively.

NABHA.—Another state using Indian stamps, surcharged.

ST. THOM.—20 and 25 reis changed to red and violet.

TONGA.—is expected to issue stamps in the near future.

For the Collector's Companion.

Philadelphia Notes.

Trade and collecting in and about Philadelphia has taken a start lately, and gives promise of a busy and satisfactory season, which will outlast the Winter.

The Quaker City Society has been thriving, gaining four new members since Sept. 1st. Two or three outside, i. e. honorary or corresponding members, have resigned, but their loss is less than if active members were to go out. The society's policy toward corresponding members is rather of an unfavorable turn—and it is not clear to us, as to the benefit that they are to the society, or the society is to them.

Since the vacation, the essays read at the meetings have been frequent and interesting. There have also been held discussions as to color variations, surcharges, etc., which brought out many interesting points relating to these often-recurring subjects, which can not but be useful to all.

Not content with merely amending the constitution, it has been proposed by some restless members to change the society's name to "The Pennsylvania Society" the originators of this proposition arguing that if another society was started in this State it would at once be seen, from the names, which was the senior.

In trade circles, the latest items can be counted on the fingers of one hand. The *Quarterly Interchange* has died a natural death. It is believed that it was so named because those who subscribed only got one quarter of what they paid for. Looks that way? The *Philatelic Advertiser* has committed suicide; three

or four dealers here want to sell out their stock, some with the idea of retiring from the business. That means more trade for those who continue. The *Museum* has merged with some paper out West, and strange to tell, no prospectus has yet been issued for a new Philatelic paper for Philadelphia. We have two or three new dealers to take the places of those retiring. They are alive and will no doubt succeed.

CYRUS.

For the Collector's Companion.

Atlanta Notes.

At a meeting held for that purpose, the Atlanta Philatelic Society was formed Oct. 2nd.

The following officers were elected: President, W. G. Whilden, Jr.; Vice-President, Sam'l Meyer, Jr.; Recording Sec'y, J. B. Campbell, Jr.; Corresponding Sec'y, D. McD. Parkhurst, 68 Richardson St.; Librarian, Wm. H. Pope, 45 E. Mitchell St.; Treasurer, W. B. Symmers; Executive Committee, C. R. Fox, Chm'n, Henry B. Mays, Jas. M. Gaston, Jr.

The next meeting will be held Friday night, Oct. 16. Much interest is manifested; there being twenty-one members admitted at the first meeting.

J. B. CAMPBELL,
Rec. Sec'y.

A letter from Mr. Swope

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 10, 1885.

Friend Raymond:

See what the *P. J. of A.* says about the *C. S. C. U.* under the head of "Youthful Stamp Collectors." Why don't you give Mekeel (its editor) "Hail Columbia"? All his mean underhand squibs are meant for *you*. Rake him over about his bombast of the St. Louis Philatelic Society, of which no St. Louis parties (who ought to know) have heard or seen anything. Also let the Philatelic world know his true age, which I understand is only about 21. (One would think he was 60, the way he boasts of "his experience.") I think you have more sense in your noddle than he has in his whole

body. Just let him ever have anything to say about me in his paper; and, you bet you'll see a picnic.

Truly as ever, C. E. SWOPE.

Correspondents' Column

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different standpoints. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In reply to "Density," in No. 9: There is no difference between "unpaid" and "due" stamps, "bogus" and "counterfeit" or "bogus" and "*fac simile*." "Bogus" is a slang expression and "counterfeit" is simply the equivalent for the Latin "*fac simile*," which strictly means "make similar" or "make alike." "Issue" is an English word, and "Emission" is a French term—they are equivalent. The same with "Newspaper" and "Journal." Telegraph stamps are not used exclusively as complimentary franks. They are used for this purpose in the United States, but in Europe this is not the case. When sending a telegram, for instance in Spain, you have to frank same by attaching a stamp to it. If you will take the trouble to look at the last issue of Spanish stamps, you will find that these stamps bear the inscription "*correos y telegraphos*." Locals are no provisionals, generally speaking, although they can, under certain circumstances, become such. A stamp deserves the name "local" if it is issued for one particular city or town, or if it has franking power for a certain district only, whether issued by the Government or private individuals. Provisional stamps do not belong to the regular issue, and are only for temporary use. In case of need they sometimes are printed from rejected dies, and in such a case they are used till a new die can be cut. They also owe their existence to the mismanagement of the postmasters. In this case they generally appear bearing some surcharge.

O. L. HELLWIG.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In answer to R. F. H. W. T., I would say a grilled stamp is one having a small embossment, usually rectangular, on the back, composed of lines of small dots. The 1873-4 issue of Peru and the 1869 United States are examples.

Water marks were described by W. F. Cornell and the writer in No. 5, in answer to the query of "Able can do it." Silk thread is nothing more than small shreds of silk run through the paper while it is in process of manufacture, *vide* one, two, five, or other U. S. bills. If these are the only terms that trouble the querist, he is comparatively fortunate. Most young collectors are puzzled by the words "engraved in taille-douce," or "epargne," or "lithographed," often used in describing the method of printing the stamp. If other correspondents can enlighten the younger collectors on these points, I am sure their suggestions would be thankfully received. Mr. Earee's distinctions are not as full as they might be on these points. If J. C. P. had given a brief description of his 20 centavos Magdalena, it would have enabled one to decide very quickly whether it was a new issue, or merely the regular 20c. issue of '78 in a new dress. The color generally ascribed to the 20c. is "blue" and to the 5c. "pale green."

Will some correspondent inform the inexperienced collectors some method of *readily* ascertaining whether a stamp is engraved in "taille-douce" or "epargne"?

PSEUDONYME.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Since reading the items regarding the Suez Canal stamps, which appeared in your valuable magazine some time ago, I have ascertained, from a reliable source, the following facts about these stamps.

When the Suez Canal company was started, it established an independent postal system, issuing, as we all know, one, five, twenty and forty cent stamps; but the "powers that be," viz., England, France, etc., did not like the idea, as it naturally occurred to them that it might decrease their own revenues. Consequently, the stamps were suppressed shortly after being issued. A few of the 20c. stamps may have passed through

the mail, but of the others probably none were ever used. Thus these stamps would be among the rarest known, but for the human birds of prey that infest the Philatelic world.

A French firm bought the original dies, and proceeded to make the stamps, *a la* Mekeel. But that is not all. Actuated, apparently, by jealousy of the Frenchman's success, a German has made a single die, from which he manufactures all values. The space for the numeral on the stamp is left blank, and the desired figure slipped in this space, makes a stamp that deceives many. The difference between the genuine and counterfeit stamp, however, can be easily distinguished; the shading in the vessel is too dark in the counterfeit, and the figure of value, in some of the counterfeits, touches the circle surrounding it.

FRANCES H.

Editor Collector's Companion:

For R. F. H. W. T.'s information I would explain: The word water-marked means characters printed in, not on, the paper on which stamps are printed. It may be detected by holding it to the light when the characters may be clearly seen. "Silk thread" is put into the paper to prevent any one counterfeiting the stamp. It can generally be detected by looking at the back of the stamp, when fine silk threads may be seen running "every which way." The silk is generally red or blue. M. I. PARVO.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In reply to the query of A. B. C., in your October number, I would say that the current French stamps are used by the consuls and legations in countries having no postal treaty with France in the same manner as the Austrian "Soldi" and the Italian "Estero" stamps are used. A friend of mine, whose father is in the Orient, has shown me specimens of French stamps postmarked Constantinople, Jerusalem, Salonica, etc.

R. S. L.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I have a Mauritius 1860 6 p., dull violet, on buff paper, unperforated, and a Persia 1877, 1/2 on 10s blue. Can any of your readers tell me anything about them?

FIRE.

Editor Collector's Companion.

I avail myself of the privilege of your Correspondent's Column to contradict a statement which I cannot but regard as wilfully untrue. W. E. Skinner, of Lynn, says that he had Mr. Emory, of Fitchburg, arrested for libel, and threatens another philatelist with the same punishment. Lest any person should believe this assertion, I take occasion to say that it is a lie throughout, as Mr. Emory was never arrested on any pretext whatever. Mr. Skinner once threatened to sue him for damages because he was exposed as a dealer in counterfeit stamps, but Mr. Emory defied him to go to law, and Skinner backed down. This person has tried to slander an honest publisher, and his stories are unworthy of a philatelist. Let no one fear his threats of suit, as he is only a boy.

W. K. JEWETT.

For The Collector's Companion.

Some time last month I received a Mexican stamp of the "green" last issue; but instead of being green it was brown. Can anybody tell me whether this is a new issue or a rarity?

C. F. R.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Can you give me any information about the 6-pence English of the 1870-3 issue, surcharged 6d. with a large numeral and small letter in red ink?

E. E. BROWN.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Is a postmaster right to deliver a letter directed to the "First National Bank," if there is not such an institution in the town?

IGNAZ STAUFFER.

C. S. P. S.

MEETING OF OCT. 1ST.

Two new members were elected. Several amendments to the constitution carried. The executive committee instructed to see about getting the constitution printed. Motion made and carried that the president at each meeting name a country, the stamps of which to be discussed at next meeting. President named "Eastern Roumelia" for discussion at next meeting. Adjourned.

F. W. FELDWSICH,
Secretary.

For the Collector's Companion.

Chicago's Latest.

By E. F. ARMSTRONG.

Chicago is a great place; great in itself; in its buildings; in its business; in its charitable institutions; in its commercial facilities. It is also great in the amount of hogs sold there, and great in its Philatelists. The similarity between the last two items of greatness will be at once perceived.

Allen's Local was one of the evidences of greatness on the part of Chicago Philatelists. It has now emigrated to St. Louis, where, by the way, I am informed all Chicago people's cast-off clothing, etc. is sent.

The National Letter Return stamps, however, are the subject of this modest attempt at an article.

These stamps answer the purpose of a printed request for the return of a letter to the sender, the only difference being that instead of the writer's name being given, the name of the "National Letter Return Ass'n, Chicago," is given, and the letter is returned to this Ass'n and by it forwarded to the writer, his name and address being ascertained by the number on the stamp.

A dealer in Chicago has obtained the agency for these stamps "for philatelic purposes," and to obtain a market has written articles for several of the stamp papers, "booming them up." Now, does not the reader agree with me that this shows the greatness of Chicago?

But let me ask, under what conglomeration of circumstances can these things be placed in a collection of postage or revenue stamps? Why not collect the printed requests for the return of letters found on nearly all business men's envelopes? Of what earthly use are these Return Request things to philatelists, except to dealers, whose treasuries they will swell, if we do not look to our p's and q's?

Assuredly, as some writer said not long ago, "the philatelic public is a cow that has been thoroughly milked;" but this looks as if the poor animal was to be thrown down and trodden upon.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper and must not contain over 35 words.

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For The Collector's Companion.

Locals.

By DR. W. H. MITCHELL.

(Continued from page 96.)

OF the "Allen's" we have not much to say, but would mention a few facts.

As soon as the knowledge of their existence came to us, we sent at once to Chicago and purchased a set of the following colors, viz.: Red on yellow, red on white and black on white. The Philatelic press at this time was remarkably silent on the subject, or else ignorant of particulars; and after months, the next that we heard regarding them was, as the next issue of the International Album would contain spaces for them, no collection would be complete without them; and the next catalogue contained notice of a red, plum and a red on yellow.

Time passes, and no more is learned in regard to these stamps until October, 1883, when it was whispered among Philatelists in New York that the black variety was only a proof. This was afterward published and the writer received the following letter of information:

CHICAGO, Oct. 20, 1883.

DEAR SIR:

The "Allen's City Dispatch" Stamp is *not a proof*. There were not over 5,000 of them issued; of the others there were many times that number. Yours Resp'y,

And again, to quote from a Boston correspondent: * * * * "The Chicago things, I have ample evidence, were not made for postal use. The stamps were finally got out of an envelope in the back part of a drawer and sold to my enquirer, who is a traveling salesman, who was formerly a stamp dealer, and who knows what such things amount to.

"He went to the place and found a room with a very large number of sealed

and unsealed circulars in envelopes. Perhaps some were letters, but of the very large number he saw, all were in lots, all of one color and size of envelopes, and bearing the same business address printed in the corner.

"There were various lots, of course, but they were all in lots evidently from various large firms. No adhesive stamps were to be seen on any of them, nor anywhere in the office.

"After looking for them in vain, my friend asked various questions about the delivery of 5,000 circulars, etc., and was informed.

"Then carelessly, he enquired about the stamps and was informed, 'that—yes! they had them;' and after fumbling around among papers in a drawer, an envelope with stamps was produced, and the proprietor would have given him specimens, but he preferred to pay for them.

"These letters, circulars or whatever they were, all, or at least all he had an opportunity of seeing, were hand stamped with a hand stamp bearing the name of the post.

"The explanation is, that these circular delivery concerns do not work for the general public, but for various large firms who have very large lots of circulars to deliver and who save, or get it done for less than one cent each.

Yours, _____."

So much for an insight of Allen's office. But the fact that such large lots of matter were delivered without stamps, and merely hand-stamped and dated, goes for nought; for Boyd, Hussey and other old posts often took large quantities of matter when prepaid, and brought to their offices by messengers or errand boys, and delivered it without stamps, and to put stamps on such matter were the height of folly, and a waste of time and stamps.

And in fact, there was a post in Vesey

Street, New York, at this time, and for aught we know in existence yet, which never used stamps at all, so it shows that they are not essential.

But the fact that the proprietor was so slow to produce them, their being kept in a place that was, to say the least, inconvenient, their existing in so small a quantity that an envelope was capable of containing the entire stock, and their being willing to give specimens to those who enquired for them, shows that they were not much used.

The History of Allen's Post was recently published, but it was very meagre. What collectors want is details, and this differing from all previous writings on the subject, mentions the colors as rose on white, chocolate on white and red on yellow, but no notice is made of the black; and in all probability the chocolate is the plum catalogued by Scott.

But now another word before we leave Chicago. What about "Clayton's Post?"

After a lapse of two years, we were but recently informed through the press that the stamps are fictitious, a joke that was played upon the publisher of the "Lakeside Philatelist," who published, as he supposed, its history. But we must here ask the perpetrator of this exceedingly funny and enjoyable joke, who reaped the benefit of his falsehood? If the "Lakeside Philatelist" had been the only one deceived, it would have been bad enough but the false report had gone on record; philatelists residing in distant parts of the United States, far from Chicago, read and believed—for was not the "Lakeside Philatelist" in that city, and why should it not know particulars? Again, the press of this country and Europe read, believed and spread the error, and it is seldom, if ever, these press errors are corrected.*

Now we are the last to say anything disparaging to any stamp, but these facts cannot be pushed aside, and sooner or later the truth will make itself known, and it is our hope that these facts stated here will lead to a discussion that will benefit Philately and collectors, and not end in any other way than will prove to be the best for these posts, their stamps and the best good of our study.

*See Philatelic News, Vol. I, No. 12, p. 99 and p. 103.

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The Peruvian Surcharges.

By LIEUT. R. D. WAINWRIGHT.

(Continued from page 97.)

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Chilian Arms," and "Multada."

1 Cent, orange, surcharge color?
50 " rose, " "
1 Sol, blue, " "

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Chilian Arms," and "12 R" in oval.

1 Cent, green, surcharge color?

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Chilian Arms," and "Lima 2½" in oval.

1 Sol, blue, surcharge color?

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Cuzco" in oval, on blue paper.

10 Cent, green, black surcharge.

Issue of 1884; Surcharge, "Pasco," in lower right hand corner of stamp, and a curved line, drawn above Pasco, from the bottom to the right hand of stamp.

5 Cent, blue, carmine red surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Surcharge, "Arequipa" crosswise.

1 Sol, red, surcharge color?

Issue of 1885; Surcharge, "Union Postal Universal, Plata, Lima" in oval, and "Piura, vapor."

1 Cent, green, red and black surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Unpaid, Surcharge, "Frias" in oval.

10 Cent, orange, black surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Unpaid, Surcharge, "Piura-Vapor."

10 Cent, orange, black surcharge.
20 " blue, " "

Issue of 1885; Surcharge, "YCA-VAPOR," the last word of surcharge in a semi-circle over the first and above it.

5 Cent, blue, black surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Surcharge, "Paita" in oval.

5 Cent, blue, red surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Surcharge, a single and a double triangle, star and "Peru."

10 Cent, green, black and black surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Unpaid, surcharge "Union Postal Universal, Plata Lima"

in oval, triangle, star and "Peru" and "Franca" over all.

10 cent, orange, blue, black, black surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Unpaid, Surcharge same as last, except "Franca," over and under the other surcharges.

10 cent orange, blue, black, black surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Envelope, Surcharged "Moquega."

20 cent carmine, violet surcharge.

Issue of 1885; No surcharge.

2 cent, red.

Issue of 1885; Surcharge "Y. C. A." in oval.

10 cent, gray, surcharge color?

Issue of 1885; Surcharge "Y. C. A." in oval and triangle, star and "Peru."

1 cent, yellow, surcharge color?

Issue of 1885; Unpaid, surcharged "YCA" in oval, and triangle, star and "Peru."

1 cent bistre,
5 cent vermilion,
10 " orange,
20 " blue,
50 " brown,

} Surcharge color?

Issue of 1885; Unpaid, surcharge "Union Postal Universal, Plata, Lima" in oval, and triangle, star and "Peru;" also "YCA" in oval.

10 cent orange, surcharge color?

Issue of 1885; Surcharge, horseshoe inscribed "Union Postal Universal," star, "Peru," and triangle, star and "Peru," also "YCA" in oval.

2 cent carmine, black surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Surcharge "Pasco."

10 cent gray, black surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Surcharge, triangle, star and "Peru," also "Pasco."

1 cent yellow, black surcharge.

Issue of 1885; Surcharge, "Union Postal Universal Plata Lima" and triangle, star and Peru, also "Pasco."

2 cent carmine, black surcharge.

St. Paul is bestirring itself, and from appearances, we should say that a new society will soon be heard of in that quarter.

For The Collector's Companion.

Stamp Study.

BY W. H. POPE.

THE study of stamps in all its departments is very fascinating. Whether we examine them to find out the standard coins of the respective countries, or to ascertain the different styles of engravings in different countries and in different ages, we can all find new items of interest each time we look over our collections. Among my Philatelic (?) acquaintances, there are some whose interest in stamps is merely speculative. They pay attention to them only in order to buy what are rare and to sell them at a higher price. These, indeed, are not Philatelists. Philately is properly the study of stamps, and those who do not examine into the beauties of stamps are no more to be called Philatelists than can the mere observer of natural beauties be called a naturalist. And it is to the beautiful points of stamps that I would call the attention of the reader. The first and most important characteristic of stamps is the engraving; the second characteristic is the design. And reserving the latter topic for future comment, I would invite the reader to review with me the engravings of the different postage stamps of the world. There are various styles of engravings on stamps, as, for instance, the steel engraving, the electro-type, the wood-cut, etc. The steel engravings are the most common of the present issues of stamps, and consequently, some of our commonest stamps are very finely engraved; while those we prize most for their rarity are, as a rule, the most carelessly engraved. We see the reason for this in the fact that rare stamps are generally of early issues, and at the time when they were issued, the art of engraving had not reached its present perfection. Among the numerous examples of rare stamps being poorly engraved may be mentioned the earliest issues of British Guiana, and the 1867-68 issue of Corrientes, the latter of which is no doubt one of the poorest stamps ever made. The stamps of the Confederate States are also among those whose poor en-

gravings make them famous. Of course there are exceptions to this, as to all rules, for some of our most valuable stamps are very finely engraved. The 90c. black and carmine, U. S., 1869 issue, is splendidly engraved, and the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. stamps, which are now so rare, were fine steel engravings. The counterfeits of these, which are so common, are mere wood cuts. The so-called "Hamburg Locals" with which one of our "enterprising" New York contemporaries caters to the ignorance of his youthful customers, are so fickle as to color and design as to render an opinion of them almost impossible. In glancing over the stamps of more recent issues, one is struck with the beautiful engravings which meet the eye. The two stamps which are Malta's representatives do credit to the engraver, as also do some of Persia's stamps. We cannot help admiring some of the Sandwich Island stamps, especially the 10c. black 1882 issue. And it is the delight of the true philatelist to look at such stamps as those of Guatemala, Honduras, Brazil, Peru, and other Central and South American States, whose engravings are standing encomiums upon the work of the American Bank Note Co. And after recording such finely engraved stamps as Siam, it is, indeed, a disagreeable task to chronicle the less beautiful members of the stamp family. It is, indeed, unpleasant to speak of the poor work of the government engraving company at Wellington, New Zealand, which gives us such poorly engraved stamps as those of New Zealand; or to chronicle such stamps as those of Russia, which, by the magic touch of water, may be transformed into little bits of white paper. Let us hope that hereafter the nations of the globe may be more careful in the engravings of their stamps, remembering that these little bits of paper affixed to missiles of love and business, mark the degree of civilization to which the respective countries have attained.

Those who receive this number and are not subscribers, are invited to become such.

For The Collector's Companion.

E. B. STERLING.

This well known collector of and dealer in stamps was born September 9, 1851, in Trenton, N. J., where he has always resided. His first acquaintance with Philatelic matters dates back to the time of the late war, but his stamps were subsequently given up for coins, the love of which he inherited from his father who was an enthusiastic numismatist in his day.

At thirteen, Mr. Sterling left school and served five years in the dry goods business, after which he tried the coal business, and for the last seven years, he has been employed by the Trenton Banking Co., and has been steadily advanced from the lowest to one of the most important positions in the bank—discount clerk or note teller. He dates his return to Philately from his marriage in 1874. He has always had a love for revenue stamps and has probably done more than anyone else to encourage the study of this class of stamps, as he has devoted several years to the study of the different papers upon which the stamps were printed; being the first one to note the different varieties of papers.

He has, by careful attention to business, established a trade in United States stamps only, which is second to none in the world; his annual sales aggregating more than \$5,000.00, and this large business is carried on entirely in the evenings, with no help save that of his eldest son. He has over \$10,000.00 actually invested in stamps of the United States only, and under his attentive care, his stamp business has increased each year, until he now has far more than he can properly attend to, and he anticipates soon giving his time entirely to stamps.

But our readers must not think his interest in stamps is entirely on account of the income he derives from their sale. His hobby is revenue stamps (of United States only) and of these he has no doubt the best collection to be found, as he collects every shade, variety of perforation, and all oddities of each and every detail. His revenue proofs are the finest in the country, for he is the sole owner of the celebrated Carpenter

collection, which he values at \$2,000.00 alone, besides his other collections.

A few years since, he contributed frequently to the Philatelic press, but of late his other work has deprived the public of his useful articles. His published writings however, have educated collectors up to a degree of knowledge in this branch of Philately that was unthought of before.

For the Collector's Companion.

Stamp Collecting.

BY J. M. CHUTE.

THE first postage stamps were issued in 1840, and their collection began a few years later. This pursuit, which has grown to vast proportions, having its votaries in every part of the globe, is essentially a hobby of our times, and deserves to stand with that of the collection of coins, minerals, etc. Aside from the genuine pleasure derived in the acquisition of new specimens, the stamps themselves have a marketable value of their own, many specimens increasing rapidly in value from year to year. Stamps which were comparatively common a few years ago, selling perhaps, for fifty cents, now bring as many dollars. We remember purchasing a twelve pence Canada in 1865, for the magnificent sum of one dollar, to-day it is worth a great many dollars. Such stamps as the one shilling orange, Newfoundland, the wood block Cape of Good Hope errors, early Ceylon and Mauritius envelopes, we purchased in the early days of collecting for a comparatively small sum; to-day these stamps will bring most any price, they have become so scarce.

People are constantly asking "what benefit is derived from collecting these stamps?" If this same question should be asked regarding the collection of coins and medals, which are so carefully treasured in the great museums of London, Paris, Berlin and other large cities, we would set the person down as an ignoramus, yet these stamps are performing the same office as are the coin and medals. With young people th

collection of stamps should be encouraged, as by this means they are unconsciously acquiring a vast fund of useful information. Typography, engraving, lithography, are employed in their preparation; eminent artists are engaged in their design and execution. Simply then as works of art—as representatives of the progress, in our own and foreign countries, of design, engraving and printing—these postage stamps merit attention. They throw light on the progress and condition of the nations, commercially, industrially, and artistically. With the acquisition of new stamps the collector sets about to find their history; he can soon tell you what sovereign rules, what money is used, and just where the country is. It would puzzle many of the teachers in our public schools to locate such countries as Alwar, Antioquia, Bhopaul, Faridkot, Jhind, Labuan, Nepaul, Simoor, etc., yet the youngest collector will do so almost instantly. A professor in one of our large schools said: "The stamp collectors that have been in my classes are of the most intelligent, and as a rule the best generally informed pupils that I have had."

Not only is stamp collecting a teacher of history and geography, but the collector becomes familiar with heraldry, design, colors, etc. No stamp collector need be ashamed of his hobby, for it is one that tends to raise his intellectual standard, and its votaries to-day include some of our greatest men and women.

Mr. L. E. Chittenden, formerly Treasurer of the United States, was a collector, as was also General Spinner, the Treasurer under Lincoln and Johnson. Charles Sumner had his collection of stamps, and such men as Senator Sherman, Gen. E. D. Townsend, and many others of note in our own country, Dr. Stephan of Berlin, Dr. Gray of the British Museum, Baron Arthur Rothschild of Paris, and many of the nobility of England and the Continent, have not thought it beneath their dignity to collect stamps. The stamp collector has a literature of his own, magazines devoted to his pursuit being published in all parts of the globe, while elaborate cat-

alognes, and albums specially prepared, have found their way into every town and hamlet.

We hear it stated sometimes that stamp collecting is on the decline; on the contrary it is rapidly increasing and will do so for many years to come.

Another Vacancy.

It is with sorrow we announce the death of another Philatelic journalist, one, indeed, who but recently entered the ranks, but whose short stay with us gave evidence of his ability. Dr. Chas. P. Henry, of the *New England Philatelist*, has passed away. The following resolution has been passed by the P. P. A. to commemorate his memory.

NOVEMBER 12, 1885.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life, a member of this association, whose brief sojourn in Philatelic Journalism has made him numerous friends, be it

Resolved, That the death of Dr. Chas. P. Henry, publisher of "The New England Philatelist," of Fitchburg, Mass., is a calamity to the cause of Philately, and a matter for deep and sincere sorrow on the part of the members of this, The Philatelic Press Association, as well as to the entire Philatelic Public, whom the Press represent, and that we do, both as an association and individually, tender to the partner and near friends and relatives of the departed, our heartfelt sympathy in this bereavement; and be it

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to such friends and relatives of the deceased as the Director of this Association may direct; and that this resolution be published in each and every journal, the proprietors of which are members of this association.

J. H. RAYMOND, *Director*.
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For The Collector's Companion.

Russian Locals.

BY F. E. P. L.

I am aware that this subject is not as interesting to the majority of American collectors, as almost any other branch of our pastime; but it is for that very reason—because I wish to raise some interest in its favor—that I have chosen it. In Europe, this branch of Philately has not been, by any means, neglected. In fact, it has been fostered, by many, to the neglect of others.

The strongest objection to the study and collection of these interesting pieces of paper, are: first, the number of them; second, the rough manner in which they are printed, leading many to suppose them to be counterfeit; third, the impossibility, as one authority states, "of separating the spurious from the genuine;" and fourth, the mistaken impression many have, from their name, "Locals," that they are of the same order as the locals of the United States.

We will now proceed to look at these objections and see whether they can be sustained. The first objection has the most force of any, namely, their number. At present they reach to about four hundred in round numbers. On reading this, many would say, "Oh, they would take a book by themselves, and will cost more than I am willing to pay." This I hold to be a mistake, as a great many of them are of the same design, and differ merely in shade. They are most of them cheap, too, and are certainly a great embellishment to any album, the designs always being quaint and sometimes beautiful, with bright, lively colors. As far as my own experience goes, I may say that among the prettiest pages of my album, are those devoted to these much abused locals.

The second and third objections, I hold to be without foundation, for if you buy of a reputable dealer, or exchange with a collector you know to be honest, and who has a reputation at stake, you will very rarely be fooled; whereas if you deal with a crook, you will be cheated, as in any other branch. As to the ob-

jection that many may make, "they are only locals; I collect stamps issued by regular governments only;" I may say that these stamps are as much an issue by the regular government of the Empire of Russia, as the two cent stamp of the United States is a regular issue of our government. They are issued for use by the Postmasters of the towns in Russia that are removed from Railways; and are used for franking letters to the nearest railway postoffice; and are carried there by post boys, just as letters were formerly sent in our country, before the railroads became so numerous. Their use is sanctioned by an Imperial decree, which cannot be said of any other locals that I know of.

I hope that by this short notice I may awaken some slight interest in these curios, for they are so odd in design as certainly to deserve some attention from collectors.

Chicago Notes.

The C. S. C. U. held its usual meeting on Nov. 6th, with a good attendance.

The question arose as to how we could make the Union more useful and interesting for corresponding members, and the Union was constituted a Committee of the Whole to investigate the matter. The usual routine business was disposed of and the meeting adjourned, and then ensued the usual informal talk and trading of duplicates.

The idea of meeting on Friday instead of Wednesday is very popular.

Our meeting of Nov. 20 was called to order with a small attendance. Our worthy Treasurer, "with blood in his eye," read off a list of those delinquent in the payment of dues, and recommended that they be suspended from the Society, due notice having been given; but some of the tender-hearted members moved that they be given a little more time; motion was carried.

We make our bow to "Philo," who has so kindly reported us in the November *Stamp World*.

Philatelic matters in Chicago are fairly lively; we have several new members and a new Local stamp in prospect.

SECRETARY.

For the Collector's Companion.

Providence Notes.

At the meeting of the R. I. P. S. held Nov. 2d, two new members were admitted. At this meeting were exhibited some original envelopes with the Confederate stamps on them; also a copy of the first catalogue of stamps ever published, printed in French. Then followed a discussion on the 1865-68-75 issue of Turkish stamps, showing that the stamps of 1865, should make two distinct sets, and those of 1868-75, four distinct sets.

The Secretary of the Society will be pleased to hear from anyone interested

A. DAWSON, Sec'y,

(Merchant's Nat'l Bank,)

Providence, R. I.

For The Collector's Companion.

Denver Notes.

At the meeting of the C. S. P. S., of Nov. 5, one new member was elected. Mr. Osgood resigned his position as Librarian, and C. H. Murray was elected to fill the vacancy. The Secretary was instructed to subscribe for the Philatelic Monthly. Some very interesting information was received in regard to the 1869 issue of U. S.

On Nov. 20th, one new member was admitted. Motion made and carried that the Society shall in future be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order," and the Secretary was instructed to procure a copy. The Committee on Constitution made a report that they had drawn up an entirely new constitution and set of by-laws, and after a few changes they were adopted.

F. W. FELDWISCH, Sec'y.

Says an English journal: "There is not a legitimate stamp company in America. The so-called 'Cos.' are composed of one small boy each, who thinks he can astonish the world by a tremendous business in stamps. One fellow who is now in St. Louis, is said to have now not less than ten such 'Cos.,' and has 'skipped' several cities, being a 'dead-beat.'"

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ENGLAND is to have a new set of stamps, and the English Philatelic press are sighing and weeping over the fact that the stamps are to be adorned by the same old portrait of Queen Victoria in her youth, and with very good reason. The absence of variety in British stamps is the one feature that mars their beauty. It is "quite ridiculous, you know," to see the perpetual sameness of the stamps of the British possessions. Look at the stamps of Australia, India, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, West Indies, or any of the English colonies, and the eye is met by the unattractive bust of her Majesty as she appeared half a century ago, and which, we imagine, looks about as much like her as it does like the Empress of China—if there is such a personage.

THE subscription price of the COMPANION will probably be advanced to 50 cents per year with the next number, which will begin volume 2, and those who desire to keep posted on Philatelic matters should subscribe during this month, at

the present low rate of 25 cents per year. The COMPANION has steadily improved since its commencement, a year ago, and our second volume will be far in advance of anything we have yet brought forth. We issue an edition of 3,000 this month, a large number of which will be placed in the hands of non-subscribers, who, we trust, will show their appreciation of the COMPANION by subscribing. Those whose subscriptions expire with this number, will, we think need no invitation to renew. See fourth page of cover for club rates and premiums.

THERE is a certain paper published in a New York town which gives vent to the following: "We don't like to see dealers who claim to sell genuine stamps, advertising fac simile stamps. It is out of place, it seems to us, and it looks very bad." Yes, friend of the Empire State, but isn't it infinitely worse to advertise fac simile as genuine stamps? We would respectfully refer our more or less esteemed contemporary to page 40 of its 1st volume, whereon are set forth such bargains (?) as "2 Sarawak 5cts.," "7 Antioquia 12c.," "4 St. Vincent 7c." etc., etc. Wouldn't it be well to practice what you preach?

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 esteemed 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.

UP to October, 1871, but twenty different Philatelic papers had been published in America, and of these only four were in existence at that time. Since then it is impossible to enumerate the stamp papers published; at the present time, there being at least 25 in existence.

OUR "Correspondents' Column" has

lately been made into a fence, over which the publishers of other papers have fought their battles with each other; but from this time on, we shall refuse to insert any personal communications.

It is whispered that *Our American Youth* is to suspend again. This time the cause is said to be difficulty with the Post Office, in the matter of second-class rates.

ADVERTISERS will please note the advance in advertising rates. This of course, does not affect contracts already made.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

ANTIOQUIA.—Five new stamps have appeared, viz: 1c, blue green on white; 1c, black on pale green; 2½c, black on buff paper; 5c, green on white; 10c, lilac on white, and 20c, blue on white.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—*The World* informs us, that the 2, 4 and 24c are surcharged obliquely "oficial" in red.

BRAZIL.—The 300r, green and orange is announced rouletted instead of perforated.

EASTERN ROUMELIA.—In consequence of the war in Eastern Europe, we can already notice a change in the stamps of these countries. The Bulgarians have adorned the stamps of Eastern Roumelia with the coat of arms of their ruler, Prince Alexander, of Battenberg. This coat of arms is probably better known to our readers as the Hessian lion. The stamps are as follows: Issue of 1881—5 paras, black and green, surcharged blue; 20 paras, black and rose, surcharged brown. Issue of 1884—5 paras, violet, surcharged blue; 5 paras, violet, surcharged black; 10 paras, green, surcharged blue; 10 paras, green, surcharged black; 20 paras, rose, surcharged blue; 20 paras, rose, surcharged black; 1 piastre, blue, surcharged black, 5 piastre, red, surcharged blue; 5 piastre, red, surcharged black. This set of stamps was only used for two weeks, whereupon the inscription "Ushna Bul-

garia" was added to the first surcharge. For the benefit of Mr. Shuman may it be said that the United States meaning of these Bulgarian hieroglyphics is simply Southern Bulgaria. Following are the stamps bearing the second surcharge which appears in an octagonal frame: 5 paras, violet, surcharged black; 10 paras, green, surcharged black; 20 paras, rose, surcharged black; 1 piastre, blue, surcharged black; 5 piastre, red, surcharged black.

HAYTI.—The 7c, perforated, has appeared.

MONACO.—In addition to the stamps mentioned in September the following have appeared: 1c, bistre; 2c, lilac; 10c, red brown; 40c, slate; 75c, black; 1 franc, black; 5 francs, carmine.

REUNION ISLAND.—The stamps of France appear bearing the surcharge "La Reunion 5c" on the 2c stamp, and "La Reunion 25c" on the 20c stamp, red on green.

RIO DE ORO.—A Spanish colony in Africa, is using current Spanish stamps surcharged "Africa—Rio de Oro—España," in three lines. The denominations in use at present are 5c, green; 10c, carmine, and 15c, purple.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON.—The 40c has been surcharged 05c, 10c and 15c.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The recently issued stamps of this colony have already been mutilated by a surcharge, viz: the blue 5c stamp now bears the surcharge 3c, in black ink.

SWEDEN.—The 4 ore card has been surcharged 5 ore.

TRANSVAAL.—The 1 shilling (1883) has been surcharged "Halve penny," and the 6 pence (1879) surcharged "Twee Pence. Z. A."

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A WARNING TO COLLECTORS.

'Mawnin' Bro'r Jones, how is yo'self dis mawnin'?

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Dat so? What am de mattah wid de po' chile?

Geo'ge allus was great on apin white trash. When Mars' Jinks fambly had de dipferia, he done had to git it too. Now he hab got sumfin called "Philamity." Dunno what it is, but he am crazy to colleck collahed paper. 'Spec I mus' call a doctoh in; nebber saw sich a chile.

Well Bro'r Pete, am sorry foh yer. Dese complimun's ob de heart am dange'ous. Hab yo tried mustard plaster?

Correspondents' Column

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different standpoints. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I have a 3c. green 1876, (Centennial envelope stamp) with the following on: "Clarke's Cen. Ex. to the Blk. Hills. In consideration of 10c. paid for this envelope and of which payment, its possession bears evidence, the undersigned agrees to carry it from the Union Pacific R. R. at Sidney, Neb., to Custer City and Deadwood, Dak. (and such other places as his route may supply), or from above places to the Union Pacific R. R. at Sidney without additional charge.—H. T. Clarke."

Can any one give me any information concerning it? Can it be classed as a U. S. Local? W. K. O.

Editor Collector's Companion:

To "Pseudonyme" I would say: Your question cannot be answered satisfactorily in this place, but you may be assured that if you are not an expert, you will have more or less trouble in ascertaining whether a stamp is engraved in "taille douce" or "epargne." It is comparatively easy to distinguish a lithographed stamp from one that is engraved, as the steel plate being so much harder than the stone, preserves its drawing better, and gives a sharp and clear impression; whereas in a lithograph, the fine shadings are always more or less blurred. See first issue of Hungary. O. S. H.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Ignaz Stauffer inquires, in your November number, whether a postmaster should deliver a letter addressed to the "First National Bank," if there is not such an institution in the town. The postmaster should certainly *not* do so; the letter should be returned to the writer by all means. If such a thing was done, and was reported to the department, the investigation which would follow might prove unsatisfactory to the postmaster in question. UNCLE SAM.

Editor Collector's Companion:

For the benefit of Mr. E. E. Brown, who inquires in regard to a stamp he has, would say that the English stamps of 1870, 3d and 6d, were surcharged 3d and 6d respectively, in large figures. It was found necessary to do this to avoid mistakes; as they were both of the same color. O. S. H.

Editor Collector's Companion:

To C. F. R.—Your brown stamp of Mexico is a new issue, or rather, a change. Several of the values of the current set of Mexico have been changed from green to brown JEREMIAH SMITH.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Will some one please inform me what the difference in grilles are, and whether the silk thread in stamps runs straight across or in every which way? F. G.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Will some of the readers of your paper kindly inform me of the difference between rouletted and unperforated? R. L. S.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper and must not contain over 35 words.

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For The Collector's Companion.

U. S. Stamps with Grill.

BY E. B. HANES.

HERE are few countries whose stamps afford a wider scope for interesting study and research than do those of our own country. It is surprising how the field expands as we advance with the collection, and we wonder how such striking varieties could be passed by as unworthy of collection by most collectors. I remember the curiosity with which we examined the first issue of grilled stamps. Still it did not occur to us, at the time, that this peculiar experiment of the government was a very interesting thing, to be illustrated and commemorated in our albums. If it had, many a good specimen might have been saved from the oblivion which now surrounds it. I am prompted to write upon this subject from the fact that there is a general awakening among collectors in regard to these stamps, and from the excellent opportunity which exists to pick up good specimens among old letters which have not been examined for this peculiarity. This is especially true of the 1870 issue.

The grill or gridiron cut consists of a pattern of small squares which are embossed or pressed into the paper. In each small square, there is a diagonal crosscut which breaks the fibre of the paper, thus allowing the cancelling ink to saturate the stamp, rendering the paper easy to tear, and more difficult to clean. A close examination of a clear cut grill could be made a lesson in Metric Measure as each small square composing the grill is almost exactly a millimetre square.

The first issue of grilled stamps occurred in May, 1867, when the entire surface of the three cent stamp was em-

bossed; this stamp was in use but a few weeks and is now rare. It was succeeded by a rectangular grill 13x16 M. M. upon the same stamp, which continued in use until January, 1868, when the size of the grilled space was still further reduced to 11x14 M. M. and the 1, 2, 3, 10, 12 and 15 cent stamps were issued in this form. These also had a short life, as we find, later in the same year, the grill reduced to 9x14 M. M. and an entire set, 1 cent to 90 cents can be made of these. They are all common but the 5, 24, 30 and 90, which are decidedly uncommon. The beautiful stamps of 1869, being square in shape, were embossed with a grill 9½ x 9½ M. M. The grill upon the 1869 issue is an infallible test to distinguish the original issue from the set as afterward reprinted, as no reprints were ever grilled. A few of the 1869 issue however seem to have escaped the treatment. They can only be distinguished from the reprints when the original gum remains on the back. The original have a heavy brown gum while the reprints have a light brittle white gum. The use of the grill was continued in the issue of 1870, and specimens of these stamps form a very interesting feature of a United States collection. The size of the grill for this issue is 12x12½ M. M. It was used but a short time. I have examined many letters mailed in the fall and winter of 1870, without finding a single grilled stamp of the low values. They seem to have died a natural death as the impression grew lighter and fainter, many showing but slight traces of the operation, and it finally disappeared entirely. Diligent search will show all the values as issued in 1870, with plain grill, and the five cent blue and two cent vermilion have been chronicled as existing with grill 11x14. I have never seen them, and as these stamps were not issued until 1875, it would be an enigma if they do exist. I have no faith in

them. It will be seen that the government continued the use of the grill in various forms for more than three years, covering the last days of the 1861 issue, all of the 1869 and the first of 1870, when it was discarded as being of small practical value.

For The Collector's Companion.

The Peruvian Surcharges.

By LIEUT. R. D. WAINWRIGHT.

Addenda.

The following list gives color of surcharges to list of stamps already published. There are also a few new items which the want of information prevented my giving:

Surcharge "Union Postal Universal," Plata Peru" in an oval.

- 2 cent carmine, black surcharge.
- 1 cent green, red surcharge.
- 5 cent blue, red surcharge.
- 5 cent blue, black surcharge.
- 20 cent carmine, black surcharge.
- 1 sol. pink, blue surcharge.

Issue of 1880; Unpaid, Surcharge, as above.

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| 1 cent brown, | } Blue surcharge. |
| 5 cent red, | |
| 10 " orange, | |
| 20 " blue, | |
| 50 " brown, | |

Issue of 1881; Surcharge, "Union Postal Universal, Plata, Lima" in oval.

- 1 cent green, red surcharge.
- 5 cent blue, red surcharge.
- 50 cent green, red surcharge.
- 1 sol. pink, blue surcharge.

Issue of 1881; Unpaid, surcharge "Lima-Correos" within a double circle.
Whole set, red surcharge.

Issue of 1882; Surcharge, "Chilian Arms," within a horseshoe band inscribed "Union Postal Universal, Peru."

- 1 cent green, black and red surcharge.
- 5 cent blue, black and red surcharge.
- 50 cent carmine, black and red surcharge.
- 50 cent carmine, black and blue surcharge.
- 1 sol. pink, black and red surcharge.

Issue of 1882; Surcharge, "Arequipa" in double circle.

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| 1 cent orange, | } Red surcharge. |
| 5 cent blue, | |
| 20 cent carmine, | |

Issue of 1882; Arms in circle, "Departatos Del Sur" above, "Timbres 1881-1882," below; "Peru" at bottom, surcharge "Arequipa" in double circle.

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| 10 cent blue, | } Black and red surcharge. |
| 10 cent gray, | |

Issue of 1882; Similar to above; "Arequipa" within double circle.

- 25 cent carmine, red surcharge.

Issue of 1882; Surcharge, "Puno" in double circle.

- 1 cent orange, red surcharge.
- 5 cent blue, red surcharge.
- 5 cent blue, purple surcharge.
- 20 cent carmine, red surcharge.

Issue of 1882;* same stamps as are surcharged "Arequipa" in double circle, now surcharged "Puno Provisional" in double circle.

- 10 cent blue, black and red surcharge.
- 25 cent red, violet surcharge.

Issue of 1882; Chilian stamps surcharged "Adn de correos Callos" in double lined circle.

- 2 cent yellow, black surcharge.
- 5 cent carmine, black surcharge.

Issue of 1883; Arms, "Franqueo" above, Surcharged "Arequipa" in double circle.

- 10 cent red, blue surcharge.
- 10 cent red, black surcharge.

Issue of 1883;* Stamps of 1877, surcharged "Paíta."

- 5 cent blue, black surcharge.

* New information.

(To be continued.)

For The Collector's Companion.

WILLIAM C. STONE.

William C. Stone was born in Plymouth, Mass., October 9, 1859, and resided there until 1865, when he removed to Portland, Me., where he formed the nucleus of his stamp collection. In 1873 he removed to Springfield, Mass., where he is employed as assistant in the Public Library. He was instrumental in the formation of a Philatelic Society in that city, which existed for about two years, and Mr. Stone was its first president. He was editor of the society paper, the *Philatelic News*, and contributed numerous articles to its pages

He formerly contributed to several other Philatelic papers, and was awarded the first prize, of a guinea's worth of stamps, for the best article on the stamps of the United States of Colombia, offered by an English paper. At present he is assisting Mr. R. R. Shuman on the Oriental part of the Philatelic Cyclopaedia.

Mr. Stone's collection now numbers over 7,500 varieties, and is growing rapidly. Among the rarities may be mentioned the following: Two of the small Bolivars, 100c. green Bolivia, all the 1878-'82 British Guiana provisionals, 7½ and 10p. Canada, ten cents Confederate States, 20c. provisional Costa Rica, 96c. bistre Hong Kong, New Brunswick 6p. and 1s., several of the Sydney views, numerous local Indian stamps and a host of surcharges of all nations.

The collection is mounted on large sheets of slate cardboard 28 x 36 centimeters. His library contains a large assortment of philatelic and numismatic papers, and manuals and catalogues of all the prominent dealers. Mr. Stone has also a large collection of coins and autographs. He is an enthusiastic wheelman and a member of the world-renowned Springfield Bicycle Club.

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Chicago Notes.

The Philatelic affairs at present are taking the back seat, as it were, before the approach of Christmas and its preparations. Most of our active philatelists are busily engaged in other matters, which almost wholly engross their time, nevertheless the meetings of the C. S. C. U. are fairly well attended and great interest manifested.

Old Boreas did his best to keep our members away from the meeting of Dec. 4th, and succeeded to such an extent that a quorum was not present, and hence no business was transacted. However, the deficiency was amply made up by the large attendance at our next meeting, Dec. 18th.

After electioneering and wire-pulling, which bid fair at one time to outdo that

of the Democratic convention in our city in 1884, the following officers were appointed for the coming year: J. H. Raymond, President; Fred. Connett, Vice President; R. R. Shuman, Secretary; O. S. Hellwig, Corresponding Secretary; J. J. Shuman, Treasurer; Wm. E. Cowles, Librarian.

A paper was read by R. R. Shuman setting forth the present condition of the society, and urging the members to do all in their power during the coming year to promote the welfare of the society.

The following resolutions were passed, which caused our worthy president to blush with honest pride, and to which, though taken by surprise, he aptly replied:

Resolved, That we, the members of the C. S. C. U., in consideration of the valuable services rendered to our society by our official organ, the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, hereby offer to its publishers, J. H. Raymond and W. E. Cowles, our sincere thanks, and

Resolved, That the publishers deserve great praise and commendation for the uniform superiority of the aforesaid paper, and the prompt and regular manner in which it has been issued, and

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be given the leading philatelic papers for publication. R. R. SHUMAN.

The Corresponding Secretary's address is O. S. Hellwig, room 400, Royal Insurance Building, Chicago. He will be glad to hear from any one interested

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Atlanta Notes.

The A. P. S. is prospering. Two new members were admitted at the meeting of Dec. 18th, but to neutralize this accession to the membership two of the old members have recently resigned—one of them the Corresponding Sec'y, Mr. Parkhurst. W. B. Symmers was elected to fill the vacancy. Messrs. Fain and Gaston have been the essayists at the last two meetings, and acquitted themselves very creditably. The discussion which took place on United States Stamps at the last meeting was very interesting. W. B. SYMMERS.

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DR. MITCHELL, in the December *Stamp World*, takes a very sensible view of the Return Request stamps recently issued by an association in this city. He contends that if collectors place these things in their collections, they will be obliged, if they make any claims to consistency, to collect the printed cards usually found on business envelopes. A well known collector of this city recently remarked to us that anything that was perforated would be collected; and this probably accounts for the stir these labels have occasioned in stamp collecting circles. As Dr. Mitchell remarks, in the article referred to, there are numbers of private parties who have their name and address printed on slips of gummed paper, to attach to their envelopes, but as they are not perforated and not engraved, no one thinks of collecting them, and clearly it would be foolishness to do so; but because this particular request is perforated and engraved, several of the Philatelic papers have, to our surprise, inserted articles (presumably to fill space) giving their full history, attempt-

ing to "create a demand" for something that would otherwise have remained unnoticed, as they should.

It may be well to state here, that the "Collector's Companion Co." consists simply of Jerome H. Raymond and William E. Cowles, and is a co-partnership—not a stock company, as some of our contemporaries seem to infer. It was intended at one time to form a stock company, composed of numerous Philatelists of this city, but it was thought advantageous to form a co-partnership, which was done, Mr. Cowles purchasing a half interest. The numerous calls for stock in the company have made this explanation necessary. While on this subject, it might be well to add that the C. C. Co. do not deal in stamps in any way, shape or manner. We would also request our friends, to facilitate matters, to address their correspondence relating to advertisements, subscriptions, etc., to the business manager, Mr. W. E. Cowles, while correspondence in reference to the literary portion of the paper (including exchange notices) should be addressed to the editor.

SPEAKING of counterfeits, St. Louis comes to the front with the "Globe Stamp Co.," which offers some of the best bargains in counterfeits ever thought or heard of. We had always thought well of *Our American Youth*, but we must confess it has lost ground in our opinion by inserting the page it does in its December issue for this "Co." We would advise those of our readers who collect genuine stamps to give the "Globe Stamp Co.," and all like concerns, a wide berth.

THE meeting of the C. S. C. U. of December 18, was peculiarly interesting. The nominations of officers were made with great enthusiasm, the good points of each candidate being set forth by his constituents in a manner to make the nominated parties blush. The Union looks forward with bright anticipations to the year 1886. The first year of its existence has been successfully

completed, and its prospects for the future never were brighter.

The death of King Alphonso, of Spain, will probably be succeeded by an entirely new issue of stamps for Spain and the Spanish Colonies. If so, collectors will have a large addition to the already large number of Spanish stamps to be found in their albums.

THE *New England Philatelist* has been sold to Mr. F. J. Stanton, who will merge it into the *Philatelic Tribune*. Mr. Jewett, the former editor of the *New England Philatelist*, is now the editor of the *Capital City Philatelist*.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—In September this republic issued a stamp that has successfully evaded our detection. The denomination is 12c, blue.

AZORES.—The two highest denominations of the present issue of postage stamps, viz: 500r. and 1000r., have lately been surcharged "Acores" in small red letters.

BANGKOK.—The purple stamp 30c of Straits Settlements has been surcharged with the letter B. The orange stamp 32c of the first issue now also appears bearing the letter B.

BRAZIL.—Has issued a new stamp of 100 reis, lilac. The stamp bears a large figure of its denomination in a circle.

CONGO.—We are advised that the Congo state will issue a line of stamps the first of this month, viz: 5 centimes, green; 10c, carmine; 25c, blue; 50c, sage green, or vermillion.

CHILI.—Has issued a double postal card. 3c, blue on pink, bearing the inscription "Respuesta" at the top and "Chile" at the bottom.

LABUAN.—The red 8c stamp has been surcharged 2 cents, and the 2c stamp green has changed its color to red, and the 8c stamp red now wears a purple dress.

MALTA.—A newspaper band $\frac{1}{2}$ penny, green, and an adhesive stamp 5

shillings, pink, have entered into existence.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The newspaper band 1p, red, has been surcharged O. S. in black ink.

REUNION ISLE.—The 4c, violet, has been surcharged 5c.

ST. LUCIA.—The 1 shilling, orange, head in octagon, has been issued.

SURINAM.—We understand unpaid letter stamps have been issued; values, $2\frac{1}{2}$, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 40c.

VICTORIA.—The 1d card is reported carmine on white.

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St. Paul Notes.

The St. Paul Philatelic Society was organized Nov. 30th, 1885, with the following officers: Fred Stahl, Pres.; Chas. D. Thompson, Vice Pres.; F. Reed, Sec'y, and Thompson Warner, Treas. and Librarian. Durbin's Catalogue was made the standard, and the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION official organ. A constitution was adopted, modeled after that of the C. S. C. U.

F. REED.

For The Collector's Companion.

San Francisco Notes.

I am glad to say that stamp collecting has again revived on the Pacific coast. I find it so in 'Frisco, and in our beautiful little city across the bay—Oakland. Recently I visited Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Jose, Vallejo, Petaluma, Stockton and other California cities and towns, and in each place I was astonished at the large number of collectors I met, as well as at the magnitude of their collections.

San Francisco, on account of her immense commercial relations with Australia, Hong Kong, Honolulu, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Salvador, Honduras and other foreign nations, offers to collectors a peculiarly rich field, and unsurpassed facilities in securing stamps of these particular countries.

In Honolulu, where but a few short years ago stamp collecting was almost entirely unknown, it is now one of the principal amusements. There is one bright and energetic young fellow, whose

acquaintance I had the pleasure of forming during his sojourn in San Francisco last year, who informed me that he has an agency for five different well known stamp dealers, and that his commissions, alone, averaged from \$60 to \$75 monthly, although he can find time only during the evening and his spare moments, for his traffic in stamps.

E. F. GAMBS.

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The Gaucho Stamps.

BY TOPAZ.

It is seldom that any stamp, or set of stamps, acquires a *sobriquet* by which it is so universally known, as the mysterious Gaucho stamps of Buenos Ayres. The first stamps of La Guaria are often called the "Robert Todd Series," and one of the envelopes of Deccan is usually known as "The Koorshedjah," but the labels which are the subject of this sketch are never known by any title other than "The Gaucho Stamps." They are of much interest to the philatelist, as their origin is shrouded in mystery. Whether they were ever actually in use, by whose authority they were prepared and when, must always remain matters of conjecture. The set of Gaucho stamps consists of four values: 4 reales, yellow; 6r, green; 8r, purple; 10r, blue. The description of them is as follows: A mounted gaucho (South American cowboy) is the central figure of a landscape in an oval, which is included within an oblong frame, with plain, solid spandels. Above is the word "Correos," and at the bottom Bs.As. and value. A border of ornamental scroll work occupies the other two sides. The shape of the stamps is that of the later issues, they are unperforated, and the impression measures 24mm. long by 19mm. wide. It is supposed by some that the series was in use a few days in August or September, 1859, just before the emission of the ugly ship issue.

When, in 1868, the President of the New York Philatelic Society visited the Argentine Republic, he wrote back to the society that the Gauchos were issued in 1857, but no more information

could be obtained. Most philatelists, however, came to adopt the theory that they were merely essays, prepared in good faith, but rejected by the postal authorities of Buenos Ayres. On this ground they were dropped from the catalogues, and time strengthened the impression so that, at the present day, no one is to be found to claim for the Gauchos that they were actual postage stamps. Years ago they were very rare, and specimens of the 10 reales had become unobtainable. A complete set of them was considered the gem of a large New York collection.

The gentle Argentines were not slow to perceive that specimens of these rarities might be valuable, and nearly twenty years ago used to make imitations of them, which were sent for sale to the British stamp dealers. These native counterfeits were on thicker paper than the genuine, and the colors were not so bright. There is a white patch, presumably foam, on the flank of the gaucho's horse which is missing in the native swindles. There is also a difference in the landscape. The Argentines also sold bogus 4 reales, printed in a reddish hue, which may perhaps be called magenta; likewise bogus 6 reales, struck in purple like the eight. All mentioned were unused, and the gum was very fresh in appearance. Their maker would sell them at the rate of 100 sets for \$50.

There is also a full set of European counterfeits lithographed on very shiny thin paper. They are common on the other side of the water, but are never seen here. I should not omit to mention that an electrotype of the 6 reales, used to illustrate an English magazine, has got into the hands of the manufacturers of cheap stamps, and copies have been printed from it in blue and black, as well as in the primitive color. These and the preceding are usually found cancelled with a number of bars. As it is now generally admitted that the originals never passed the post, these will be easily recognized as worthless. I am informed that these counterfeit Gaucho stamps are one of the standard productions of the transatlantic dealers in imitation stamps, and may be found in all their cheap packets. The reader will

remember that the later issues (ship and head of liberty) are put to the same use in the United States. Almost every packet of counterfeits includes Buenos Ayres, Antioquia, Pacific Steam Navigation Company and triangular Cape of Good Hope.

Correspondents' Column

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different standpoints. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Some time past I noticed in the columns of the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION that some correspondent had a rarity in the shape of a Confederate \$1 blockade stamp. This is an invention of an American counterfeiter, and has been known twenty years. It bore the inscription "Confederate States of America, Blockade Postage to Europe One Dollar." It was deceptive to the European philatelists, and was carefully put out. The specimens were postmarked "Charleston" or "Wilmington," the principal cities blockaded by the National fleet. In 1867, somebody wrote to Mr. John H. Reagan, Jeff. Davis' Postmaster General, about the authenticity of the stamp, and he replied, "We never issued or used a blockade stamp of the denomination of one dollar or any other." Specimens are now printed in all colors. As most people know their real value, the counterfeiters of the present day do not bother to postmark them. W. K. J.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Who is responsible for the "issue" of the 25 mons green, 50m. yellow and 100m. lilac of the Korean stamps? These three were not heard of till after the 5 and 10 mons were reported, and news of them was not so generally received by philatelists all over the world, but spread gradually. No one, so far as can be learned, has seen any specimens of these values, while unused ones of the two lower denominations may be ob-

tained with comparative ease. Furthermore, a correspondent writes me that he was at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, the Korean capital, at the time it was attempted to establish a postoffice and introduce stamps. He says that he then obtained specimens of the 5 and 10 mons, but that no other values were prepared. Who got up these extra ones?
TOPAZ.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I notice in the December number, "W. K. O." desires information concerning "Clarke's Centennial Express Envelope." I happened to see the same envelope some years ago at St. Louis in Mr. Tiffany's collection; it is, in fact, the only one I ever did see, and I believe it is a rare franked express envelope, same as used on Wells, Fargo & Co.'s routes. I gave a description of it in the Aug., 1877, *St. Louis Philatelist*. Perhaps Mr. John K. Tiffany, Att'y at Law, St. Louis, can give "W. K. O." more information concerning the same.

E. F. GAMBS.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Since writing the article on "Russian Locals," which appeared in your December number, my attention has been called to a phrase I used, viz., that they, Russian locals, were as much a government issue as a United States two-cent stamp. This may mislead some readers. Of course a Russian local will not carry a letter outside of Russia as two twos and a one of the U. S. would but it is as much a government all the same. The name of these so-called locals in Russian is Zemstov or district stamps.

F. E. P. L.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Can any reader of the COMPANION give me any information regarding U. S. official stamps said to have been issued in 1884? The *Stamp World* for October says the 1884 issue aggregated 3,389,440. Would like to know what departments these were for. I also notice an advertisement in the *Hermes* offering Interior Department envelopes for sale. I have not noticed these in any catalogue. Would like to hear something about them.

P. McG.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Replying to "F. G.," in your December number, would say: A grilled stamp

is one that is embossed with small dots in different patterns. The difference in grills consists in their size and pattern. [See article in this number on "U. S. Stamps with Grill."—ED.] In adhesive stamps the silk thread runs from top to bottom; in envelopes it runs across at an angle of 45 degrees.

X. Y. Z.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Mr. Jeremiah Smith answered a query in regard to the brown stamps of Mexico in a way that is not quite correct. The present or rather the last issue of stamps, which were of a uniform color, have been changed as follows: 1c. green; 2c. carmine; 3c. yellow-brown; 4c. pink; 6c. violet; 10c. orange; 12c. dark brown; 25c. blue. O. S. H.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Replying to "R. L. S.;" the different stamps will answer the query better than any pen. Compare our present stamps with the early issue of Germany Thurn and Taxis. Our stamps are perforated at the edges, the German stamps are rouletted, and the first and second issue of Bavarian stamps are unperforated. O. S. H.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Why are the small letters inserted in the corners of the English stamps, and what do they mean? A. R. N. Y.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper and must not contain over 35 words.

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[Adapted from "A Worn Out Pen," by Philip B. Strong.]

A cancelled stamp, well here I am
My place a mate has taken,
No longer now of use to man,
Discarded and forsaken.

I will relate as here I lie
The story of my labors
Some one perchance while passing by
Will hear, and tell his neighbors.

My life has been a busy one
A curious occupation,
I may have carried check or dun,
Or pleasing invitation—

In fact I've labored faithfully
I've never shirked my duty,
Whate'er a person's rank might be
His culture, wealth or beauty.

But now I've met my end at last,
For thinking men have used me.
Here on the floor I have been cast,
They've otherwise abused me.

How'er the deeds that one has wrought,
Or good or bad endeavor,
No action ever comes to nought,
But it lives on forever. W. H. M.

For The Collector's Companion.

Confederate Rarities.

BY W. G. WHILDEN, JR.

FROM the time when the pursuit of collecting stamps first came into existence up to the present time, when it has become a science, collectors have always desired rarities, or, in other words, those specimens that were difficult to obtain, and which had great value. This desire will always continue, and if there is one class that is more eagerly and anxiously sought for than another, that class is locals and rare general issues of the Confederate States of America.

There are no collectors who can truthfully boast of a complete collection of these very interesting labels. In fact, there are some persons, possessing large and valuable collections, who cannot show you a single specimen of the stamps in question. You will doubtless ask, "Why is this thus?" This can be easily answered in a few words:

First, Because there are few dealers who have them for sale.

Second, Because many collectors do not take enough interest in them to hunt them up.

Third, They are found so seldom that exorbitant prices are asked for them.

The second reply can only be dispensed with when every collector places his whole energies into action, and spends hours in seeking for them among old papers and in old books.

Some collectors say to themselves, "I have not the time to bury myself for hours in a dark and gloomy attic, looking among soiled and dust-covered rubbish for Confederate stamps, when nine times out of ten my search will go unrewarded."

Permit me to say to you right here that you are entirely mistaken, and that if you carefully examine old moth-eaten letters, that nine times out of ten you will find something that will be of interest to you.

Every year that the stamps lie undiscovered, they are more and more likely to be destroyed. Therefore, I earnestly urge you to make an "exploration tour" now, at the same time remembering the old adage—"Do not put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day." Rats, mice, and what is still worse—fire—all try to make way with the precious stamps and stamped envelopes that lie, as it were, "in a sea of oblivion."

Southern collectors have a great advantage over their Northern brethren in this respect. But this should not keep

collectors from making thorough investigation, for whenever hostilities flagged between the two armies during the late war, letters were exchanged from one "line" to another.

You may perhaps ask, "Where shall I look for them?" Why, of course, look everywhere and anywhere where they would be likely to be found. To Southern collectors I would say that the best place is in the country. During the War countrymen, as a general thing, never received over twelve letters per annum, consequently they valued each letter very much. As is the case with all valued articles, they were carefully put away, and with very few exceptions, they are "put away" now.

Supposing that the average collector would like to know exactly the best mode of obtaining the Confederate stamps from the above-mentioned countrymen, I append the following, which is a "leaf" taken from the "book" of my own personal experience. I have pointed out where to find them, and now I will try and show you how to find them.

If you wish to follow my example of scouring the country for varieties, take a horse and go to everyone in your neighborhood, and to as many others as you wish (the more the better), and state your mission, all the while trying to impress upon your hearers that it would be greatly to their interest to look over their old papers and letters in hopes of finding a "big bonanza." If they should object, tell them that they might find one worth a very large amount, and after awhile by a little persuasion, and much more "tongue," you will see them open some old trunk and place before your experienced eye an armful of "Confederate War Papers."

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Before closing I would like to give the

following piece of advice to rarity seekers: Always buy the stamps the first time you call at a house. To show you what I once lost by not buying the stamps immediately after working the people up to a "selling pitch," I will narrate the following:

Not very long ago I took a short ride in the country, and as I had plenty of time, I stopped at a house to see what "luck" I would have. I came upon a small dwelling-house almost hidden from the road by an undergrowth of white oaks. I made a halt and began my seige on the lady of the house. She proved to be the widow of a Confederate soldier. It appeared that he was killed in Florida, near Lake City, and the captain under whom he served wrote to this lady informing her of his death. She received this letter in a peculiar kind of stamped envelope. It was yellow with age, but in one of the corners was impressed a small black flag. This flag was postmarked "Salt Lake City, Fla." Besides this there were a few others worth about four dollars by catalogue value. I offered her twenty-five cents for the whole lot. She accepted the offer. But alas! when I went to pay her I was penniless; I had left my money at home. Stating the circumstances to her I promised to return some time during the week and get them. Three days afterward I went to her house, when she said that she did not wish to sell under any circumstances. I persuaded "like a lawyer," but she was impenetrable. I at last ascertained that she thought I had some evil reason for "buying little pieces of paper," and that in order to prevent me from compelling her to deliver them according to verbal contract, she had destroyed them! The thought of losing such a lot of fine stamps, including what I supposed was a rarity, almost drove me distracted.

So, therefore, when you are on a rarity search always buy the stamps the first time you call at the house, before the inmates get out of the notion. Last month, when on one of these trips, I came across an old gentleman who had about twenty Confederate stamps, including 1 ten-cent blue of 1861-'62. He did not wish to sell them to me as he thought

they might affect, in some way his pension. ("What fools these mortals be.")

I have presented these thoughts in order to make you realize, if possible, that there are thousands of rare stamps buried in piles of old paper and rubbish and that a rich reward is yours if you would save these varieties from the rust of time before it is too late. In November, 1877, I found a "Honor's City Post" Local in a barrel of old letters received between 1850 and 1860. Four years ago, I "struck" a person who had 40,000 ten cent blue Confederates of 1863, in unused sheets of 200 each. He presented me with two sheets (400 stamps), and said that he would keep the balance for "good luck." Perhaps you may find a few in your searches which are far more valuable.

I truly hope that your patience is not quite exhausted, and I trust, in the future, you will take a little more interest in "Confederate Rarities," and see for yourself "where to find them."

For The Collector's Companion.

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By LIEUT. R. D. WAINWRIGHT.

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AN Arab is a peculiar letter writer and his addressed letters would be a "holy terror" to our fast line route agents. The following is the very pious address on a letter mailed to a writer on a German paper: "In the name of the merciful God the beneficent. This writing is from one who serves his Lord, from X, the son of X; and if God wills it will get into the hands of our friend Sidi Musa, the son of Hamdalla, the Prussian, the Christian, in the city of Tharabdos, Tripoli, the illustrious, the famous."

WE have received a letter from Mr. Reid, Secretary of the St. Paul Philatelic Society, announcing the discontinuance of meetings until some time in March. Presumably the ice-palace has something to do with it.

WE would like to call the attention of our patrons to the fact that 5, 10 and 15 cent U. S. stamps are of no value to us. We will accept 1 and 2 cent stamps in payment for subscriptions, although we prefer postal notes.

MR. ISENSTEIN, publisher of *The Hermes*, sailed for Europe on January 16th. *The Hermes* will be published as usual, and mailed to subscribers from Hanover, Germany.

The meetings of the C. S. C. U. have been poorly attended the past month, not that the interest in philately is dying out here, but on account of the severity of the weather.

THE publisher of the *Michigan Philatelist*, Mr. H. G. Spaulding, has moved to Battle Creek, Mich., where we trust his journalistic success may continue.

WE are indebted to Mr. Oscar Felker for the first Philatelic calendar it has been our fortune to see.

TRY an ad. in the March COMPANION. It will have more than double its usual circulation.

THE Berkshire Philatelic Union has recently been formed at Pittsfield, Mass.

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

ANTIOQUIA.—The 20c. has appeared in a new dress, color blue.

BANGKOK.—The Straits Settlement 3c card has been surcharged "B." for Bangkok.

BELGIUM.—New stamps have appeared as follows: 20. gray; 50c. violet, and 2 fr. violet.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The *Monthly* says the 3c. card is surcharged for use as a 1c. card.

CEYLON.—Permanent 3 and 10c. cards colors lilac and brown respectively, have taken the place of the provisionals.

CHILI.—The 20c. is now gray.

LIBERIA.—Has issued a new set of stamps, as follows: 1c. red, 2c. light green, 3c. violet, 4c. brown, 6c. gray, 8c. lilac, 16c. yellow, 32c. blue. The 3c. has the arms in centre, while in the others, the figure of value forms the central design.

PERU.—5c. and 10c. stamps have re-

cently appeared, colors blue and olive respectively. Portraits of Admiral Grau and Gen. Bologneci adorn the stamp.

SIAM.—Has caught the surcharge fever and has surcharged its $\frac{1}{2}$ ott stamp "1 tical."

SWEDEN.—The official 6 ore. card has been surcharged for use as 5 ore.

TAHITI.—A 4c. on 35c and 5c. on 35c. have been unearthed.

TRANSVAAL.—A new 2 pence, brown has appeared; same design as current set.

For The Collector's Companion,

Surcharges.

BY F. E. P. L.

IN a recent number of the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, an article appeared on surcharged stamps, in which the writer took a decided stand against collecting them. In the present article I propose to say something in their favor. One of the first objections is the number and price of them, and this objection is very true, but if you allow it on this score you must admit on many regular issues which are just as numerous and are just as high in price. For example, take the Sydney views of New South Wales. There are no less than nine different dies, all different in a greater or less degree, all cost,—and cost high at that,—yet nobody refuses to collect them on account of the number of varieties and price of them. Surcharges have, in their way, a historical value or significance, as much, or rather more than any other stamps. For instance take the stamps of South African Republic surcharged "V. R. Transvaal." Are they not standing historical evidence of the short control of this little republic by the British Government? Would the history of the Transvaal, so far as stamps are able to illustrate it, be complete, without them?

Again take the much abused stamps of Peru, which I admit are very puzzling, and in some instances may have been made for sale or speculation. Is it any reason why we should abjure all surcharges because some are not reliable? I

say no—emphatically no; we might as well abjure collecting all rare stamps merely because they have been and are being counterfeited. To return to Peru. Are not the stamps surcharged with the Arms of Chili historical? And if by any possibility all contemporaneous history should be lost, these stamps alone would be proof of the conquest of Peru by the Chilians. Again a couple of months ago a bloodless revolution took place in an out of the way corner of Europe. Is not the Bulgarian Lion seen over the crescent of Eastern Roumelia an evidence both of this revolution and a gradual shrinkage of the boundaries of the "sick man" in Europe? In the article before cited the author says that the practice of surcharging stamps is a money making scheme and cites two or three countries as proofs, among them Luxembourg. The country has never surcharged but one stamp, namely, the $37\frac{1}{2}$ centimes stone (surcharged 1 fr.) and that did not vanish but was in use either rouletted or perforated for nine years; does that have the appearance of a money making scheme? Of course the stamps surcharged "Official," are not included, as being intended only for official use, they can hardly be called a postal surcharge. I think the money making argument does not hold good in the British Colonies for this reason, namely, the majority of them surcharging their stamps are small islands and order limited numbers of each value, which value, if it is the one most used, soon runs out, and as most all the colonial printing of stamps is done in London (witness the large amount of hideous De La Rue types), some provision must be made for said value until a new supply arrives.

Another case: Ceylon reduces its tax on mail matter, what can it do but surcharge until the new plates are engraved, which takes time, and a supply of stamps with the new value arrive. As far as Great Britain going into it as a money making scheme is concerned it is no more likely than the United States doing so, for no one has ever found a Yankee backward in entering anything when there was a probability of making an eighty cent dollar. I, as much as

any one, deprecate this fever for surcharging, but at the same time with very few exceptions they are regularly issued by the postal authorities, are for postal use, and I really cannot see how we can claim to have anything like a complete collection or to claim to collect postage stamps as a whole, unless we admit these abused members of this large family.

For the Collector's Companion.

Atlanta Notes.

The Atlanta Philatelic Society held an election of officers for the ensuing quarter, on January 1st., with the following result: W. G. Whilden, Jr. President; Albyn Haynes, Vice Pres.; W. M. Fain, Recording Sec'y; W. B. Symmers, Corresponding Sec'y; Jas. M. Gaston, Librarian and Treasurer, and W. H. Pope, N. S. Atkinson, and Fred Lewis, Executive Committee. An interesting discussion on U. S. local and official stamps took place at this meeting.

W. M. FAIN.

Correspondents' Column

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different standpoints. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

The *P. J. of A.*, with its accustomed rashness jumps at conclusions and has evidently read my paper that appeared in the November and December COMPANION in portions and not as an entirety. The stamps, three in number, I purchased early in January, 1883, and I would like information as to the black variety of the existence of which the editor of the *P. J. of A.* seems to be unaware, and the very letter which he criticises so harshly is a proof of their genuineness. Now that one Edward Allen, by name, did conduct a Local Mail Service in Chicago up till Feb. 5, 1883, I have no doubt, but at the same time a great deal of care was taken so

as not to run foul of the U. S. P. O. D. and it was with difficulty that admission could be gained to his office, as I know to be the case in not one but many instances. I, too, will cry Justice. For here is a fact that can not be denied, since the issue of Allen, and other locals the collecting of U. S. locals has declined, not because they came into existence, but because of the avarice of the persons who controlled these stamps. This has been a blot in the history of Philately that has all but ruined the cause of locals, and I, for one, shall not spare tongue nor pen to do battle for the right, and not until *Jersey justice* is given to them shall I lay down arms.

W. H. MITCHELL, D.D.S.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I have in my collection a 2c. Canada registered letter stamp which is a dark brown, same design as common issue 2c. orange. Can any reader of the COMPANION give me any information regarding it? I would like to know how dealers obtain used U. S. newspaper stamps. I have had them offered me by first class dealers. Have some of the high values used in my collection.

C. H. S.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I would like to ask if any of your readers can tell me anything about the Spanish War Tax stamp with "Impto. De Guerra" above, and "España" at each side, value below the arms of Spain, issue of 1875, unperforated. I think this is a rarity as it is not catalogued and I have never seen it before.

J. L. J.

Editor Collector's Companion:

To "A. R. N. Y.," I would state that the small letters in the corners of English stamps are put there simply as a means of distinguishing the stamps of one sheet from those of another. Every sheet has different letters in the corners of the stamps.

U. S. D. S.

A correspondent says: I recently received a letter from a West Indian correspondent, in which he says: "Please send next time to me some U. S. department stamps, such as Blood's, Boyd's, Hussey, State, Douglass, Navy and others." The West Indian collec-

tor must think we have quite a number of departments.

For The Collector's Companion.

Providence Notes.

A good attendance at the meeting of the R. I. P. S. on January 4th, made an interesting meeting. One new member was admitted, and another proposed. The constitution was altered so that meetings will be held every month. Heretofore, no meetings were held in July or August. The following stamps were exhibited: Five and ten pesos 1883 Bolivar, unused; Revenues of the Clark Match Co., surcharged "S. R. V. D.," claimed to have been used by S. R. Van Duzer for medicine stamps; F. P. Newton unperf. watermarked; Peruvian 20c., 1874, stamp surcharged "Piura" in black and "APOR;" also an unperf. 3 kr. Baden, 1862 issue rose.

A. DAWSON.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper and must not contain over 35 words.

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PHILATELY.

C. E. SWOPE.

Pleasing science
My reliance,
Ever present in my mind,
Perish never,
Live forever,
Be to me, always as kind.

Never waning
Always gaining
In each true collector's heart.
More each hour
I feel the pow'r
Of your dear, bewitching art.

You're a pleasure
Beyond measure,
And I love you more each day:
You drive my care
From out his lair,
And keep my thoughts in active play.

Collector's true
One word to you,—
Stick to your science well
For aught you know,
Some day may show
How potent is her spell.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 28th, 1886.

For The Collector's Companion.

Philatelic Societies.

BY ELBRIDGE.

IT is a deplorable fact that while there are so many collectors in this country, there are but ten or twelve active, hardworking societies. Much of the blame, no doubt, rests upon the philatelic journals, who seem to have ignored this subject for articles on "Our Science," "Our Hobby," etc. From the very first we must, in studying up the subject, divide philatelic societies into three classes. First. Those that start up, have two or three meetings, and, failing to find the support expected, fizzle out. Second. Those that exist in the imagination of some juvenile

publisher, who, by a strange fatality, is always president (?). Third. Those earnest, come-to-stay societies, that have done much in making philately what it is, and on whom we must depend for its further advancement in the future.

The first class is much to be pitied. Headed by perhaps one or two enthusiastic spirits, the society is organized, officers elected, and one or two meetings held; but the meetings are not made interesting enough, and on various pretexts the members cease coming; and before long the society is a thing of the past.

Perhaps it is for the benefit of philately that there are but a few societies that exist only on paper. Their history in brief is this. Some small boy wishes to astonish the public by publishing a paper "devoted to the science of philately." Unfortunately this small boy lives in Smithville, and ninety-nine persons out of one-hundred never heard of Smithville; therefore he displays his wonderful inventive faculties by bringing out the "National Philatelic Association of Smithville," to give *eclat* to that place.

The third class is much more pleasing to contemplate, and it is the purpose of this article to give a few suggestions on their organization and maintenance.

In your town or city you doubtless have some friends who collect stamps, and it will be well to secure their co-operation. Then you might write to the publishers of philatelic papers, asking them if they can furnish the addresses of any philatelists in your city. Most publishers can and will comply with your request, and you will have considerable capital with which to organize. Call on these collectors personally if you can, and invite them to attend the initial meeting of the society. The object of this initial meeting is to

decide whether sufficient support can be obtained to carry on a society, and to make arrangements for a permanent organization. At the next meeting officers should be elected, and a committee appointed to draft a constitution. You should appoint some philatelic paper the official organ, and make arrangements for having it sent to members regularly.

The society may now be considered formed, and you should take care to let the news be known, but something must be done to keep up the members' interest or it will be a failure; few persons care to pay out money unless they receive its equivalent. The best way to do this is to find means by which members can add to their collections at a small expense. Write to dealers for their greatest discount to the society, and encourage and furnish means for the exchange of stamps. Make arrangements with the members for the reading of essays, of interest to the society; it is wonderful what an amount of information can be gained by them. They are interesting, also, and at first this is more important than that they should contain information. Keep the members' enthusiasm up and induce them to take part. It may be hard at first to get some one to read an essay, but "after the ice is broken, affairs will go on swimmingly." Get up a general debate, say for instance, the Return Request Stamps, and call on each member for his views, whether in favor of or against their collection, and why. Get the members to express their opinions, and to uphold them in debating. Another good plan would be to offer a prize for the best essay on some particular or any general subject; use your own discretion in regard to that.

A library could easily be formed if the members would each contribute what philatelic books or papers they might have, and when the society feels financially able, this might be bound, thus making a fine appearance.

The society might also keep an album—two of them for that matter, one for genuine and one for counterfeit stamps. Some societies assess each member for, say \$1.00 worth of stamps a year,

for the society collection, the contributor losing all right to the collection when he ceases to be a member. If some member is disposed to be facetious, give him the care of a society scrap album, in which to paste any clippings of remarks about the society. It isn't much trouble, and it furnishes "mighty interestin' readin'."

The more corresponding members you get the better, as they have dues to pay, thus replenishing the treasury. Then the Corresponding Secretary should write them reports of the meeting, and in return invite letters, etc., of interest to the society.

These are but a few points, others will appear as the individual cases bring them out; in fact new means of improving the society will crop out at nearly every meeting. There are some things, however, to avoid. Do not make the dues too high, as this will prevent many additions to the society. Different cases require different amounts. Some could get along for 10c a month from each member, while their more extravagant brother would require five times the amount to get along.

By all means avoid any "ring" or wire pulling appearance. Nothing spoils a society so much as the appearance of its being in the hands of a chosen few, who manipulate affairs as they wish.

Avoid anything that may lead to a quarrel. The officers should not be above taking advice from members, and each member should abide by the decision of the president.

There are many things to be gained by joining a society. Apart from the facilities offered for increasing one's collection, there is the knowledge to be derived, both of a better insight into the workings of parliamentary law and the knowledge of stamps. Then again there is the advantage of intercourse with other collectors, which I think gives one a much broader idea of philately as it is than could be obtained in any other way.

Two important auction sales of stamps have taken place in New York recently, one on February 15th and the other on March 9th, at the rooms of Messrs. Geo. A. Leavitt & Co.

For The Collector's Companion.

A Reverie.

BY PHILO.

ONE night, not long since, I had been busying myself with one thing and another until quite a late hour; but not feeling just in the mood for retiring, I drew a little closer to the fire and, taking up the morning paper, nestled down in my easy chair to see what I had missed in my hasty morning search for news. I had only glanced at the paper for a few minutes when my attention was attracted by a story in which postage stamps figured, and, thinking it might prove interesting, I settled down comfortably to read it.

I cannot say positively whether I fell into a doze before I finished the story or not, but my impression is that I read it through and afterward lapsed into a condition of drowsiness in which I was neither asleep nor awake but rather on the verge of both. What my thoughts, or, perhaps I should say dreams, were on this occasion I will now relate.

My thoughts wandered away back to the year 1847, the year in which the first stamps were issued by our government. I fancied I was, at that time, a sheet of paper—one of several hundred sheets packed closely together in a bundle. I knew that I had been in that one place as long as I could remember distinctly, and I was pondering over what the future might have in store for me, when I felt the bundle, of which I was a part, rudely hauled down, placed on a truck and put in a wagon. After a short ride, my companions and myself were taken out of the wagon and put in a freight car, where we remained several days.

At last we reached the end of our journey, and after a little more tumbling about, found ourselves on the floor of a large room, surrounded by many strange things. For up to this time, I must inform you, we had remained in utter darkness, covered entirely by some very coarse, rough paper, of a quality too low to admit of any association. We now had our first glimpse of daylight,

and you can imagine how we who were below envied the top sheet of the bundle. We were not allowed much time to take in our new surroundings; we were separated for the first time within my remembrance, and shortly after that I shuddered at feeling something cold and sharp separating a portion of myself from me. And that was not all; again and again I experienced the same sensation, until only a fraction of what I once was remained. I had one thing left to console me, however, and that was the fact of my old neighbors, the sheets above and below, being still by me. They had suffered the same fate as myself and were bewailing their lot when a boy grabbed us up, took us to another room, and laid us down before a strange looking machine. Before I had recovered my breath my upper neighbor was taken away from me and I for the first time experienced the full light of day. But alas, the first thing I saw was my poor friend being swallowed by the machine, and, more frightful still, I immediately met the same fate.

I cannot attempt to describe the impressions I received at this time—and although they were numerous, they were all alike. But I soon found that I had gained a friend by the ordeal I had passed through, for when I was passed into the machine I was pressed with such force against a number of pieces of metal that a lot of ink which had covered them adhered to me; and from remarks I heard made, I was led to believe that this *Ink* was to be my companion for life. *Ink*, who was a gentleman of color—in fact, I should say he was black—was as much depressed by the rough treatment he had undergone as I was impressed by our union, and seemed, in spite of his color, very blue. This I could well sympathize with as I also had a tinge of blue in my composition. For some time I tried, but without success, to engage him in conversation; at length my efforts prevailed and he proceeded to relate his experience. What he said would make too long a story to relate here, and so I will proceed with my own history.

We were not allowed to remain undisturbed a great while. We were again

tied up in coarse paper and conveyed to a very nice, orderly place where, much to my regret, I was separated from my life-long companions, the upper and lower sheets. This parting caused me great pain, for there was very little likelihood of our ever meeting again; and should that happen, the chances were we would be unable to recognize one another. This separation resulted in my being rolled up, which inconvenienced me greatly, and carried to a place similar to the one I had just left, but much smaller. Here I again passed through the same torturing experience of being cut up that I had undergone when I first saw the light of day, with this difference, now I could plainly see the operation, while before I could only feel it. O, the horrors of that moment! An elderly man took me in one hand, while with the other he coolly and deliberately took a large pair of shears and cut me to pieces. Yes, he actually cut me into little bits no larger than the end of your thumb.

My companion, Ink, was rather disposed to make light of my misfortune, and this I did not wonder at when, shortly afterward, I obtained a look at myself in a mirror that adorned the room. This glance in the mirror was a revelation to me, and did much to console me for my recent afflictions; by it I discovered that I really was a much better looking person than I could have hoped for after all the trials I had passed through in the last few days; and I also found that my union with Ink had done much to improve my looks. Ink was spread on my face in the likeness of a fine looking gentleman, who, as I found out afterward, was George Washington. But my investigations in the glass were cut short by my being picked up and tossed out of a window, in response to some one's request for a postage stamp. So that is what we are called, *Postage Stamps!* I say *we* advisedly, because Ink and I are no longer individuals, but have become merged into one person, and although it may seem paradoxical that one and one should make but one, still it is so in our case, and that one can still very properly call himself *we*.—(To be Continued.)

Chicago Notes.

Some wonderful things have transpired in this city of wonders during the last month or so.

We have two new "down town" stamp dealers, who are causing quite a stir in philatelic matters by their evident intention to do business on a large and paying scale, and who have evidently come with the purpose of staying.

The C. S. C. U., too, has been having some surprisingly lively meetings; the one of Feb. 5th putting to shame all previous meetings by showing just how much it was possible to accomplish in one evening. The report of the Executive Committee on the ways and means of improving our society was delivered, in which the following suggestions were offered.

I. That measures be taken by the Union for the procuring of stamps at reduced rates for its members.

II. That special arrangements be made for making our meetings more interesting and thereby insuring a more regular attendance. That this be accomplished by appointing a program committee to arrange and enforce the programs of each meeting.

III. That cards or circulars be printed and mailed to every available city stamp collector's address, informing them what and who we are, our objects, etc., with an invitation to visit and join us.

IV. That a room be procured in which to hold our regular meetings and to contain our library of reference, which room to be accessible to any member at any time in the week.

The first suggestion was adopted by a motion that the Union offer its members 40 per cent. discount from Durbin's Standard Catalogue; all the members so desiring stamps to send in lists of their wants to the Corresponding Secretary, who is to procure such discount as he may be able to get from various dealers on the list when massed in one grand order. A program committee was appointed.

Under the head of a meeting room, Mr. Hellwig kindly offered the Union the use of his office room, No. 20 Mc-

Vicker's Theater Building, free of charge. His offer was thankfully accepted, and until further notice the above address will be our place of meeting, as well as the address of our Corresponding Secretary and members.

The proceedings of meeting of Feb. 18, though not so lengthy, were quite as interesting as those of previous meeting.

After some discussion on a point of order, six new members were admitted and enrolled.

Under the head of general business the suggestion of the Improvement Committee that cards or circulars inviting new members to join and showing the advantage of such a move, be printed and mailed to city addresses, was fully discussed and suggestion finally adopted and committee appointed to draw up such a circular for approval at our next meeting.

R. R. SHUMAN, Secy.

For The Collector's Companion.

Philately as She is.

BY W. G. WHILDEN, JR.

Dr. Viner and several others have given us "Philately Twenty Years Ago." Younger though experienced collectors have presented "Philately in the Future." But no one has yet shown the philatelic world, "Philately as She is." Therefore, although I doubt my ability to excel, I will try and present first her drawbacks then her beauties to you, trusting that you will pass over all places where I have "fallen short of the mark."

PART I.—DRAWBACKS.

Almost every science has a few common drawbacks, one of which is "public opinion." When Dame Fortune was sharing out good and bad qualities philately was not absent. She got a full share of drawbacks. It is strange, but it is true. Centuries ago Gallileo was called a fool for saying that he saw mountains in the fair face of the moon. In like manner the philatelist is scoffed at because he calls his hobby a science. No one knows this more truly than a philatelic publisher. He goes to the postmaster and strives to get his publi-

cation "entered as second class matter for transmission through the U. S. mails," and finds to his sorrow that public opinion is against him, when the postmaster laughs at the idea of an amateur paper being published in the interest of the science of philately.

A much greater drawback than public opinion to our science is counterfeits. Everything in life is counterfeited to a certain extent, but the poor collector gets a "Benjamin's portion" of these abominable fac-similes, which Taylor, Turner, Randall, Skinner and the Globe Stamp Co. are pouring upon an unsuspecting public. I long for the day when Congress shall pass a law prohibiting the sale of this worthless trash. Do not, on any consideration, patronize the above named individuals, for a collection of vile counterfeits is worse than no collection at all.

The older philatelists are fast dying out. The younger growth of collectors must at some time occupy their positions; therefore they should commence now to follow "in the way their fathers trod." They should store up all the knowledge they can obtain. (If their brains can't hold it they should write it down and send it to some publisher for correction and publication. Doubtless many truths, which might be of great value, are lost because the growing generation think they cannot interest their fellow collectors. They may not every time, but there is nothing like trying.)

There is another thing that is greatly neglected, and that is the writing of short articles on philatelic topics for the daily press of our country. If the world at large had any idea of what philately really is, our ranks would be doubled in number.

Collectors should have the "grit" to stand up for their hobby on every occasion. Some collectors seem afraid to acknowledge that they are interested in stamps. This should not be. Great good comes out of our science, and unless you feel proud that you are a philatelist, you are not worthy of the name.

While this very interesting science has its drawbacks, I will try and show you in as few words as possible one or two of its many

BEAUTIES.—PART II.

With what a pleasure a florist views his many beds of blooming flowers! See him carefully examine that pansy! Look how pleased he is when he finds that some much valued geranium has blossomed! With such pleasure a true philatelist gazes at and carefully handles the treasures which he has so long sought after. He does not view them with the heart of a miser, but as a fond parent who, after a long absence, returns to his wife and children. A true philatelist can gather volumes from one page of his album, but a beginner can only get eight words from his collection of 500 varieties, viz: "I have got more stamps than you have!" He collects only for numbers. To him philately has few charms. The possessor of 1,000 stamps does not see as many beauties as the happy owner of 10,000 choice varieties. With what care the latter arranges them. See how magnificently he mounts them first on a small rectangular piece of white cardboard, then on the movable leaves of his album; while the small boy sticks the whole stamp down flat with common mucilage to the last page of last year's almanac. The beauties of philately are not grasped in a single moment. They are only perfectly understood by perseverance and study.

Do not think of what philately was a long time ago, nor of what it may be at the coming of the millenium, but study her "as she is." When thinking of her drawbacks interest yourselves in the means to overthrow the many counterfeits. As you ponder on the beauties, strive to make them more beautiful, and the time will not be far distant when public opinion will be overthrown, counterfeiters will be in the penitentiaries, the standard of our papers increased, and the whole world will recognize that "There is some sense in collecting stamps."

Stamp collecting appears to be booming in South America, judging by the number of new papers we have received. *El Ecuador Filatelico* is the latest, hailing from Guayaquil, Ecuador.

For The Collector's Companion.

Native Indian Stamps.

BY F. E. P. L.

I take this subject on account of the ground not having been so much gone over as most others and because there is always an element of mystery about these stamps that makes their collection so much more interesting. I have endeavored to only catalogue those of known authenticity, but of course I may leave out several that some of my readers may happen to possess, as I only wish to speak of the best and most distinct varieties. A great many of these stamps are of odd and quaint designs, and on that account are a good addition to the attractive features of an album. With this slight introduction I will proceed with the countries in alphabetical order.

ALWAR.

Only two varieties of this principality are usually catalogued, but I have seen three distinct ones, namely:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ anna blue.
- 1 " brown.
- 1 " dark brown.

They are all rouletted. The design is rather quaint, being an Indian dagger in an oblong center, with inscription in native characters above and below; the whole center being surrounded by a fancy pattern.

BHOPAL.

The first stamps appeared in 1871, and were of two values. A native inscription embossed in an octagon surrounded on frame by HH NAWAB SHAH JAHAN BEGAM, whole stamp enclosed in a double lined frame.

- $\frac{1}{4}$ anna black.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ anna red.

The first value is quite scarce; both unperforated. In 1877 the set came out with a single lined frame enclosing the stamps, same values and color. In 1878 a set with native characters on a white oval disc, with same inscription around it, appeared; the values were:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ anna green.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " red.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " red brown.
- 1 " brown.

In 1880 two of the set came out perforated, namely:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ anna green.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " red.

In 1882 a similar design to that of 1877 appeared, but slightly larger; unperforated values were:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ anna black.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " red.
- 1 " brown.
- 2 " blue black.
- 4 " pale yellow.

And lastly, in 1884, appeared a set with same center as that of 1878-80, but the corners were of solid color, with the white letters B. L. C. I. in them.

- $\frac{1}{4}$ anna green.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " black.

BHORE.

These stamps are about the meanest looking things I have ever seen. They look as if some red ink had been smeared over the paper, and some small animal had been allowed to walk over it. The values are:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ anna oval, red.
- 1 " oblong, red.

BIKANIR.

Another stamp of much the same type. Square, rose red.

DECCAN.

The first stamps of this principality are quite rare and were seen in early part of 1866, unperforated and are, namely:

- 1 anna black oblong.
- 1 " square.

In 1866 also arrived another, oblong in shape, with native inscription in two kinds of heart shaped frames in the center body of stamp, engine work.

- 1 anna green.

In 1871 two more saw the light. In center, native letters; at top, post stamp; at bottom, value; perforated; lettering colored; ground, white; sometimes the two annas come on a decidedly greenish paper.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ anna brown.
- 1 " s. green.

The latter part of 1872 saw a new lot of seven values, identical to the last except the lettering was in white and a fancy groundwork filled in the body of the stamp. The colors range in shade, also, more than heretofore.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ anna red.
- 1 " purple to lilac
- 2 " green.
- 3 " brown.

- 4 anna ash gray to slate.
- 8 " brown.
- 12 " light blue.

In 1879-80 three envelope stamps appeared, with stamp in upper right hand corner, shape of stamp oval with native and English symbols. All these stamps except the unperforated 1866 appear surcharged, both in red and black in native character meaning official.

FARIDKOT.

Now some more interesting specimens of native ingenuity. Three stamps with Indian characters in different frames.

- 1882 $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, blue, oblong.
- 1 " vermilion, square.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " blue, circular.

GWALIOR.

This little state has satisfied itself with the current British Indian stamps surcharged Gwalior at bottom of stamp, and underneath a native word surcharged in red.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green.
- 1 " puce brown.
- 2 " light blue.

At the same time the $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 anna envelopes were surcharged in the same way, with addition of the state arms underneath the stamp.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Exactly!

The following clipping from the *Stamp and Coin Gazette* is so pointed that we cannot refrain from reprinting it:

It needs no argument to convince anyone who has the intelligence of a well developed oyster, that those pitiful pieces of paper called by courtesy, fac similes, are not stamps in any sense of the word, and their collection is not Philately, but that makes no difference to the fellows, who, whether publishers of so-called stamp papers, or dealers in so-called stamps, have no scruples as to how they get the money out of the pocket of the inexperienced youngster. What a virtue they make of the fact that they sell their trash for "just what it is!" They want credit for being honest because they tell you they are frauds! Of course they do not proclaim themselves frauds, but the avowed nature of their business makes them such.

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At the last meeting of the C. S. C. U. Mr. Hellwig favored the members with an interesting talk on surcharged stamps, which seem to be attracting considerable attention at present. As "F. E. P. L.," in the February COMPANION took a stand directly opposite from Mr. Hellwig's views, it may not be uninteresting to our readers to have further particulars of the latter's ideas. In the first place, he divides surcharges into two classes—humbugs and realities they might be termed. With the latter he classes the surcharged stamps of Peru, Ushna Bulgaria, Transvaal surcharged "V.R." and others where a new government takes possession of a country, and surcharges the stamps of the old government to do duty for the new. With the humbugs he classes the larger number of provisionals offered for sale, such as Barbadoes surcharged for Gibraltar, the recent Philippine Islands surcharges, and others of like nature; in fact, stamps surcharged by the country issuing them, of which used specimens are never seen by collectors he considers humbugs; and

in this we must say we quite agree with him.

THE *Quaker City Philatelist* takes exception to a statement made in the *Stamp World* to the effect that the C. S. C. U. was the first Society whose existence was noticed in a daily newspaper. In support of its claim that the Q. C. P. S. can "justly claim that honor" (it might puzzle the ordinary collector to know where the "honor" comes in), it quotes a note published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* of Feb. 19, '85, concerning the Q. C. P. S. If it was worth while we might quote items regarding the C. S. C. U., which appeared in the *Chicago News and Times* of Dec. 21, 1884, but the statement that these articles appeared is enough to convince our Quaker brethren where the "honor" belongs.

THE *Capital City Philatelist* speaks of the Chicago Return Letter label as "only a dealers' speculation," and remarks that it "presumes this is the new Chicago local" lately mentioned. In this we beg to differ with our respected brother editor. We would by all means discourage the collection of these labels, but, at the same time we desire to keep truth on our side, and don't want to see the dealers of our city unjustly accused. The Return Requests referred to were originated by a Mr. Woodhead, a gentleman not connected with philately in any way, and the first notice collectors had of their existence was the receipt of circulars announcing them.

A VERY interesting and beautiful Philatelic curiosity is in the possession of a collector, of this city, in the shape of a proof set of U. S. postage stamps, on very thick, heavy paper, including every stamp ever issued for postage by the U. S. government excepting the four high values of State department. They are tastefully arranged in two large frames, which, hanging in a conspicuous place on his walls, attract considerable attention, not only from collectors, but from outsiders, as the fine engravings and bright colors, blending together in

harmony, present a very attractive appearance.

THE small boy whose misfortune it is to edit *Our American Youth* must have been a little excited when he made the remark that the E. S. P., S. W. and C. C. had a combined circulation of 3,000 copies monthly. The E. S. P., in its last issue, claimed 2,500 of this, which would make the circulation of the other two journals appear very insignificant indeed. However, "truth crushed to earth will rise again," and when we say that our monthly circulation has been 3,000 copies until this number, when it has been increased to 10,000 copies, our readers will discover a slight discrepancy in *Our American Youth's* assertion. By the way, how large is its circulation?

OUR attention has been called to the fact that the Post Office Department has adopted a new invention, in the shape of a stamped letter sheet—a combination of envelope and letter paper. A perforated line runs around the sheet, with the narrow space outside overspread with mucilage, so that the sheet may be folded and securely sealed. These are stamped by the Government, and will shortly be placed on sale. It is thought that their low price will make them so popular as to largely supplant the postal card.

MANY of our readers may have noticed the small holes similar to perforation holes, forming letters, such as B.—C. & Co.—D., M. & Co. punched in some of the stamps of England and her colonies; and may have wondered as to the meaning of it. In explanation, we may say that a number of the large English firms have adopted the practice of punching their initials in all the postage stamps they buy, in order to keep their employees from stealing them or using them for their own private purposes.

WE are pleased to note a growing interest in C. S. C. U. circles. Indeed it has progressed so far that entertainments of various kinds have been proposed, ranging from a sleighride to a philatelic banquet. One member went

so far as to propose renting a hall and holding a "philatelic cranks' convention," admission ten cents. However, to remove the imputation cast upon our fair society, that member is now ignored by his stamp collecting companions.

IN the minds of Chicago Philatelists, there is, or was, a mystery connected with the Alsace and Lorraine stamps with reversed net work, from the fact that though they are supposed to have been issued in 1870, they were not offered for sale or advertised by stamp dealers, until 1885. This, however, is explained by the fact that the reprinting of the stamps was not begun until last year, and these reprints are being offered by unscrupulous dealers as originals.

THE San Francisco *Call* gives Philately quite a send off in the shape of an article compiled from the December COMPANION. A few years ago the professional press spoke of stamp collecting only with ridicule; but of late the merits of collecting have become so apparent that it is getting fashionable for the daily papers to laud the pursuit they formerly jeered.

WE circulate this month 10,000 copies of the COMPANION, a circulation seldom, very seldom, reached by any philatelic journal. Quite a number of copies go to collectors who have never seen the COMPANION before, and we trust their appreciation of it will extend as far as their pocket book.

WE are informed by Mr. Bishop, of the *Philatelic Magazine*, that he contemplates issuing a quarterly publication in a few months, each number to treat entirely and exhaustively of some standard subject. This would be a new thing in philatelic literature, and ought to succeed.

OF late considerable talk has been indulged in as to who really originated the postage stamp. Mr. Jas. Chalmers is now quite generally credited with the innovation, although Sir Rowland Hill, we believe, is still given the credit of the practical work of their introduction.

For The Collector's Companion.

Pencilings.

BY A FABER'S NO. 2.

I don't know whether anybody else has noticed it, but it strikes me that our Louisville friend, Neil Swope, is about the only one whose stamp poetry is worth reading.

My genial friend, "Philo." whose real name, by the way, is S. B. Bradt, was speaking to me the other day about a project he has on hand of "writing up" some of Chicago's finest collections. He'll give us something good, if he does.

I have heard a rumor that my good natured Fernwood acquaintance, Frank Pratt, has secured the position of foreman of large building operations in that section, and will shortly drop out of stamp matters.

By the way, has anybody noticed the difference between the two pictures of Charlie Mekeel, which have recently adorned the columns of the press? I knew him personally for a number of years, and neither of the cuts resemble the chap I used to know in the least.

Hellwig, "the C. S. C. U. talker," as he is familiarly known among the boys, has a cosy little office in McVicker's Theater, which is a regular "Crank's Exchange," where hunters of old stamps, coins, autographs, books, paintings, portraits, and all bric-a-brac, congregate as if by instinct.

Can't somebody in Washington put a wet blanket over the lad that runs the *National Capital Philatelist*? He says his paper is "devoted to art and science, the international commerce, especially to the collector's trade." A fellow naturally looked for such a break from the half German *Hermes*, but I didn't expect to see it copied.

If the Quaker City boys didn't get ahead of the Chicago chaps in the matter of first getting into print, I believe it

must be conceded that they carried off the palm so far as impeaching a member of their society is concerned. The C. S. C. U. hasn't, as yet, found it necessary to "drop" anybody."

The Shuman boys, "Our Roy," and Jesse Jay (not Jesse James, as might be inferred) are a god-send to the C. S. C. U. Always on hand and always good natured, they are of themselves an attraction to the meetings which few can withstand, especially when their albums are to be seen, for although they haven't what might be called large collections, yet they can show some beautiful sets and rarities.

Speaking of collections though, I understand the Starkweathers have something fine. The Doctor's correspondents may have noticed that he always uses the plural pronoun *we*. The reason is that, while he writes the letters, his wife is as deep in stampology as is the Doctor himself, and consequently it would not be right to leave out his better half when writing—at least so it is rumored.

To me it seems a little queer that Coke Watkins, of the *Empire State Philatelist*, who says he has lately taken in a partner, is so backward about giving the name of this sharer of his profit and loss account. Out with it, Watkins, who have you managed to entrap, or, to be frank, is that a fish story about that partner of yours?

The Altoona boys have done philately good service in the matter of those Samoan frauds. If there's anything that makes me mad it is to be cheated by an English rascal. It isn't quite so bad to be taken in by an American. By the way this little episode brings to mind the fact that the editor of the *Stamp and Coin Gazette* is a "man and ken dig" when there's any necessity of digging for philatelic truths.

The way the daily press get things mixed when they try to exhibit their knowledge of philatelic matters is really amusing. The other day I noticed in

one of these "self-constituted moulders of public morals," the grave statement that the U. S. formerly issued stamps for the exclusive use of the treasury department, and that said stamps were all green in color. The inference is that the party who wrote that squib was green—very green, indeed

Record of New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us at any time, regarding recent emissions or changes, will be gratefully received and credited.

AZORES.—The *Philatelic World* states that the surcharge in small letters, appears on the 25r. lilac, and 300r. green.

CEYLON—Has issued two Postal Union cards, 5c. blue and 10c. brown.

CUNDINAMARCA.—A new series has been issued by this State as follows: 5c. blue; 10c. vermilion; 20c. green; 50c. violet; 1p. brown.

MOZAMBIQUE—Has been favored with a new set: 5r. black; 10r. green; 20r. carmine; 25r. lilac; 40r. brown; 50r. blue; 100r. red brown; 200r. violet; 300r. orange.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—Another new set; 1½ r. black; 4½ r. brown; 6 r. green; 1 t. carmine; 2 t. blue; 4 t. lilac; 8 t. orange.

SERVIA.—We are informed that a 10p. return card has been issued; color, brown on yellow.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The surcharge "three cents" has appeared on the 32c. stamp, and a 3c. reply card, printed in blue, has been issued.

TOBAGO—The surcharge ½d. has been seen on the 6d. stamp.

TOLIMA.—We see chronicled the 5c. of 1879 printed in orange, and the 10c. in vermilion.

VICTORIA.—The 3d. orange, of 1870, and 4d. carmine, of 1881, have been surcharged "Stamp Duty."

The stamps of Alsace were issued by the German authorities, and were used in the parts of France occupied by them during the war of 1870: 1 centime olive green, 2c red brown, 4c gray, 5c green, 10c bistre, 20c blue, 25c brown; seven in number.

For The Collector's Companion.

Dishonesty in Stamp Collecting.

BY TOPAZ.

Sometimes I am tempted to think that there is more trickery in the stamp business than in any other, but there is no trade under the sun without its drawbacks and black sheep. In some respects there is not so much dishonesty in philately as there was twenty years ago, while in other respects the opposite is true. Twenty years ago there was no such thing as the approval sheet thief, because the approval sheet system had not then come into existence. But the wily counterfeiter was then in the zenith of his glory. That was the day of skilful impostures carefully prepared to sell as genuine at high prices. At the present time the great mass of bogus stamps are indifferent imitations made to sell for a few cents as fac-similes, or to young collectors. In the old stamp papers we read how the publishers and principal dealers were constantly taken in by the philatelic swindler who seemed influenced to pursue his operations as much by a delight at hoodwinking the "big guns" as by the desire to gain. One of the most famous of these old time products of the stamp manufacturer was "the steel engraved Guatemala," as it is called. This is a notable exception to all counterfeit stamps, as the fact of its being engraved on steel is a most remarkable one. Appearing as it did just after the announcement that a new series of Guatemalan stamps was being prepared at Paris, it is no wonder that such a beautiful label should have deceived philatelists the world over. The design employed was a charming view of a peaceful harbor, with a ship of Columbus' time riding at anchor. The supposed face value was five centavos. It has been recently stated in the philatelic press that the plate of "the steel engraved Guatemala" was made by a Mr. J. A. Wilcox, of Boston, but as a matter of fact it was engraved by the Homer Lee Bank Note Co. of New York, the firm which manufactures the postal

notes now in use. The labels were carefully printed and perforated so that their appearance would have been a credit to any government. They were worked off in immense quantities upon the principal dealers of those days, such as J. W. Scott, publisher of the *American Journal of Philately*; Alfred Smith & Co., of the *Stamp Collector's Magazine*, Bath, Eng., and others long since out of business. This happened in 1867, and the scheme was devised in Boston. Some one has said that specimens struck in certain colors have been known to command a high figure. This is strange, for the plate is still in the hands of the original owner, from whom the labels can be obtained in whatever color the purchaser prefers. They are printed from a single die, engraved on one end of a piece of steel about four inches long.

Somewhere about the same period the bogus Paraguay stamp had its birth. Few spurious stamps have ever attained such a notoriety as this. Oblong in shape, the principal feature of its design was a steamship, giving the whole an appearance very similar to that of the Suez Canal stamps. The value represented on its face was five reals; the color I have forgotten. No postage stamps had then been issued by Paraguay (nor did any appear till 1870) so this impostor created a sensation, but was swallowed by nearly every one. A statement was circulated about Don So-and-So, "Director of Posts," at Asuncion, who had ordered the emission of the steamship label as a trial of the stamp system and a letter relating to the subject from Mr. Washburn, the U. S. minister to Paraguay, was forged by the makers of the stamps. When the former returned to this country he was consulted about the matter and said that no such thing as a postage stamp had ever been used in Paraguay, and that he knew of no Don of the name given, and that there was no such officer as the "Director of Posts." This of course settled the question, and the papers soon learned that Boston, instead of Paraguay had issued the stamp.

All philatelists who have passed the age of the blank book and mucilage

brush are acquainted with the history of "the ten cent Prince Edward Island." We will, however, observe that it is still for sale at the old stand. The color used is mauve, and the plate prints six stamps. A fifteen cent, blue, has also been added to the set. It is worthless, of course, except as a curiosity. In concluding our notice of this branch of philatelic dishonesty, it may be well to remark that some counterfeit stamps will deceive even the very elect. I have a 2 piastres, 1876 issue of Turkey, pronounced genuine both by L. W. Durbin and by Scott & Co., but I know it to be a counterfeit.

Collectors as well as dealers are often guilty of juggling with stamps, we regret to say, though in a different manner from the latter. The approval sheet thief is the most troublesome breed of collector to get along with. I do not think, however, that his operations are as extensive now as they have been, for the active course taken by several energetic dealers who are wide awake to their own interests, has tended to discourage many of this class. Probably enough still remain to lessen the profits of the dealer quite a per cent. Dealers, don't be lenient with the sheet thief, but follow him up every time and do not fail to publish his name, if you cannot get satisfaction.

Philatelic publishers all know what it is to have dead beat advertisers. It is impossible to enforce strictly the rule "cash in advance," without more loss than gain. There would seem to be no way but to take the chances and trust every one you know or think you know, and refuse unpaid advertisements from absolutely unknown parties. Even by this arrangement you will not infrequently incur loss. When an advertiser owes a goodly amount, too large to let pass, and refuses to pay, do not hesitate to put his bill into a lawyer's hands. One very particular reason why stamp papers fail is that they lose so many advertising bills. Another fact in regard to advertisers ought to be impressed on the minds of publishers just entering the field, viz: a paper will lose as much if an advertisement of counterfeiters' goods appears in its columns as it would if an

ordinary beat occupied the space. Philatelists are not eager to subscribe to journals accepting such notices as "Reunion Island, 2 varieties for five cents," etc.

In conclusion, the lack of truth in the statements of some philatelic periodicals is a feature worthy of all discouragement. Papers lie about their circulation, give false impressions as to the size of their subscription lists, and write all sorts of glorious puffs for their advertisers. A needed improvement in philatelic journalism is the cultivation of a better regard for truth and sincerity on the part of the publishers.

For The Collector's Companion.

U. S. Revenue Stamps.

BY JESSE MATTHEWS.

The revenue stamps of the U. S. are, as a rule, very scarce, except the common varieties of tobacco and cigarettes. The match stamps are particularly so, having been abolished by law. There were issued in 1867, bank check and general issue revenues, which are supposed to be the first revenues issued in the U. S. The bank check stamps were two cent red on white; general issue red on black; description, portrait of Washington in center, U. S. Inter. Revenue above; two cents, below. They are now obsolete. There venue stamps which are now circulated and are called medicine stamps, are one cent green on white; two cent, green on black; three cent, green on black; four cent, red on green; description, bust of Washington in center, large numerals in upper corners, U. S. Inter. Revenue, proprietary on sides. There was also issued in 1883, a two cent blue on green, head of Liberty in center, U. S. Inter. Rev. above, two cents below. These stamps are very scarce, especially the obsolete ones. Some of the rarest varieties of medicine stamps are as follows: Barnes, D. S., 1c, 4c, red; Bennet, Pieters & Co., 6c; Drake & Co., 2c; Henry, J. F., 2c violet, 4c brown; Hostteter, 6c; Husband, 2c violet; Kensit & Co., Lipman, 4c; McLane's Liver Pills, 1c black;

U. S. Proprietary Medicine Co., 6c; Thos. E. Wilson, 4c; Perl, 6c; and William Swaim, 6c. There are also rare varieties of medicine stamps printed on pink paper, used by the government as an experiment in 1878. Within the past year or two a surprising demand has sprung up for match stamps. All those that could be found were eagerly snapped up by collectors. This demand is caused by the fact that the government has abolished the revenue from domestic matches. Almost all of them are scarce, but the rarest varieties and those which are worth from 50 cents to \$3.00 are as follows, although only a partial list is given: The Aetna Match Co., 1c green; Akron Match Co., Bousefield & Poole, 3c brown; Brown & Durling, 1c black; Chicago Match Co., Ives, 8c; New York Match Co., 5c blue; Park City Match Co., 3c orange; Pierce Match Co., D. M. Richardson, 1c and 3c red, and Wise & Co. There was also, as in the case of the medicine stamps, match stamps issued by the government on pink paper in 1878.

Trade Notes.

The citizens of Chicago may well feel proud of the growing importance of their city. Aside from (or in connection with?) its pork interests, and the fact of possessing the best philatelic journal in existence, we are glad to note the increased activity in philatelic circles. Messrs. Foster & Co., formerly of 141 S. Sangamon St., this city, have removed to a more central location, and now occupy quite nice quarters at 109 Dearborn St., also adding greatly to their stock.

The Alpha Post Card Company, whose advertisement will be found on another page, deal exclusively in postal cards, and have a large stock. Postal card collecting is as much a branch of philately as is stamp collecting, and no true philatelist will neglect it.

Mr. O. S. Hellwig, a well known philatelic writer, has opened an office in McVicker's Building, this city, where he will be pleased to see either resident or visiting collectors.

We have received sample sheets and packets from Messrs. L. H. Booch &

Co., of St. Louis, Mo. The sheets are artistically made up, and prices are quite reasonable.

For The Collector's Companion.

The Stamps of Turkey.

BY PHRANQUE.

Turkey first issued stamps in 1863. This issue comprised the following: 20 paras, 1 piastre, 2 pi and 5 pi. (The value, in our money of 1 para is one mill; there are forty paras in one piastre.) These stamps were printed in black on yellow, slate, blue and rose paper, respectively. Description: Signature of the Sultan, Abdul Aziz Khan above, crescent in which is inscribed in Arabic, "The Sublime Ottoman Empire;" numeral of value in small circle below, and in words on streamer from each side of circle; ornaments in each upper corner; the whole is enclosed in a frame, which is different in each value. These are printed on thick and also on thin paper.

The next series was issued in 1865, and consisted of the following: 10 pa. green; 20 pa. yellow; 1 pi. mauve; 2 pi. blue; 5 pi. carmine; 25 pi. orange. Description: Rayed star over crescent in oval in center on solid ground, surrounded by an ornamental frame in which is the Arabic inscription (Ottoman Empire post and value) in black; numerals in corners in small circles.

The colors of the 1865 issue were changed in 1868, as follows: 10 pa. lilac; 20 pa. green; 1 pi. yellow; 2 pi. red; 5 pi. blue; 25 pi. dull rose. Of this series there are two varieties of surcharges, the smaller being last in use and much the rarer.

The following were issued in 1871: 10 pa. brown, stone, violet; 20 pa. dark green, pale green; 1 pi. yellow; 2 pi. vermilion red brown; 5 pi. blue, gray, dark blue; 25 pi. flesh. As will be seen, the colors vary greatly; the printing was very poor, in many cases being mere blotches. The perforation was also very poor, many stamps having but seven or eight holes on a side. The design was the same as in the 1865 and 1868 issues.

A series was issued in 1876, which

was of same design as 1868 issue, having a broad heavy surcharge and value in center in French, in black. They comprise the following: $\frac{1}{4}$ pi. mauve; (surcharged " $\frac{1}{4}$ pre.") $\frac{1}{2}$ pi. green; (surcharged " $\frac{1}{2}$ pre."); $1\frac{1}{2}$ pi. pink (surcharged " $1\frac{1}{2}$ pre."); 2 pi. red brown; (surcharged "2 pre."); 5 pi. blue; (surcharged "5 pre.")

The 10 pa. (or $\frac{1}{4}$ pi), 20 pa. and 1 pi. were also issued without the value in French. Colors, lilac, green and yellow, respectively. The 2 pi. was issued without, in 1882. Color, flesh. The color of the 20 pa. was changed to gray in 1882.

An entire new set was issued in 1876, as follows: 10 pa. black and rose; 20 pa. plum and green; 50 pa. blue and yellow; 2 pi. black and orange; 5 pi. red and blue; 25 pi. claret and pink. Description: Large crescent enclosing Arabic inscription, which rests on curved band on which is inscribed "Emp Ottoman"; value below, and in Arabic figures below crescent; ornaments in each upper corner. In 1880 a 1 pi. black and blue stamp, of same design, was issued. In 1881 the following were added to above set: 5 pa. black and yellow, 20 pa. black and rose; and 1 pi. black and blue.

A series of unpaid letter stamps was issued in 1863. They are as follows: 20 pa. 1 pi. 2 pi. and 5 pi. brown with surcharge in black. The design is the same as same date general issue. In 1865 a new series was issued. Values, 20 pa. 1 pi. 2 pi. 5 pi. and 25 pi. brown with black inscription. The design is the same as same date general issue. The same values were issued in 1868, the design, being the same as same date general issue. Color, bistre, with inscription and margin in brown.

A series of local stamps were issued in 1865; values, 5 pa. black or blue, 20 pa. black on green, 40 pa. black on rose. Description: Crescent and five pointed star in center in oval on lined background; "POSTE LOCALE" on left, "PARAS" below, Arabic inscription above and at side, numerals of value in lower corners, Arabic numerals in upper corners. These stamps were issued by M. Liaunos, who obtained permission from the Sul-

tan, for the purpose of distributing letters and papers in Constantinople. It was given up after six months' trial.

A set of envelope stamps was issued in 1870. Values, 1 pi. yellow, 1½ pi. brown, 3 pi. orange, 6 pi. deep lilac. Description: Embossed crescent with value (surcharged) above on lined octagonal frame, surrounded by ornamental frame with star in circles in each angle; Arabic inscription above, below, and at each side surcharged in black. These are printed on the flap, a section being on each part of the envelope. On the front of the envelope is an embossed Arabic inscription, dated. They are printed on yellowish envelopes which increase in size with value.

In 1873 the 1868 issue 10 pa. and 1 pi adhesives were surcharged in black with Arabic "CHEIR" (i. e. local) in oval, to be used for local correspondence. The same values were surcharged the same, in red, in 1874. Also in blue with inscription in circle the same year. The 1 pi. was also surcharged with this design. In 1875 the three values were surcharged with same design as last, in blue. The same design in dotted circle was surcharged in blue, on the same values, and the 10 pa. with same design in black, in the same year.

There are a large number of local stamps, most of which, if not all, are frauds; for instance, stamps which if they ever had a genuine existence were simply hand stamped on the newspapers the postage of which had been paid, are now supplied by the retired managers of the concerns, printed on sheets of paper of every color obtainable in Constantinople.

ALSACE.—This little province forms a part of the German Empire. In the time of Julius Cæsar it was occupied by Celtic tribes, but it was Germanized by some tribes who came from beyond the Rhine. About this time Germans captured Lorraine and also seized Alsace, with a few other states on its borders, and Alsace was made a part of the German Empire. In 1681 it was captured by the armies of Louis XIV., of France, and in whose possession it remained until 1871. It was then ceded to Germany.

Correspondents' Column

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different standpoints. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

In answer to the inquiry of P. McG., in the January number of the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, I send you a list of all department stamps issued in 1884. This list I have copied from page 550 of the report of the Postmaster General of 1884, and is correct.

DENOMINATIONS.	State Department.	Treasury Department.	War Department.	Interior Department.	Justice Department.	Agriculture Department.	TOTAL.
One cent	2,000		584,700	20,000		150	586,850
Two cent	2,000		957,300	570,000	1,000	150	1,530,450
Three cent			181,000	260,000	1,000	50	442,050
Six cent			277,300	180,000			407,300
Seven cent			1,000				1,000
Ten cent	4,000	200,000	40,700	10,000		150	254,850
Twelve cent	2,000		67,700	10,500		150	80,350
Fifteen cent	4,000		25,500	10,500			40,000
Twenty-four cent	1,000		31,900	10,500		150	43,550
Thirty cent	1,500		23,475	250		150	25,370
Ninety cent	500		6,920	250			7,670
Total	17,000	200,000	2,147,490	1,022,000	2,000	950	3,389,440

O. A. DALE.

Editor Collector's Companion:

Now that frauds have become a settled feature of philately—counterfeiters, approval sheet frauds, tricky dealers and dishonest collectors being met with at every step—I think there should be an institution modeled after the great mercantile agencies of the commercial world. It may be that the scheme is impracticable, but I, for one, see no reason why it could not be carried out. There could be a head office at some central point and branch offices and agents in every city, town and village where there were any collectors. These agents could be philatelists of good standing and proved honesty, and they could send a report to the head office of the local standing, age and general character of each collector or dealer within their jurisdiction, together with the size and quality of his collection, length of time he has been connected with philately, and any other items that might be thought desirable. These reports could be kept on file by the head office, and if thought advisable, annual or semi-annual report books could be issued, indicating by figures and numbers the general standing of each individual collector or dealer. This list could be so made up as to give the addresses also, and would thus prove of great value as a directory. But whether this book was published or not, the reports could be kept on file at the head office, and whenever a dealer had a request for stamps on approval, he could make inquiries of the agency as to the standing of the collector, and this would make it almost impossible for the dealer to be imposed on by a dishonest collector. On the other hand, if a collector was about to place an order with a dealer with whom he was unacquainted, he could inquire of the agency, and thus protect himself from fraud. It would also be a convenience to the wholesale dealer about to send a consignment of stamps on time to a retail dealer, and to a collector who is intending to send some rare stamps to another collector. In fact, it would come in handy almost everywhere. Why don't some of our enterprising philatelists take it up and see what can be done with it? I see no

reason why it could not be made to work, and what is, perhaps, quite as interesting to anyone intending to look into it, it ought to pay. Will some of your numerous readers express their views on the subject?

HABAKKUK KLAKAKANZAK.

Editor Collector's Companion:

It may be of interest to your readers to know that Mr. Durbin has been very sick several weeks, with congestion of the lungs, but is slowly recovering.

I have seen some bogus native Indian stamps lately, which are gotten up very shrewdly. They are on "original" envelopes, but can be identified, as the envelopes do not bear the British Indian stamp necessary to carry them out of India, and have not the post marks always found on foreign mail matter. The stamps are *bogus*, not *counterfeit*. Those I have seen resemble somewhat the stamps of Faridkot, but are printed red on yellow, red on green, with crescent in circle or parallel lines for cancellation.

E. B. HANES.

Editor Collector's Companion:

To "C. H. S." I would say: Your 2c Canada registered letter stamp is the regular 2c orange stamp. By some means unknown to me the color of this stamp changes both to brown and purple. I have one specimen that is undergoing a change of color and at present appears in the three different colors mentioned. There can be but one way in which dealers obtain the U. S. newspaper stamps. Honest postoffice employes will be able to enlighten you on this subject more thoroughly than I.

O. S. H.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I have been waiting for some time to see something in your paper about the Bergedorf stamps. I have never seen any stamps of this place that had been used, and am inclined to believe that if they were to be investigated they would be found to be about like those wonderful Hamburg locals. Can your readers give me any enlightenment on this point?

JULIUS HARRISON.

Editor Collector's Companion:

How is it unused complete sets of the U. S. War Dept. and other department sets can be sold for one dollar

when the face value of the stamps amount to about double the price charged?

SUBSCRIBER.

Editor Collector's Companion:

If Harry B. Culver, of New York City, will send his address, street and number, I will be pleased to answer his letter of Jan. 15, and send him what he requested.

W. B. SYMMERS.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted (free of cost to subscribers,) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 20th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper and must not contain over 35 words.

I wish to correspond with those having bundles of philatelic papers to exchange. Will give papers or rare stamps for Nos. 4, 6, 7 of Chair City Collector; No. 3 Keystone Philatelic Gazette, or copies of the Philatelic News.

W. K. JEWETT,

408 Main St., Fitchburg, Mass.

100 foreign stamps or 75 different postmarks for every State or Executive stamp sent me. I should like to exchange with collectors having from 700 to 1,200 varieties.

F. W. PICKARD,

46 Cushman St., Portland, Me.

Will exchange a pair of 5 lb Indian clubs for U. S. local or Dept. stamps.

ENTERPRISE CO.,

186 Howe St., Chicago, Ill.

20 fine copper Arabic, Greek, Byzantine, American and Roman coins, from 600 to 2,000 years old, for a complete set of Justice or State Dept. stamps, unused and without "specimen." Will also make other exchanges. See ad.

E. D. TROWBRIDGE,

Box 2751, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Would like to exchange for any of the following: 10c or 20c Post Office Dept., 24c Treasury Dept., 1c and any above 10c of the Navy Dept.

FRANK M. DOWNING,

14 Park St., Somerville, Mass.

I have a fine collection of foreign stamps to exchange for old or rare U. S. and Confederate stamps.

W. G. WILDEN, JR.,

140 Washington St., Atlanta, Ga.

40 varieties of unused post cards from Hawaii, Venezuela, Cyprus, Newfoundland, Bahamas, England, France, Holland, Belgium and Italy for U. S. stamps. Please send lists of all you have. Rare foreign for good U. S. Correspondence solicited.

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Brazil.....	10	8
Russia.....	10	8
Fiji Islands.....	2	9
Austria (old).....	20	10
Cashmere, '78, ¼ and ½a.....	2	10
Australia.....	15	10
Peru.....	5	10
China.....	3	10
Austria, '67.....	7	12
Honduras, '05, unused.....	2	12
United States of Columbia.....	7	12
Mexico.....	10	12
Bergerdorf, unused.....	5	13
Guatemala, '82, 1, 5, 10 and 20c.....	4	12
Chili.....	8	12
British Colonials.....	30	15
Sweden, official.....	9	17
African.....	10	18
Mexico, '84, 5 too 100c.....	6	20
United States Locals.....	10	20
Naples, '61, unused.....	7	25
Guatemala, '78 unused.....	4	25
Central America (4 countries).....	15	30
Heligoland, unused.....	20	40
Asia (8 countries), Cashmere, Deccan, Persia, China, Corea, etc.....	25	65
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Ecuador, 1881, 2c.....	20	
Ecuador, 1881, 5c.....	10	90
Ecuador, 1881, 10c.....	30	
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Native Indian Stamps.

BY F. E. P. L.

Concluded.

- 4 annas, green, 1860-76 issue.
- 8 " purple, 1882-85 "
- 1 rupee, slate, " "

GUALION.

There also exist the Indian postal cards $\frac{1}{4}$ anna red brown and $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$ anna red brown.

NABHA.

This state also uses the British Indian stamps surcharged Nabha on left side of head, state on right side in curve. Surcharged in black on stamps of 1882-85 issue.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green.
- 1 " plum.
- 2 " light blue.
- 3 " purple.
- 1 rupee, slate.

Also surcharged on the 4 annas, green, of 1860-76 issue.

Envelopes, $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green, surcharged red.
" 1 " brown, " "

Cards, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$, surcharged blue.

Both envelopes and cards have also the arms of the state below the stamp.

NOWANUGGER.

The first stamp of this country appeared in the latter part of 1879, and was of a rather curious design. The centre consisted of an oriental sword with native characters above and below, surrounded by an oval band with name Nowanugger above, post stamp below.

$\frac{1}{4}$ anna, blue.

In 1881 the champion beauty of this congregation of beautiful stamps appeared, consisting of a square filled with ink marks; printed in black on colored paper. Set consisted of three values.

- 1 docra, black on rose paper.
- 2 " " yellow "
- 3 " " green "

PUTTEALLA.

Stamps of India surcharged Puttealla on left, state on right of head in a curve, color in red. This shade not being very visible on the 1a and 8a was supplemented by a black surcharge on these

- $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green, red surcharge.
 - 1 " plum, red and black sur.
 - 3 " light blue, red surcharge.
- 1860-76 issue, 4 anna, green, red sur.
8 anna, violet, red and black sur.
1 rupee, slate, red surcharges.
Cards $\frac{1}{4}$ anna and $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$ anna.
Envelopes $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green.

A couple of months later the whole set came out with surcharge in two horizontal lines at bottom of stamp.

RAJPEEPLA.

1881. Oval center containing two crossed daggers, native characters.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, blue.

Similar design, but larger and with only one dagger in a center surrounded by native characters.

- 2 annas, green.
 - 4 " pale red.
- Letter sheets.

Stamp circular in upper left hand corner, native inscription above, crossed branches below, value in center, color black.

- 1 para.
- 2 "
- 3 "
- 4 "

RAMPOUR OR JHIUD.

Square tablet containing native inscription with letter R onto p and flowers at side, all enclosed in heart-shaped frame, printed on the thin white paper, unperforated.

- 1875— $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, blue.
- 1 " rosepink.
- 2 " yellow.
- 4 " green.
- 8 " dark violet.

1876—Set of same values and colors, but printed on thick bluish paper.

In 1882 a set appeared with inscription + R enclosed in various fancy frames, different in each value They were.

$\frac{1}{2}$	anna, orange.
1	" brown.
2	" blue.
4	" green.
8	" red.

In 1884 this set was supplemented by $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, brownish yellow, coming forth on wove or laid paper. This complete set was issued in 1885 perforated. In the latter part of 1885 this district adopted the stamps of British India surcharged Jheend. State in curve around head.

1885—	$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green.
1	" brown.
2	" blue.
4	" green.
8	" lilac.
	1 rupee, slate.

Envelopes purchased in Indian stamps.

JHEEND STATE AND ARMS.

$\frac{1}{2}$	anna, blue.
1	" brown.
Post cards, $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, brown,	
$\frac{1}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{4}$	" "

NEPOUL.

Native inscription at sides enclosing characters in square frame, unperforated.

1881—	1 anna, blue.
	2 " purple.
	4 " green.

Later in same year the set appears perforated.

SCINDE.

The stamps issued for this country are only two in number, which are at the same time the rarest of the native stamps, and were issued in 1851. It also has the distinction of being the first postage stamp issued in India. A heart and arrow enclosed in a garter inscribed Scinde District Dawk, all enclosed in a square frame.

1821—	$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, white.
	" blue.

SIRMOOR.

Native words enclosed in a square inscribed Sirmoor State Postage Stamp, perforate.

1878—	$\frac{1}{4}$ anna, green.
1884—	" blue.

In 1885 a new set was issued much

superior to the usual run of these native productions. Head of prince in oval with turban, with Sirmoor State postage stamp on oval band, perforate.

1885—	3 pies, brown.
	6 " green.
	1 anna, blue.

SORUTH.

Native inscription in square frame, unperforated.

1877—	1 anna black.
	1 " red.
	4 " black.

1878—Native inscription in center surrounded by oblong band with Soruth Postage at top, one anna of a Koriee at bottom, unperforate.

	1 anna of a Koriee, green.
4	" 5 " red.
4	" " brown.

CASHMERE.

I have purposely left this to the last as it is most important in regard to number of stamps issued.

1866 saw the first stamps of this country. Circular stamp with lotus leaf in center, containing figure of value surrounded by date 1293, and inscription in oriental characters.

1860—	$\frac{1}{4}$ anna blue, $\frac{1}{4}$ anna black.
	$\frac{1}{2}$ " " $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
	$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, ver. $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, purple.
	1 " green, 1 " black.

Later in 1866 a set rectangular in shape appeared on glazed paper; unperforate; value was in a small central oval with star above

1866—	$\frac{1}{4}$ anna, black.
	$\frac{1}{2}$ " blue, red, black.
	1 " orange, red, blue, black, green.
	2 " yellow.
	4 " green.
	8 " red.

The $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, black, appeared on plain white paper in 1879.

1878—Value in large oval with star in each corner.

1878—	$\frac{1}{4}$ anna, red, blue.
	$\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
	1 " red.
	1 " lilac.
	2 " red.
	2 " purple.
	4 " red.
	8 " red.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, red, blue, and 1 anna, red, were issued perforated in same year.

1883—Same design on thin paper.

$\frac{1}{8}$ anna, orange.	$\frac{1}{4}$ anna brown.
$\frac{1}{2}$ " pale red.	1 " pale green.
1 " brown on yellow green.	
4 " green.	8 anna, ble.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Same issue as 1878 issue, but printed in black. Values were $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 4 and 8 annas.

Hoping this imperfect summary will be of some interest to my readers, I lay down my pen.

Nashville Philatelic Society.

The Nashville (Tenn.) Philatelic Society was organized March 17th, 1886. The first meeting was held March 19th, at which the following officers were elected: C. H. McHenry, president; A. J. Porter, Jr., vice president; D. W. Porter, treasurer; J. M. Gray, Jr., secretary.

A constitution something similar to that of the C. S. C. U. was adopted.

The meeting was called to order at 7.30 P. M. by the president, who delivered a short address, after which the treasurer and secretary read their reports. The president appointed J. M. Gray, Jr., to read an essay at the next meeting.

Durbin's catalogue was taken as the standard and the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION made official organ. The next meeting will take place Friday, April 2d, at 7.30 P. M. The meeting then adjourned.

J. M. GRAY, JR.,
Secretary.

Washington Notes.

Three months ago there was talk of forming a Philatelic Society here. Persons wishing to become interested in the same were invited to send their names to the editor of the *N. C. P.* This was the last heard of it. Washington certainly can support a society of this kind if other cities can, as we surely have our share of collectors.

The P. M. here frequently receives letters from dealers wanting to buy specimens of U. S. Department stamps. These stamps have not been sold by the Department for at least two years.

Mr. John C. Shayer, of Boston, was in town recently looking after Department stamps.

The special delivery system does not seem to take here. Of the thirty boys appointed, about half have already resigned on account of small profits. The rate is either too large or the system is not properly carried on. A change somewhere is necessary, in order to make it a success.

Denver Notes.

Stamp collecting is having a great boom in Denver, especially among beginners. The only trouble is, that the boom is too great to last long.

The older collectors are showing much interest in the paper, *The Stamp*, which has lately begun its career.

The C. S. P. S. is prospering and with the addition of new features, lately introduced, its meetings will grow more interesting.

Now that we have a Philatelic paper and society, philately will be on the advance, and we hope and trust that in time, Denver will be one of the philatelic strongholds of the United States.

DENVERITE.

Providence Notes.

At a recent meeting of the R. I. P. S. the stamps of India (including officials) were discussed by the members. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: E. B. Hanes, president; F. F. Olney, vice president; Alfred Dawson, secretary; Charles C. Calder, treasurer; John B. Calder, librarian. J. B. Calder, C. G. Calder and W. I. Cox, executive committee.

THE question of a union of the different philatelic societies is again being agitated. There is no doubt that the formation of such an association would be of incalculable benefit to the societies themselves, as well as having a tendency to "draw in" outside collectors. Several plans were proposed at a recent C. S. C. U. meeting, the most noteworthy of which was that of establishing an association, divided into chapters, on much the same plan as is the Agassiz Association.

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With a very considerable feeling of regret I am called upon to sever my connection with the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, having been at its helm since its inception; but for several months past outside matters have so pressed upon me that I have been able to devote but a very small portion of my time to the COMPANION, and even then with other and more important duties constantly worrying me. For this and other reasons, which it is unnecessary to detail here, I have come to the conclusion that I can best serve the interest of the readers and patrons of the COMPANION, as well as my own, by retiring, for the present at least, from Philatelic Journalism; and I have, consequently, resigned the position of editor (taking effect March 15th) as well as disposing of my financial interest in the magazine, to Mr. Cowles, who has my best wishes for future success; and right here I would request my friends to transfer to him the kind and ready aid and encouragement with which they have so freely favored me.

In conclusion, I beg to express my most sincere thanks to all those who have so kindly aided me in my efforts

to make the COMPANION what it should be, both in the matter of contributions and pecuniary encouragement. My interest in Philately is by no means abated; and I shall, at all times, be pleased to hear from any who may desire to address me on any subject connected with our pursuit. I should be glad to have such communications addressed to me at my residence, Fernwood, Cook County, Ill., so that they may be separated from my business matters in the city. With kindest feelings toward all,

I remain, very truly,

JEROME H RAYMOND.

To many of our friends, who have noticed the steady improvement of the COMPANION since the first number, sixteen months ago, no promise for the future is needed. To the large number who have but recently joined our ranks, no doubt a few words may seem necessary. The publisher has made arrangements with a corps of the best writers for cash papers and serials. The COMPANION, will be held as hertofore, at the top notch of philatelic journalism. All the important features of the past will be adhered to; besides the addition of many improvements. The May number will be the finest thing in the shape of philately ever published. Chief among the articles, will be the conclusion of "A Reverie," by the well-known writer Philo, and the first installment of a series of interesting papers on "Chicago Collections," by the same author; an invaluable paper on "Communications; Past and Present," which will include everything of that nature from the earliest records, to the present day. In addition to this there will be many interesting features and illustrations. For the near future, we have made arrangements for the publishing of a serial, the subject to be announced later, to run through the COMPANION'S columns for a year or more. The subscription price which is at present, very low, will shortly be increased, but at the same time our efforts will be redoubled, in order to make the COMPANION a magazine. Requesting a renewal of your support, I remain,

W. ELBRIDGE COWLES,
Publisher and Proprietor.

SINCE our last issue we have received numerous letters regarding the "Philatelic Mercantile Association," the merits of which were set forth by "Habakkuk Klakakanzak." Several of these communications were inserted, but the want of space compels us to hold the others over, until our next issue. In this connection we might remark that "Habakkuk Klakakanzak" is none other than Mr. J. H. Raymond, late editor of this paper.

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A National Organization.

WE are glad to note the increased activity in regard to a union of the different Philatelic Societies, mentioned in our last issue. At a recent meeting of the C. S. C. U., Messrs. O. S. Hellwig, S. B. Bradt and R. R. Shuman were appointed members of a committee to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting, on May 6th. Pursuant to these instructions the committee prepared the following circular, which has been widely circulated:

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PHILATELISTS.

The subject of effecting a union of stamp collectors that shall embrace every collector throughout the land who may desire to become a member of such an organization is, at the present time, receiving considerable attention from collectors generally. With the idea of promoting this movement the Chicago Stamp Collector's Union take this method of presenting a few of the reasons advanced, at its last meeting, in favor of a National Philatelic Society.

1st.—“In union there is strength,” and in the matter of stamp collecting it will be found that the old adage holds just as good as ever it did in another cause.

2d.—A national organization will give Philatelists a national recognition as a large and ever increasing class who recognize in the postage stamp an object worthy their attention and study, and such recognition will have a tendency to add recruits to our ranks, as well as to strengthen those already in.

3d.—It will bring forth much valuable information that is now withheld, by promoting a more friendly intercourse between collectors, and permitting a freer interchange of ideas and opinions.

4th.—It will be able to cope with and

hold in check the dealers in counterfeit stamps, who are now the pest of collectors.

5th.—It will enable collectors, by combining, to purchase their stamps at a considerable lower rate than they now can, while at the same time it will greatly aid in the exchange of duplicates.

6th.—While England and the continental countries have well organized societies, the Philatelists of this great land are without any sort of national organization to guide and direct them. If for no other reason than that our fellow collectors across the water are so successfully organized and we dislike to be outdone in such matters, should we not at this time make an earnest effort to effect a National Philatelic Organization?

S. B. BRADT,
O. S. HELLWIG, } Committee.
R. R. SHUMAN, }

Chicago, April 19th, 1886.

The C. S. C. U. will be glad to hear from any Philatelists who, after reading the above, feel sufficient interest in the subject to aid in the establishment of such a union. It is to be hoped that all the advocates of stamp collection, whose attention may have been drawn toward this appeal, will send in their names to the committee, thereby giving it the assistance that fellowship implies, and helping it to ascertain the number of collectors there are who possess enough interest in Philately to assist in placing it, in this country, on as high a place as it occupies abroad.

Address communications to the chairman of the committee, S. B. Bradt, Grand Crossing, Ill., or to O. S. Hellwig, 411 Royal Ins. Bldg., Chicago.

We desire to see the matter pushed, and our June issue will contain full particulars of the matter.

Correspondents' Column

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different standpoints. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I suppose most of your readers have seen the last edition of the Scott International Album. I rejoice to see the spaces for long-talked-about Hamburg Locals omitted (doubtless their supply of these humbugs, gave out) but this exuberance of feeling is off-set by noticing that the well-known Samoan frauds are vouched for, (for it really amounts to that) by giving spaces for them. One noticeable feature is that spaces are provided for revenue stamps. While this plan will doubtless find many supporters, I opine that it is much better taste, as well as more convenient to provide a separate album for these. Otherwise the album is very neatly and tastefully gotten up. I would respectfully suggest that it might be a good plan to start a subscription fund with which to purchase modern clothes for the youngsters on the cover. J. H.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I noticed particularly the suggestions of "Habakkuk Klakakanzak" which coincide with my opinions entirely. I would suggest that the central station be Chicago, and that a society with those objects be formed immediately, as it would certainly benefit both collectors and dealers. As the principal benefit is to be derived by dealers they should stand the few light expenses incurred. I would be willing to act as reporter for Grand Island, Neb., though there are but few philatelists here. It seems only reasonable, that, as the C. C. originated the idea it should be created official organ and receive a stipulated amount as a compensation for their time and trouble. Would not it be a good plan, though, to have a central office in each state? This would obviate all of the work being thrown on any one person. As regards

postage (the principal expense) those who applied for information would be required to enclose stamp. I think that by keeping this idea before the philatelic world, the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION would be able to start such an organization which would not only benefit dealers and collectors, but besides be a positive gain to the philatelic papers. Trusting that these few ideas of mine may not come amiss, I remain,

W. B. PLATT.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I notice your article in the COLLECTOR'S COMPANION on dishonesty in stamp collecting, and beg leave to contradict a few statements. 1st, The Guatemala, Paraguay and St. Domingo steel plates were never made by Homer Lee Bank Note Company. They were made in Breton long before the H. L. Co. was ever formed. The three plates cost from \$5 to \$30 each, and came into my possession some ten years since. I now have them, and since I purchased them have never printed from them except to have a few proofs taken soon after I got them. This was done by Homer Lee "Co." I do not recollect if there was a Co. before he formed the bank note company. At present I have not a single specimen of either in my possession. There was a 13c. Sandwich Island steel plate made about the same time, but I have not got it. It went to Europe I believe in exchange for some stock. The three above mentioned are for sale at \$10 each, but if the three are taken by any one, will let them go for \$15 for the three. The two P. E. I. are new blocks and can be got for \$1 each. I once had them. The Paraguay and Guatemala have been counterfeited on the other side (Germany) by lithographing. T. H. SPALDING.

Editor Collector's Companion:

I am sorry to say that you commit an error to allow any such article as that on page 33, on U. S. Revenue Stamps, by Jesse Matthews, to appear in your paper. It is full of errors and misstatements from the beginning. Early in the century the U. S. issued stamped document paper, which was as much a revenue stamp, as a printed check or bond stamp, then he claims 1867, as the date

of issue of the revenues, now obsolete. I can remember purchasing revenue stamps in 1862-3 to put on receipts and have in my collection many stamps that were cancelled prior to his date of 1867. He says two cents red or white; while the color was either blue or orange, both being used for the bank check stamps of the first issue, which was first put into use in 1862 in an unperforated condition; afterward part perforated; and finally, fully perforated. His description of the proprietary issues is all wrong, as he mixes the stamps of two distinct series. They are no revenue stamps now "circulated" the whole thing was abolished by act of Congress July 1st, 1883. His list of medicine stamps is a caution, if he has the stamps before him of which he writes about, I would like to buy his collection, as he mentions several unknown varieties: Bennett, Piesters & Co., 6c; J. F. Henry, 4c; Brown, Hostteter 6c.; Keusit & Co., Lipman 4c.; Pearl 6c. and William Swain 6c. These are all errors in spelling, or do not exist. As for his list of match stamps, the same can be said Ætna Match Co. 1c green, D. M. Richardson 3c red and listed. He omits many stamps of high rariety, and mentions others of comparative small value, thus showing that he knows little on the subject.

Yours very truly,
M. F. SAVAGE.

Rhode Island Philatelic Society.

At the regular meeting of this society, held April 8th, by vote the past treasurer, C. F. Rothfuchs was made an honorary member, having left the city and gone into business in Washington, and as a mark of respect for his valuable services while in full membership with us.

The evening was devoted to the exhibition of novelties and new issues, of which a number were shown by different members, and to the explanation of the type of U. S. 3s of 1851 and 1857 (mentioned by Mr. Holton, of Boston,); also, one other of the same date, found by Mr. Hanes, of Providence, which is a

more rare than the one by Mr. Holton, with double lines at sides and single lines at top and bottom.

The society returns thanks to the publishers who so kindly remembered to send copies of their works for filing in the library for future reference, and the meeting closed to meet in May.

ALFRED DAWSON, Sec.

Nashville Philatelic Society.

The meeting of Thursday April 1st was called to order at 7:45 P. M. with the president in the chair. Several new resolutions were adopted by the society and other business transacted. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. An essay was read by J. M. Gray, Jr., on "U. S. Match, Medicine and Playing Card Stamps," and Mr. A. J. Porter, Jr., was appointed by the president to read an essay at the next meeting. The meeting then adjourned to meet again Friday evening, April 16th at 7:45 P. M. All correspondence should be addressed to J. M. Gray, Jr., Sec'y, 113 S. Spruce St., Nashville, Tenn. The society voted their thanks to Mr L. W. Durbin. for a handsome copy of his catalogue.

SECRETARY.

Trade Notes.

Mr. W. G. Whilden, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., informs us that he has sold his stamp business to Mr. W. B. Symmers, of the same place. We presume Mr. Whilden will continue his Philatelic Periodical Agency as heretofore.

Mr. F. L. Perry, of Portland, Me., has favored us with a copy of his catalogue, which will hereafter be published quarterly.

Messrs. L. H. Booch & Co., St. Louis, have favored us with a price-list. They have some very cheap stamps, both single and in sets.

By referring to the advertisement of the Alpha Post Card Co., our readers will see some bargains in cards. This company deals in nothing else, and we understand have extra facilities for obtaining stock.

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By the way, *Our American Youth* seems rightly named. It certainly presents quite a juvenile appearance.

OWING to our limited space this month, and other matters which require prompt attention the continuation of a "Reverie" by Philo will be deferred until the June number.

OUR readers will notice the omission of "New Issues" in our last and this issues. It is well known that the new issues are generally several months old by the time our American journals publish them. We are making arrangements, however, by which we can soon present them more promptly to our readers than is now done.

WE must congratulate the Scott Company on the fine appearance of their international album. Quite a number of important changes have been made, space being given for revenue stamps, and our readers will be glad to learn that there is now no room for the Hamburg locals. The Samoan stamps will, no doubt, enjoy the eight little squares dedicated to them.

Frank Foster Long.

It is with deep regret that we announce to our readers another loss to the cause of philately in the death of Mr. Frank Foster Long, of this city.

Mr. Long was a native of England, and was born in 1848. He had been in Chicago but two years and in the stamp business here but a few weeks; but that short time was sufficient to make him many friends among the collectors who frequented his place of business.

On the 18th of April Mr. Long was last seen at his office; he was stricken down with brain fever, and from that day until April 30th, the day of his death, he lay utterly unconscious.

The C. S. C. U., of which Mr. Long was a member, passed, at their last meeting, the following appropriate resolutions:

WHEREAS, it has pleased Divine Providence to take from our midst a member of this society who, though but recently come among us, had made for himself numerous friends; be it

Resolved, That in the death of Frank Foster Long philately loses an old and valuable adherent, and the Chicago Stamp Collector's Union a respected and honored member, and, be it

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